

PAUSE TO PRAY

MAY 31, 2017

TRAFFICKED CHILDREN - Pray for the safety, well-being, deliverance and salvation of all children in the U.S. and around the world who have been kidnapped, trafficked into sex or forced labor rings or adopted illegally. Pray for the salvation of all parents involved. Pray that child traffickers be brought to justice and redemption in Christ. (Matthew 18:6)

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.

Continue to intercede for **Maricel A** as she pursues finalization of immigration status. Ask the Lord to bring a favorable resolution.

Pray for **Gil Zinke**, who returns from Africa in order to travel to Colorado for staff training regarding overseas safety and security. Later in June, he will conduct training among local pastors in Haiti. Give thanks for the ministry that he has in equipping church leaders in preaching skills.

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.

Pray for those **candidates who will be giving public witness to their faith** this Sunday at the Vineyard Church baptismal service at 6 p.m. The Evangel community is invited to be part of this important ceremony.

During this season of Ramadan, pray for **outreach efforts** to those in the Muslim community. Ask the Lord to use the effective strategies of many groups who seek to give the message of salvation in Christ. Pray specifically for Muslims in the United States.

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.

Intercede for the gathering on Saturday, June 24, to view a film on the founding of the **Vineyard movement**. The gripping story of the salvation of musician John Wimber and the beginning of his faith journey will be an inspiration to all who view it. Vineyard Church is inviting our congregation to join them for this informative evening of fellowship.

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: Pastor Dave & Jennie, Mike & Gail Ws, Bill & Donna W

MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **Eric and Janet Johnson**, Converge Worldwide, Mexico.

It truly was a joy on Sunday afternoon (5/28) to see Eric in a more formal teaching format again! He has been able to do informal coaching and teaching with those who have come by to visit us, but this was his first time to teach at church in several months! We have to be careful because of his low immune system, but we took precautions. It was a good afternoon! In addition to the leaders and co-leaders who have been leading the four new cell groups, there were four new couples representing three more groups that we hope will open soon! Please pray for our small group leaders as Eric challenged them with some new responsibilities in caring for their "flocks" and that there will be good fruit from our time with them!

Every year for the past five years during the annual meetings of the Mexican Baptist Convention, our Red de Amor ministry has sponsored a breakfast for the pastors' wives that attend the meetings, to bless them and to promote the launching of more Red de Amor groups throughout the country. We have ten active groups throughout the country now and hope to continue to see the ministry grow. This year, due to circumstances beyond our control, we cannot do the breakfast, so we are working on planning a "booth" that will be open during the meetings so that we can connect with the pastors' wives who attend. Please pray that God will give us creativity and joy in this different format, that we will indeed be able to connect well with each pastor's wife who attends, blessing them and giving them resources to continue in their groups and the pathway to follow to launch a new group.

We are so very grateful for Eric's continued good progress during the treatments. We see God's hand at work!!! Thank you for praying, and please keep praying with us for complete healing. We serve such an amazing, powerful and loving God!! Last week, our son Jeff visited us, which was such a great blessing! Please keep him and his family in your prayers, as they are expecting baby girl #2 at the end of June! Pray for her to be healthy and for a safe delivery!!

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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