

# PAUSE TO PRAY

MARCH 2, 2017

**U.S. GOVERNMENT / FOREIGN POLICY** – Offer thanksgiving for a shift toward the recognition and incorporation of faith, religion and reconciliation in U.S. Government. Pray for biblically-informed foreign policies and diplomacy.

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.

Continue to pray for **Ken L's** recovery and rehabilitation following surgery earlier this month.

Pray for **Vivian T's mother**, who is having an important interview at the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines regarding her visa application. The interview was to be held yesterday. Ask the Lord to guide the details of that process so that she will be able to secure entrance to the United States and give her strength to make the trip.

Praise the Lord for the new employment opportunity that has been secured by **Doug F**, which will enable him to remain in the Chicago area.

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 **Eric Johnson**, who is facing the possibility of a serious health issue, depending upon the results of upcoming tests. Intercede for both Eric and Janet during this challenging time.

Intercede for those families whose homes and property were damaged in the storms that hit the **Ottawa, Illinois**, area on Tuesday.

The Succession Planning Team meeting is scheduled for March 8 to finalize the proposal to present at the **Open Forum** on March 12. Intercede for wisdom for them as they approve the Negotiations Team recommendation.

As we proceed with our **Succession Planning** process, intercede for each of our staff as they seek the Lord's direction for the next chapter of their lives.

Ask the Lord to give wisdom for important decisions that are made and for a sense of peace for the future.

Pray for the **Open Forum meeting** on March 12 regarding the potential partnership with Vineyard Church on the ownership of our facility. Ask the Lord to give us wisdom, unity and a sense of direction as we proceed in discussion.

Pray for the leadership of **Vineyard Church of DuPage** as they consider their own future as regards to our facility. Ask the Lord for a clear path to what they sense to be best for their ministry.

Pray for **upcoming evangelism conferences** in our community in March: Wheaton Bible Church on March 17, Billy Graham Center on March 21. Ask the Lord to bless and inspire those participants and facilitators who will be involved.

Pray for next Sunday's **"Songs of the Cross"** service (March 12) featuring hymns, readings, Scripture, communion and the musical artistry of Tony Payne, Associate Professor of Music at Wheaton College.

Members & Friends: Eleanor B, Ray & Stephanie B, Dawn B

## MISSION UPDATE

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

Hello from Lisbon, Portugal! Ninety-eight leaders within the Communitas movement, representing over 100 Communitas churches and church projects, people from about 20 countries, ministering in 22 countries – are gathered to worship, reconnect with their tribe, be encouraged by God and one another and learn together. Thank you for your partnership in allowing it to happen!

Will you pray with us for God's Spirit to reign supreme in our planning, our sessions, the unstructured relational times, meal times and walks on the beach. Praise for amazing impact of our speakers – both internally as staff members have shared with one another and by Alan and Deb Hirsch, speaking on incarnational and missional church planning.

Pray with us for health. International travel in February leads to people bringing all kinds of bugs with them (I hope not literally.) – and then sharing copiously with everyone else. In addition, several people are not here because of health issues: from cancer to a family in our organization who have a child currently on life support. Please pray for David as you feel led.

Thank you for your care and interest in our family and the work of the Lord through Communitas!

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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