

PAUSE TO PRAY

APRIL 12, 2017

EASTER / PASSOVER – Pray that Christ be revealed as Messiah/ Redeemer to multitudes in your area during this Easter season.

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.

Continue to remember **Al S and Nona S** as they recover from recent injuries and illnesses, respectively. Pray for their ability to resume church attendance in the near future.

Intercede for **Ken L** as he faces an uncertain health future. Express thanks for the helpful in-home care he is receiving and for the confident trust in the Lord he exhibits.

Pray for the impact that the many **books** received by Nim Tica and Gil Zinke from Pastor Dave's library will be a practical use by church leaders overseas. To date, about 300 volumes have been donated.

Troy Cady, one of our special-interest missionaries and founder of the outreach ministry "PlayFull," is working on a prayer book tentatively titled *Playful Prayer*. Ask the Lord to guide him as he works to its conclusion and to use the book to encourage and bless others.

Dr. Dwight Perry will be preaching and leading an Open Forum on the issues of racial prejudice and reconciliation under the overall theme of "Embracing Diversity." Pray for his presentation and our response to his insights and experience.

Pray that the Lord would place His protection around His church around the world this **Easter season**. Ask the Lord to send Spirit-empowered messages and outreach efforts to all the communities in each nation where a gospel church exists. Pray for the salvation of the lost.

We are seeking volunteers to assist in our **Backyard Bible Club** neighborhood outreach the week of July 24-28. Ask the Lord for a good response in available volunteers and in spiritual impact in the community.

We will be hosting an **Open House** for the people of Vineyard Church of DuPage following our April 30 service. Our prayer is that a sense of enthusiasm and vision for the future will be gained as they walk through our facility.

Our **Succession Team** is nearing the end of their search for a management group to oversee our yet unnamed "legacy" fund. Praise the Lord for this next chapter in our ministry as we resource individuals and organizations to advance the gospel.

Pray for the vision-casting dinners our **Converge MidAmerica** staff will be hosting in Michigan and Illinois this month and in early May. Ask the Lord to bless these events and achieve their mission and fundraising goals.

Members & Friends: Dave K, Dan and Angie K, Cici K

MISSION UPDATE

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

We are doing well. The end of school has been incredibly busy, but fruitful. Here are our prayer requests and praises:

Praises:

- ◆ We had a great time with my brother, Tim. He was here for almost two weeks. He got to meet our students. And we got to play tourists! Even got in a day-trip to the neighboring island of Bohol (where we saw the world's smallest primate, the Tarsier, and the unique and beautiful Chocolate Hills – google it for more information!).
- ◆ Our fifth semester here has ended, exams graded and final grades sent out! Thank God for His faithfulness!

Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Debbie is taking a master's level course in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL). It is a grueling, three-week, six days a week, eight-hour a day marathon. Then there is at least two hours of homework a night! She just finished week one! Please pray for her endurance. It's been a long time since she was in the classroom like this, and it's a little tough remembering everything they're being taught. She realized it's been over 50 years since she had a grammar lesson, so she doesn't remember a whole lot about it. When she is finished (if she passes), she'll have a TESOL certificate that is recognized by the Philippine government and many of the neighboring countries.
- ◆ We are taking a much-needed vacation to a neighboring island in the first week of May. Pray that it is restful and refreshing for us.
- ◆ Our new school year will start in June. I'll be teaching two courses. I've taught both before, but they need some tweaking. Pray for wisdom as I make changes.
- ◆ Debbie will be teaching a course without me next semester! She and another American teacher (Mary) have been asked to develop a Creative Communication class. We'll tell you more about that next month. But the key prayer request for now is that Mary is going home to the U.S. for a few weeks after the TESOL class is over. Pray that she and Debbie can get some time together to start planning the course before she leaves!

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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