

# PAUSE TO PRAY

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

**UNEMPLOYED** – Continue to pray that the Lord enable the unemployed in your area to find work and for the Lord to bless the industries, small businesses and all places of employment in your state and region.

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.

**Ken L** has been released from the hospital and has entered a season of rehabilitation and recovery at Wynscape. Intercede for his health and for the future medical decisions to be made.

Pray for our shut-ins – **Marita R, Elaine S and Lois S** – that our wonderful Lord will strengthen, encourage and comfort them day by day. Ask the Lord to be with their families as well.

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.

Pray for **Beth S** as she grieves the death of her aunt, "Auntie Dee," who passed away on Monday. Intercede their extended family for both travels to Alabama and a Memorial Service this weekend that honors the faith of this woman and the Lord who redeemed her.

Ask the Lord to be with the women who gather for **Coffeebreak** this month. Their next meeting will be held on February 21 at 9:30 a.m.

We are exploring with College Church the possibility of hosting a **Backyard Bible Club** at our site in July. Pray that all the details for this neighborhood outreach would come together again. We had more than 55 children participate last year with us. Contact Gil Zinke for ways you could be praying and/or be involved.

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 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, Associate Professor of Music at Wheaton College. This special worship hour is scheduled for March 12.

Members & Friends: Gil & Norene Z Maricel A, Mustafa A

## MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **Ed and Mary Fox**, CTEN, Guatemala.

This note will let you know we still are alive and kicking, as we have not updated you for perhaps three months. Mary has experienced an extremely difficult year physically, first with her eye complications and then with a severe case of shingles that has lasted over four months. We celebrated (figuratively) 10 years since her last chemo treatment, however, just this month. Which reminds me, I am overdue with flushing her chemo port. It's not fun, but we kept the port originally because her type of lymphoma never goes into complete remission and because her doctor thought he detected a new growth that first year. Nothing has grown or been detected since, however, praise the Lord!

Ten years is a great start, and we're so grateful to God for preserving Mary's life and ability to continue on in this world and even in ministry. Mary herself says that the last ten years constitute one of the most productive and spiritually-rewarding periods of her entire life. I can attest to the fact!

Mary has not been able to wear clothes normally, either, due to the long-lasting effects of the shingles. She has large areas of scarring on the center and left sides of her torso, where the shingles have caused serious nerve damage and pain. Mary has been unable to sleep on her left side the past four months. She has only started being able to go out again this month, with a few exceptions. For those of you who know how active my wife is, that fact alone is difficult to believe.

*Leaning on Jesus* was the title of our devotional Friday night, based on John 13:23, 25 (in *Our Daily Bread*) before Ed left on his trip for San Andrés. There was rain Friday night, and the road was as treacherous as ever as they keep trying to pave it little by little, but creating dangerous mud sloughs and dirt drifts before, behind and on every side. Ed survived, thank the Lord, skillfully maneuvering the trusty standard transmission 4WD pickup thru.

The drive takes such a toll on his back and heart that he should rest up for a few days after getting there, but he has the many house matters to deal with himself, as well as instructing coworkers and leaving them money to take care of things that can't be left till "next time," so keep praying that he will get some rest and healing and be able to "lean on Jesus."

Chepe and his mother, Ke'l, cleaned up the yard, office and workroom yesterday, and today (12/12) Chepe was to have cleaned the house. Neighbors and friends have been helpful.

Please pray for the rest of the details to fall into place for the rest of the time out there and for Ed to have wisdom in what he does and in the arrangements he makes with coworkers and that he will not be in too much pain to meet his goals.

Please pray that I will have wisdom and discipline in attention to the remaining details of the Pauline epistles. I am very thankful to God that I have been able to get to church the last couple of Sundays, just in time to get involved in the Lenten and Easter choirs, and that God has supplied my need for appropriate and not too painful clothing and that the seatbelt is not as painful anymore. I am thankful to God that I can see so 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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