

PAUSE TO PRAY

NOVEMBER 9, 2016

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - Join with millions of Christians around the world who are praying today for all who are suffering persecution. Pray that they are comforted and are granted faith, courage and strength to remain faithful witnesses to Christ Jesus.

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.

Eric & Janet Johnson (Converge Worldwide [BGC], Mexico)

Bob Long (Next Generation Initiative, Philippines)

John & Elaine Mehn (Converge Worldwide [BGC], Japan)

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

Intercede for the **Dan K family** as they continue to grieve the loss of Angie's mother and Dan's aunt in recent weeks.

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

Pray, along with Troy Cady, for the ministry of **PlayFull**. He asked us to pray for this: At the end of October, PlayFull has the privilege of leading a weekend workshop to help four core ministry teams at Grace Covenant in Chicago develop objectives, along with an action plan for the next three years. It's important work they'll be doing, so they need God's wisdom . . . and we need God's guidance as facilitators. Also, the PlayMakers continue to strategize how PlayFull's ministry can flourish in 2017 through the development of new PlayDates and PlayGroups. All told, we are working on five key initiatives, so pray for God's favor and creativity as we work (ahem, play!) together.

Intercede for our **"Negotiations Team"** as they meet to consider a counterproposal for the offer to purchase our facility. Give thanks for the giftedness and wisdom of each of the members: Jim Erickson, Doug Fogwell, Debby France, Larry Funck, Stu Johnson, Charlie Matthews. Ask the Lord to guide them to a consensus in a timely manner as they deliberate to bring an offer.

Give thanks for the peacefulness and clarity of our **national election**. Ask the Lord to bless our President-Elect, to give him wisdom and surround him with wise counsel. Intercede that he would prove to have the character and capabilities to be worthy of the voters' trust.

Praise the Lord for the resources available to accomplish two important **capital projects**: new tuck pointing on our chimneys and gym wall and new stalls in one lower-level restroom. Ask the Lord to grant us wisdom in being stewards of the financial resources entrusted to us.

Pray for the impact of **upcoming services at Evangel**, that the Lord would inspire and encourage us in our spiritual growth: Thanksgiving Celebration (Nov. 20); "Faithful for Forty" Recognition of Pastor Dave (Dec. 4); Christmas Day (Dec. 25).

Members & Friends: Dawn B, Lois C, Carol D

MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **John and Elaine Mehn**, Converge Worldwide, Japan.

Answered Prayer:

- ◆ Thank God for His blessings and mercy as we visited the MidAtlantic Region and five of our partnering churches. Now we return to our home base and have just a few churches left to visit.
- ◆ God was good as the planning for CPI Church Planting Next Steps was completed in time for the meetings November 2-4. About 50 people participated, with many more assisting.

Prayer Partner Spotlights:

- ◆ Ask God to bless as we will have more time with our family in the next few months.
- ◆ Pray that we will have more energy and refreshment as we anticipate leaving on December 30.
- ◆ Continue to ask God for help as we revise our various book projects for the publishers.
- ◆ Pray for our son Tim as he takes the second computer certification tests. He passed the first one.

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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