

PAUSE TO PRAY

JANUARY 19, 2017

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE – Pray for the Lord to release wisdom and understanding and for a restoration of the personhood of the unborn and the biblical sanctity of human life ethic from conception to natural death. Pray for all women struggling with unintended pregnancies in your area.

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.

David & Synnøve Mitchell (TEAM, Special Assignment)
Paul & Joanie van Gorkom (GoServ Global)
Gil and Norene Zinke (Training Leaders International)

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

Pray for **Dave P**, who will need surgery to repair an injury suffered in a fall last week. Ask the Lord to bring him safely through the procedure and restore him to health soon.

Pray for the **Succession Planning Team** as they meet on January 24 to consider recommendations regarding the next steps in our succession process. Ask the Lord to give them His Spirit of wisdom as they discern our path. Intercede, also, for a sense of unity and trust among our congregation.

Pray for **Coffeebreak** as they begin a monthly schedule of women meeting for prayer, study, encouragement and support. Their first meeting of the new year is Tuesday at 9:15 a.m.

Two of our ministry partners have resumed or soon will be resuming activities in our facility. Intercede for **Serve City** and **E.D.G.E.** (Eastern DuPage for Godly Education) as they impact the lives of young people while using Evangel's building as an effective tool.

Intercede for **the leaders of our nation** as the new administration assumes its duties. Pray for a deeper sense of serving the broad national interests over narrow partisan priorities. Ask the Lord to guide our new President and his advisors with a strong measure of wisdom, patience, thoughtfulness/honor.

Pray for important upcoming meetings for our congregation. We will hold an **Open Forum** on January 29 to explore different options and a formal **Congregational Meeting** on February 5 for any decisions. Ask the Lord to bring a sense of agreement to these gatherings.

Converge Worldwide has begun to explore the steps it might take to accurately assess the challenges of racial, ethnic and cultural diversity within our movement. Pray for the impact of decisions that might arise from this examination to further our effective proclamation of the Gospel.

Intercede for important Converge church health and outreach conferences upcoming in the early months of 2017, including **“Transform”** a networking conference for church leaders to be held in Garden Grove, California, January 24-27. Ask the Lord to inspire both participants and facilitators during those important days.

Members & Friends: Dave and Joyce P, Helen R, Dave and Beth S

MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **Eric and Nicki Curtiss**, Communitas International, Colorado.

With your partnership, we continue to proclaim Christ in post-Christian areas of the world through our work with Communitas International. There is so much to thank the Lord for as we think about the missionary support team we lead. This year, we have had the privilege to invest our lives in:

- Supporting over 200 missionaries in cities around the world (representing over 95 churches and new church projects).
- Facilitating the recruitment of new missionaries to join our church-planting movement.
- Providing life-on-life leader development to our front-line staff.
- Helping bring together missionaries for our annual Connect Conference this summer (a great time of refreshment and training for our staff who often work in lonely contexts).
- Much more . . .

Communitas starts churches that think, care and act like Jesus. For example, our Russian churches serve orphans and families with handicapped children. We invite non-believers to serve those in need with us. A distinctive of Communitas is to engage people who don't yet know Jesus in serving people in need – thereby behaving like Jesus even before they come to faith. This leads to spiritual conversations and people coming to faith. Praise the Lord! Please pray with us for Piotr and his mom . . . and thousands of others engaged by our churches. The work we do as a mission, with your partnership, is to see lives like Piotr's changed through the Gospel!

As you are aware, we raise support for our salary, insurance and ministry expenses. God has provided generously through friends and family like you since launching three years ago, and we are so grateful! To be fully funded for ministry in 2017, our family has a need of \$11,000 (\$916 per month). The Lord has provided in miraculous ways for us these past three years of ministry, and we fully trust in His provision for this coming year as well!

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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