

# PAUSE TO PRAY

OCTOBER 26, 2016

**FALL ELECTIONS** – Pray that lies, deception, corruption and partisan manipulation be exposed and that the Lord grant objective debate and media coverage on critical issues and candidates' positions. Pray that godly, pro-life and pro-marriage candidates in your state and area be supported.

Pray for the **ministry, personal spiritual growth and godly relationships of these missionaries**. Ask God to provide all financial, spiritual and prayer resources to maximize their impact for Jesus' sake.

Dennis & Julie Anderson (GoServ Global)

Troy & Heather Cady (PlayFull, Chicago)

Eric & Nicole Curtiss (Communitas Intl., Colorado)

Ed & Mary Fox (CTEN, Guatemala)

Select one of our **special-interest missionaries** for prayer and intercession. Pray, also, for the **person seated next to you** on Sunday.

Pray for **Gil Zinke** as he continues his overseas trip and teaching responsibilities while being somewhat "under the weather." Intercede, also, for his sister **Beth**, who is entering the final stages of her cancer and is facing increasing pain. Today is her 69<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Intercede for **Bonnie H** as she continues to mourn the loss of her husband, Mike. Last weekend was the anniversary of the serious accident that so impacted their lives. Give thanks for her participation in a local grief support group.

Pray for **Dan and Angie K**, who will travel this weekend to be with Angie's mother, who is facing end-of-life health issues. Ask the Lord to bring His peace to them and all of Angie's family at this difficult time.

**Darren S** has been a faithful participant with us in worship and in one of our small groups for many months. He has accepted a new job in the state of Georgia, which he will begin shortly. Give thanks for the role Evangel has been able to fulfill in his life, and ask the Lord to guide him as he begins new employment, seeks a new church home and transitions to a new neighborhood.

Pray for the impending marriages of two of the children of Evangel members: **Hannah F** (to Evan on November 12) and **Joe W** (to Mary on November 19). Ask the Lord to bless their plans/marriages.

Pray for the good friend and valued colleague of Ed Fox, **Pastor Domingo**, whose daughter Sheny died unexpectedly earlier this month. Domingo has been of great help in Ed and Mary's translation work and was very close to them. Ask the Lord to bring comfort to all who mourn this loss.

Ask the Lord to bring wisdom to our discussion at the **Open Forum** this Sunday. Pray for our dialogue and the decisions to be made that day.

Members & Friends: Maricel A, Mustafa A, Bong and Alamie A

## MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **Dennis and Melody Nordine**, retired Converge Worldwide Missionaries to the Philippines.

Thank you for praying for the Nordines. We are gradually adjusting to life in the United States, but some things don't make complete sense. We have changed; by living in Asia – particularly the Philippines most of the time since 1977 – we no longer think like typical Americans. The USA also has changed since we departed nearly four decades ago.

This year, we enjoyed various family times here in Michigan and Melody's family reunion in Iowa, as well as visiting our daughter Martha and her husband, Austin, in the United Kingdom. He now has finished his masters degree, and they are looking for the place God would have them work and minister in the future. Several relatives came to Ludington during the year, especially to spend time with Dennis' mother, who is living at a medical care facility. This included our four granddaughters, as well as our kids, cousins, nephews and nieces. Mom is age 93 with a sense of humor and love for God and her family, along with diminishing health and strength. We take one day at a time.

Pray for our team of ten (from three different churches) as we head to "Reinforce Cambodia," encouraging our seven Bethlehem Star of Peace (BSOP) Filipino fieldworkers there. Pray for safety in travel without complications (departure is October 26; return is November 7), good health and sensitivity to the people and culture. Pray that our listening ears and hearts will understand the needs, joys and challenges of the fieldworkers within this Buddhist country.

The team will return to the U.S., but we two (Dennis and Melody) will continue on to the Philippines and Thailand, returning shortly before Christmas. We will do some medical/dental checkups while we also visit our friends and colleagues at Baptist Theological College (BTC) and Cebu Graduate School of Theology. We will reconnect with our neighbors, also. Dennis will speak at BTC's chapel services and at churches. I'm planning to help in the BTC library as needed. Dennis will be coaching two Filipinas who are working on their doctoral dissertations; one is the Academic Dean at BTC and the other has been the Director of the Santisuk English School in Bangkok and is a BSOP fieldworker. We will meet with all the BSOP workers in Cambodia and Thailand, as well as the BSOP leadership team in Cebu City.

If you have a prayer concern you would like to put on the Prayer Chain, please contact Gloria Neal at home or at the church office.

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