

PAUSE TO PRAY

MARCH 23, 2017

THE WORKPLACE – Offer thanksgiving for the spread of marketplace evangelism and for a renewed concern to see biblical morality and ethics restored to corporate business. Pray for all involved in marketplace evangelism and for those serving as chaplains in corporate structures. Pray for a cleansing of corruption from U.S. business.

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 **Norene Z** as she grieves the loss of her mother this week. Praise the Lord for her mother's faith and the end of the physical difficulty she was experiencing. Ask the Lord to give Norene and her brother strength and wisdom as the Memorial Service is planned and as Norene oversees issues regarding the estate.

Ask the Lord to restore **Gil Z's** health so he may continue ministry overseas over these next days. Pray, also, for the impact of his communication to those who will attend the planned sessions.

Pray for **Ken L**, who is recovering at home from surgery. Ask the Lord to bring strength and peace to **Ken** for the next months of his journey to health.

Pray for the **family of John Petersen**, who passed away recently. 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 on April 8.

Pray for **Maricel A** as she anticipates a positive result from the filing of a petition for formal and legal approval. Ask the Lord to give her the heart to trust His providence.

Intercede for **Eric Johnson** as he begins cancer treatment soon. His will begin a regimen of therapy for two weeks with a week of rest, to be repeated for six cycles. Janet has written, "If it is God's plan, our heart's desire is to see Eric completely restored in health for God's glory and to continue in ministry!!"

Pray for **Dr. Dwight Perry** as he comes to speak on April 23 on the theme of racial reconciliation.

As **Easter** approaches, intercede for outreach efforts, special services, focused events and literature distribution that proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ask of the Lord a spiritual harvest of many who will receive the gift of eternal life.

As we continue with our **Succession Plan**, pray for each of our ministry partners who share the facilities, for a positive adjustment to whatever change in their current arrangement may occur. Ask the Lord to bring wisdom, grace and understanding into each situation and continued positive ministry results.

Intercede for the **April 6 Succession Team Meeting** as planning begins for the next, and possibly final, months of Evangel's ministry. Pray for the logistical, legal, formal and scheduling issues yet to be resolved. Ask the Lord for a spirit of joy, gratitude and appreciation as our congregation makes this transition.

Pray for the national debate on the provision of **healthcare insurance** for those not covered by an employer. Ask for wisdom as national leadership reviews options for the poor, those with existing conditions, the vulnerable young and older Americans. Intercede for the decisions made to be solution-based rather than politically-driven.

Members & Friends: Doug & Teresa F, Bill & Debby France, Larry & Alethea Funck

MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **Gil Zinke**, Training Leaders International.

All 11 members of our team converged safely in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Friday morning. Nine came from Minneapolis via Toronto. Another came via Kenya. I came from Chicago through London. Pastor Tesfaye had been unavoidably delayed leaving Hawassa, but he had sent a driver from Bishoftu to meet us. That driver had brought along the shuttle bus from our hotel to handle all the luggage.

The nine members of the team who came through Toronto had their luggage mistakenly tagged to go on to Hawassa. They stopped it from getting actually loaded onto the next plane, but the luggage already had been transferred to the Domestic Terminal. Therefore, we had to go there to pick it up. Then we went straight to our hotel and settled into our rooms.

We spent the rest of the morning at the Ethnologic Museum of the University of Addis Ababa learning about tribal and national customs. Our guide explained tribal and royal artifacts and Ethiopian Orthodox icons. Then we lunched back at the hotel.

When Pastor Tesfaye still had not arrived by 2 p.m., we went to see Sister Alemnesh's brother, Pastor Fikadu Endale, Executive Director of an orphanage, the Alem Children Support Organization. Besides the orphanage, the compound also houses a sewing shop to employ poor women, fields and farming equipment and the current headquarters of the Ethiopian Addis Kidan (New Covenant) Baptist Church denomination. It is an association with 120 congregations and 50 church plants in progress. The General Secretary of the association showed us a PowerPoint Presentation of the various, vibrant activities of their churches. We also heard some stirring testimonies of the rescuing grace of God. After that, we fed fresh fruit to the kids and spent time loving on them. (To be continued.)

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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