

PAUSE TO PRAY

JANUARY 26, 2017

LOVING YOUR COMMUNITY TO CHRIST – Pray for an increase of collaborative evangelism and ministries of compassion in your area. Pray for leaders, pastors and local churches to join in times of corporate prayer, evangelism and service this year.

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 **Ken L**, who is having major surgery on February 6. Ask the Lord to bring him through that procedure and restore him to a level of health that will allow a resumption of his daily activity.

John and Elaine Mehn have asked prayer for a special conference entitled “Gospel Renewal Training for English Speakers” next month. Their specific request is two-fold: 1) Registrations have not come in as expected. We were hoping for about 50 in each event. Ask God to bless more registrations. Many are trying to find the time to come and the money. Registration closes in Tokyo on 1/31 and Nagoya on 2/8. Tokyo may fill up, but Nagoya needs another 10-20 people. Pray that God would bless; 2) We want to reproduce this training for Japan in the future. Ask God for wisdom how to make it happen for missionaries, Japanese pastors and missionaries in the future.

Pastor Dave has reached out to **Dr. Dwight Perry**, former Converge Great Lakes Executive Minister, to invite a presentation to further our thinking on racial diversity issues. Pray for a coordination of schedules to allow Dr. Perry to come to Evangel in the near future.

Rejoice in the excellent attendance at **Coffeebreak's** initial monthly meeting of 2017. Pray for continued effective ministry among the women who attend.

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.

Members & Friends: Patricia S, Ron and Nona S, Al and Audrey S

MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **Paul van Gorkom**, GoServ Global.

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to Hurricane Matthew Relief! We are humbled by all the support, and we **PRAISE GOD** for your faithfulness!

It's been more than three months since Hurricane Matthew devoured Haiti where GoServ Global rescues the vulnerable – orphans, widows, abandoned babies, displaced families, etc. Shacks that once served as homes before the hurricane now are missing roofs or walls or both. Hurricane Matthew damaged nearly every home in the area. The structures that families are living in seem impossible, yet they have nowhere else to go.

GoServ Global has focused relief efforts on housing. All of the existing Safe-T-Homes® withstood the 145 mph hurricane winds with minimal damage, and many lives were saved – up to 60 people crowded into the homes to ride out the storm.

Thanks to YOUR donations since the hurricane, GoServ Global already has built nearly 40 Safe-T-Homes® in Haiti, with another 20 being sent. Mostly Haitians have built the homes, along with several GoServ Global mission teams. The homes have been built at several orphanages, along with the most needy in the community. GoServ Global has sent 10 mission teams since Hurricane Matthew hit on October 4.

GoServ Global already has purchased land by the Village of Hope that includes 60 Safe-T-Homes®. An extra 150 community members have been staying at the Village of Hope, because their homes were destroyed. GoServ Global expects to build 10 more Safe-T-Homes® on this property.

In addition to building Safe-T-Homes®, GoServ Global was able to use donations to . . .

- Build new homes/help with home repairs for many staff members and Centre de Vie Church members (where 95 out of 108 families lost homes).
- Build a new Dining Center at the Consolation Center Orphanage.
- Build a Kitchen, Bathrooms and a Security Wall around the property of the Center of Help Orphanage.
- Purchase land at Village of Hope to build 10 Safe-T-Homes®.
- Rebuild six gazebos at GoServ Global Orphanages.
- Replace roofing for five Projects and the pump building and solar system at Village of Hope.

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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