

# PAUSE TO PRAY

MAY 24, 2017

**GLOBAL DAYS OF PRAYER** – Believers in many countries of the world will lift expectant praise and desperate prayer with one voice in stadiums, open fields, community centers, private homes and even secret places. (Habakkuk 2:14)

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 **Jennie T** as she recovers from a recent hospitalization and anticipates a procedure on June 1. Ask the Lord to bring comfort and healing to her.

Pray for **Jack B and Colleen S** as they anticipate their upcoming wedding on June 16. Ask the Lord to bless their union and honor their desire to establish a Christian home.

As many seek a **new church home** later this summer, pray that the Lord will lead each one toward a new community that will encourage growth and service. Pray for the challenges that our congregation will face during this transition.

Praise the Lord that **Eric Johnson** has responded well to treatment, exceeding the expectations of the medical team. This treatment may end sooner than expected, and then a determination of surgery options will be made. Rejoice in God's goodness to the Johnsons.

Pray for the families of those killed in **the terrorist attack in Manchester, England**. Ask that swift justice will be brought to those responsible.

Rejoice with **our partner churches** who will be celebrating baptisms over the next two Sundays: First Russian Baptist on May 28 and Vineyard Church of DuPage on June 4. Pray for the spiritual growth of each of the candidates who are giving public witness to their faith.

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.

**Vineyard church** has invited the Evangel community to join them for the viewing of a video relating the testimony of John Wimber, founder of the Vineyard movement. It is planned for Saturday, June 24 at 6 p.m. Pray for this opportunity to be better informed about the bookstand of this congregation.

Pray for the selection of up to five **Trustees** to serve the "Legacy" fund to be established this fall. The purpose of this fund would be to oversee mission contributions in Evangel's name over the next several years.

Intercede for our **important decision-making and information meetings** scheduled for our congregations on June 4 and 11. Ask the Lord to bring a sense of unity among us and clarity to the issues before us. Give thanks for our church leadership in guiding this process.

Members & Friends: Colleen S, Randall S, Nimrod & Vivian T

## MISSION UPDATE

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

We attended church this morning (May 14) at the International Evangelical Church. It still has some missionaries in leadership, but more than half the attenders are Ethiopians, including the pastors who greeted us at the door. Both the worship service and the Sunday School class that followed were a pleasure.

The rest of today went okay, but barely. Pastor Tesfaye said he would pick us up between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. He showed up after 3 p.m. He is grieving the death of his mother and is stressed out at having to be here while many people who knew his mother are showing up at his house to give condolences and to hang out. In his culture, he is not expected to do anything for the first two weeks after such a loss. I think I will dismiss him tomorrow to go back home.

The main tool the trainees need for preparing their sermons, and that I need for demonstrating their preaching task, never got translated or run off, though I had sent it a week ago. A brother is translating it tonight, and I don't know who will get it run off. I am putting off my demonstration, planned for tomorrow morning, until tomorrow afternoon in hopes that it will be done then.

We are now in Bishoftu. The hotel I was in last May had a strong WiFi signal, but it would not connect to the internet! By October, that was fixed, so one of the trainers watched the World Series in his room. Today, however, our in-country coordinator has moved us to cheaper lodging that has sketchy internet. I have barely been able to get on it. It is after midnight, so the other guys are off now.

It is raining steadily. My room is pleasant enough. It has no screens, so I have closed the windows. So far, I have killed 15 mosquitoes in this bedroom and bathroom. Two of them were full of blood, but probably not mine. (After writing this e-mail, I was unable to send it; it is now four hours later.)

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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