

PAUSE TO PRAY

MARCH 9, 2017

SECURITY AND FREEDOM – Pray for Congress; ask God to grant wisdom, to protect our constitutional freedoms and to maintain a correct separation of powers as adjustments are made and as new cyber-age surveillance legislation is drafted. (Psalm 127:1)

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.

Eric & Janet Johnson (Converge Worldwide [BGC], Mexico)

Bob and Debbie Long (Next Generation Initiative, Philippines)

John & Elaine Mehn (Converge Worldwide [BGC], Japan)

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

Intercede for **Gil Z and his family** at this time of sorrow over the death of his sister Beth. A Memorial Service is planned for next week in New Jersey prior to Gil's scheduled trip overseas with TLI. Ask the Lord to especially uphold his brother-in-law Chet during this difficult transition.

Praise the Lord for the news that **Vivian T's mother** was able to secure permission to travel to the United States. She hopes to do so yet this month.

Pray for **Dave and Joyce P** at the news of the passing of Dave's brother Kenneth "Dick" on Thursday evening. Ask the Lord to bring comfort to the family at this challenging time.

Pray for the **family of John P**, who passed away over the weekend. John and his wife, Lois, had attended Evangel from 2011-2014 and were generous supporters of our ministry. A Memorial Service will be held at Evangel later this spring.

Continue to pray for **Larry and Betty E** as they endeavor to sell their commercial property in Wheaton. Pray for a qualified buyer to be made known soon.

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.

Pray for **Dr. Dwight Perry** as he comes to speak on April 23 on the theme of racial reconciliation. Pray, also, for this week's "**Songs of the Cross**" service.

The Succession Planning Team met last night to finalize the proposal to present at the **Open Forum** on March 12. Intercede for wisdom as details are being worked out.

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, also, for our **Congregational Meeting** on March 19 as we decide on proceeding in that direction.

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.

Members & Friends: Lois C, Carol D, Randy and Gail D

MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **Bob and Debbie Long**, Next Generation Initiative, Philippines.

Greetings! I'm so sorry it's been so long between prayer updates! We are doing well, but 2017 is speeding by us! This next few weeks will be incredibly busy as the school year winds down for us here in the Philippines. Here are our prayer requests:

- ◆ One of our good friends, Dave Hine, arrived here in Cebu City on February 27. He spent most of the week with us. Dave lives near Orlando and oversees a pastor training ministry in several Asian and African countries. He has partners here in Cebu. Dave is one of our oldest friends (we date back to 1970), so Debbie and I enjoyed spending some time with him. Dave spoke in our college chapel on March 1.
- ◆ Once a year, the Converge missionaries in the Philippines get together for a few days together to catch up, encourage each other and do some business. This year, the meetings were March 3-6. We met a few hours south of us this year, so it was very convenient.
- ◆ We have a couple weeks left of classes in the school year. Finals start on March 20. All of us, students and faculty, are tired! But, they have many projects left to do. And we have many papers to grade! Pray for energy to finish strong. Pray for good health. Many of our students have been sick recently.
- ◆ Graduation is March 24. We have 16 seniors graduating. They were in our first class that we taught here at BTC. We've grown very close to them. Many have some idea of what they will do next. Some aren't really sure yet. Some have several options in front of them. Pray for wisdom and direction for them. Pray for a strong start for this next stage of their lives.
- ◆ And finally, my brother Tim is visiting March 15-27. He'll get to meet our students. We'll have some time during finals week to show him around the island (and maybe a trip to a neighboring island). Pray for a safe flight. This is his first major international trip, so he has many new experiences awaiting him! Pray for good health and weather. We'll be starting our hottest months, so pray that he will be able to adjust to the heat. And pray that we will have a great time together!

That's it for now. Thanks for your prayers.

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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