

# PAUSE TO PRAY

FEBRUARY 2, 2017

**CHAPLAINS** - Some of the most overworked and understaffed “pastors” in the Church are chaplains serving in the military, prisons, hospitals, government and the workplace. Pray that all chaplains be protected, strengthened, encouraged, provided for and be granted rest and vacation time. Pray for the spouses and families of all chaplains.

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 & Carmen Gunderson (Arrive Ministries, Somali Refugees)

Beth Hanna (Camino Global, Mexico)

Ben and Sarah Johnson (Immigrant Hope, Minneapolis, Minnesota)

Alyce Johnson (Proclaim! 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 **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.

Pray for the effective witness of **Gil Z’s sister Beth** to the hospice care worker who serves her. Ask the Lord to encourage a positive response to the gospel.

Intercede for **Susan M’s brother-in-law Keith**, who underwent major surgery this week. Ask the Lord to bring healing and recovery to him, along with spiritual renewal.

Ask the Lord to prepare **Dr. Dwight Perry** for his presentation to us on April 23 on the theme of “Breaking Barriers.” Pray for our inspiration and instruction for that day.

Remember **those impacted by the temporary restrictions on travel** from certain areas of the world impacted greatly by Islamic terrorism. Pray for ministries in our nation especially focused on refugee resettlement, that their effectiveness would be enhanced going forward.

Intercede for our **negotiations** with a local Wheaton congregation regarding potential sale of our property. Ask specifically that the Lord would clearly indicate His will regarding this and encourage us to pursue other paths, if appropriate. Pray for this week’s Open Forum and for the Congregational Meeting on February 19.

Pray for our upcoming “**Songs of the Cross**” service featuring hymns, readings, Scripture, communion and the musical artistry of Tony Payne, former Director of the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music. This special worship hour is scheduled for March 12.

Members & Friends: Colleen S, Randall S, Nimrod & Vivian T

## MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **Eric and Janet Johnson**, Converge Worldwide, Mexico.

There is a continued sense of unrest in Mexico, as there continues to be drug-related shootings, the revelation of more and more corruption among top political leaders, the discovery of a mass grave in the Monterrey area and a general sense of insecurity.

Please join us and our church as we continue to pray for Mexico:

- For God’s Church to reach out more intentionally with the Good News of His love and purpose to those who need Him so desperately.
- For wisdom and integrity for those in authority to make wise decisions.
- For the recovery of the victims of the Monterrey shooting and for comfort for the parents who lost their son.
- For God to place His messengers of truth and hope in the lives of those who have been affected by so many acts of violence.

The first four cell groups of *Iglesia Bautista Gracias de Dios* plan to start meeting during the first week of February.

Please pray with us that:

- God will bring the people He knows who need to be in each group.
- The leaders will be filled with His wisdom and joy as they begin this new adventure and that all involved will grow in their love for Jesus and desire to be like Him.
- Eric and I will be able to start a new pilot group for training a new set of leaders next week.
- V, one of the new co-leaders, will quickly find a new and good job. He was unjustly fired from his job yesterday (1/24) and has two young daughters, one who has had significant health issues. His wife is a stay-at-home mom, and Mexico does not have unemployment benefits, nor food stamps or any help for the unemployed.

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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