

PAUSE TO PRAY

APRIL 26, 2017

FOOD BANKS AND CLINICS – Pray that surplus food distributors, food banks, food distribution pantries and neighborhood soup kitchens in your state and area will have adequate supplies to meet increased need.

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.

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.

Intercede for the **Tica Family** as they plan for summer ministry and travel, as Nim enters the final months of his doctoral program and as Vivian's mother prepares to return to the Philippines. Give thanks for them and their work among us.

Pray for **Pastor Dave** as he begins the search for new ministry opportunities. Intercede for the Lord's guidance to a fruitful and appropriate area where his gifts may be most effectively used.

Pray for **Larry and Betty E** in their search for a buyer for their Wheaton business property.

Pray for **Dave S' Aunt Andrea**, who has been diagnosed with a fast-growing cancer. Pray for wisdom for Andrea and her husband, Jerry, as decisions are made, as well as for the medical team. Pray God's comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Remember **Eric Johnson** in his journey to health and a return to vital and active ministry.

Many in the Evangel congregation have **family members** who need the Lord's presence to heal, provide, guide or sustain in a variety of ways. Each person we see on Sunday is part of a larger network of relations who could profit from God's sustaining grace and goodness. Pray, also, for these same to seek God to be the focus of their lives.

Several families within our congregation will be planning moves in the near future. Ask the Lord to assist each household in their real estate transactions and guide in the search for a new church home.

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.

Pray about coordinating schedules with **Vineyard Church** regarding the possibility of a couple of shared events with their church at our location. Intercede for these possibilities and the benefits that would arise from them.

We are planning on **congregational meetings** for June 4 and 11 to discuss and possibly decide on major changes to our bylaws (from a church to a foundation) and the contract to sell our property. Ask the Lord to guide the preparations for these important meetings.

Members & Friends: Dick L, Charlie & Sandy M, Lee & Bonnie M

MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **Paul and Joanie van Gorkom**, GoServ Global.

Our annual banquet will be held on Saturday, June 10, at the Clay County Events Center in Spencer, Iowa. We are looking forward to an evening of celebrating what God is doing through GoServ Global. Our hope is that you will be able to join us or perhaps sponsor a table.

Joanie and I are blessed to be able to travel to Haiti the first part of May with a dental team. We have not been to Haiti since Hurricane Matthew hit. We are excited to see how the reconstruction is coming and to see and encourage our friends in Haiti. In addition to the reconstruction, GoServ Global is planning to build a birthing center in a remote mountain region to assist women who are unable to get proper prenatal care and who have no access to a hospital. Just this week, a container has been shipped with many of the supplies for the center.

We are so excited that Sunny and Kuni Raul, a pastor and his wife who we work with in India, will be coming to the United States in May. Pastor Sunny and Kuni will be speaking at several churches about their ministry and attending our annual banquet. Joanie also will have the privilege of showing Kuni around the Eagle Grove School one day while they are here. Kuni, who is the principal of the Emmanuel Boarding School, is anxious to learn new teaching techniques and to see how technology can be used to educate students. Pray they have a safe trip here and that they have a productive visit.

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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