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Prayer Associates

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The following prayer requests are from CBF field personnel who are being the presence of Christ around the world. As a “prayer associate” committed to praying for CBF missions and ministries on a regular basis, you are a partner, colleague and companion. Thank you for giving this kind of support.

To think about:

“The surest way to determine whether one possesses the love of God is to see whether he or she loves his or her neighbor. These two loves are never separated. Rest assured, the more you progress in love of neighbor, the more your love of God will increase.”

-St. Teresa of Avila

Maha and Chaouki Boulos, Leadership Training and Refugee Aid, Beirut, Lebanon

Please pray for the victims of the earthquake in the ME. We have friends that have families in Syria who lost their homes in the earthquake. Pray for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey & Syria.

Michael Hutchinson, Regional Transformational Development and Networking, Togo, West Africa

1. 20 out of 20 is how most school papers are graded here in Togo. This past Sunday our youth, during their Bible study, scored a 20 out of 20 in memorizing the day's scripture verse. It is difficult because it is always in their 2nd language and not their heart language, but 100 percent did it. Praise God with us that the word of God is being explained to and hidden in the hearts of Togolese youth.

2. Building walls can be a controversial topic unless you are the Good Samaritan school in Vogan, Togo.

This private Christian school is working with Togo House and CBF field personnel to put real walls up on their 8 elementary school classrooms. They are so excited to see the bricks being made that will be put into place during summer break. Pray for a clean and safe environment where our kids can grow and develop their God given capacities.

3. A boy steals money from Togo House to help his family, who is being abused, flee to another country. What do we do? He is not a believer and has shown real progress in understanding who he is to God. He feels he is a hero. Pray with us as we deal with Ibrahim in patience and wisdom.

Karen Alford, Community/Medical Development, Vogan, Togo, West Africa

Pray for the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria, for our community health program, and for a patient whose wound is not healing.

Elket Rodriguez, Migrant and Refugee Ministry, U.S.-Mexico Border

Pray for the partnerships CBF Global has sustained along and across the U.S.-Mexico border.

Pray for a spirit of unity among the different non-governmental organizations that assist migrants in this region.

Rick Burnette, Upland Holistic Development Project, North Fort Myers, Florida

Covid finally caught up with me and Ellen during late January. Our recovery has been slow.

A purchasable tract of land on which to possibly provide community access to garden allotments has come available in Immokalee. We are working on funding sources and praying for discernment.

A suitable van for purchase has come to our attention through MATS, an agency that assists nonprofits and ministries with transportation needs. Please pray that we negotiate the final steps with wisdom.

We are thankful for the recent efforts of the eight-member Bon Air Baptist Church team (Richmond, VA) to assist two partner farms recovering from Hurricane Ian.

Mary VanRheenen, Resource Coordination, Westervoort, Netherlands

Praise that two Romanian-speaking sisters who attend our Dutch church are willing to record the Romanian version of Davar: Bridging to Literacy videos (<http://davar-education.eu/>). Pray that Keith Holmes can arrange to record them soon. Pray also that these videos will help Romany children and others from oral cultures to prepare for Western-style school.

Praise that the Letter Games are now available in English and Dutch on the Davar: Bridging to Literacy website. The Dutch educator Marleen Schonthaler and I are hoping to have a field trial of these games in a literacy program within the coming year. Pray that a suitable place and willing workers will be found.

Anna Anderson, Rural Poverty Initiative for Eastern NC, Rocky Mount, NC

Please pray for the ministry of our new Global Service Corps missionaries, Woody and Beverly Baker, as they settle in Ahoskie, North Carolina and get acclimated to life in America. Having lived the last 20 years in Australia as they worked with Wycliffe, they are realizing how life in America has changed since they last lived here. They will be working with The Gathering Place, a new ministry center that is opening in Ahoskie. It was formerly The First Presbyterian Church and is being repurposed for all kinds of ministry there - Christian Women's Job Corps, clothing and household goods ministry, food pantry, piano lessons, community events, and more. Pray for the Bakers as they adjust to this new culture and ministry.

Karen, Pastoral Ministries with Refugees and Immigrants, Northern Africa

I will be returning to the USA in March to begin a 4-month long stay. I'll be reconnecting with family and friends and visiting many congregations throughout the Southeast. Pray that I will represent my church and ministry well. Pray for my colleagues that will be feeling my absence in Northern Africa. Pray that fundraising efforts will be successful and will help sustain their ministry together. Pray for restoration and moments of reconnection, as well as safe travels, during my trip to the USA

Matt and Michelle Norman, Immigrant and Refugee Ministry, Barcelona, Spain

Please pray for O, a participant in Mamáventura, who we helped move into a new apartment in a new village in January. Pray for her adaptation to this new place, for her acquisition of language, for friendly people to connect with and for a fresh new start in her life.

Pray for S, another mom of Mamáventura, whose mother is very sick in her home country. Due to various circumstances, she is unable to return to see her mom. Pray for peace for S.

Pray for M who has been visiting Mosaic. Pray that her interest in the Christian faith will continue and

that she will find community in Mosaic.

Pray for our children who are completing high school and college this year and are making decisions for the next stage of life.

Kim and Marc Wyatt, Welcome House for Refugees, Raleigh, NC

We are celebrating the resettlement of an Afghan Christian in the Raleigh area. Please pray for M as he connects with Afghans in the city. Pray for those he is building relationships with that the Holy Spirit will do miraculous work in their midst.

Pray for several Bible studies that are being held among Ukrainians, Colombians, and Afghans. Pray for wisdom for the leaders and for hope to build in the group as the words of God and the community of God's people encourage those that are learning together.

Pray for F who had a kidney transplant but continues to struggle with health challenges the last 2 months.

Pray for a stakeholder group concerned about the dental health of those in the Research Triangle of NC to continue to gain members and to develop solutions that will assist with ongoing dental needs for those that presently have little or no dental care access.

Lita and Rick Sample, Ministry with Immigrant and Refugee community, Fremont, CA.

On March 18th, we are coordinating a big Easter picnic for our local Afghan community. Last year, we had almost 500 at our Easter picnic and it was a huge success. Please pray as we spend most of March preparing for this major outreach. Pray that we will have another big turnout of Afghans this year. Pray that churches and other supporters will send us donations of eggs; we are trying to compile over 20,000 eggs for the Easter egg hunt. Pray that the kids will have a lot of fun gathering the Easter eggs and that it will make Easter a special memory for them as they grow up. Pray for our many volunteers as they prepare and serve along with us on the 18th. Pray for our Afghan church as we help them to follow up after this Easter event. And pray

that God's Holy Spirit will touch the hearts of many Afghan Muslims through this ministry.

Nell Green, Global Missions Advocate, Fort Mill, SC

On March 12-17th join members of our fellowship in the Week of Prayer for the Offering for Global Missions. Pray for the work of field personnel as they work within the contexts of Global Church, Global Migration, and Global Poverty.

Ask God to provide all the resources necessary for field personnel to be present to bear witness to Jesus Christ, cultivate beloved community, and seek transformational development.

Janée Angel, Refugee Ministry, Antwerp, Belgium

Please pray for those Arabic families ministering in Belgium who have not yet received their residency cards. We are specifically waiting on two families to receive their papers. And we rejoice with one of our church members who just received his documents today!

Karen Morrow, Internationals and Refugee Ministry, Ft. Worth, TX

Praise God that one of the Afghan men who was laid off has found work. Continue to pray for other men who still to seek employment to support their families.

Pray for the planning and implementation of a new refugee women's empowerment program—Healthy Hearts and Homes—focusing on healing through exercise, the creative arts and education. Displacement forces one to lose control of their lives and our desire is help the women take ownership in their lives and the future in healthy ways.

Pray for our Congressmen and bipartisan immigration reform for DACA recipients, asylum seekers, Afghan and Ukrainian parolees, and those seeking family reunification. Pray for durable solutions that are fair and just.

Global Missions Staff (Laura Ayala, Nell Green, Caroline LeGrand, Ellen Sechrest, Javier Perez)

Pray for our Global Mission office staff as we welcome Rev. Laura Ayala as our new Coordinator. Pray for our Executive Coordinator, Paul Baxley, as he travels, preaches and leads CBF. Pray for our churches, ministers and staff as they prepare for 2023.

March Birthday Calendar

(CH)-Chaplain; (FP)-Missions field personnel; (PC)-Pastoral counselor; (FPC)- Child of field personnel; (CST)- Church starter; (S)- CBF staff member

1 Brent Peery, Conroe, TX (CH)
1 Gregory Wolfe, Owensboro, KY (CH)
1 Chris Scales, Lubbock, TX (CH)
2 Amy Cook (S-North Carolina)
2 Chris Aho (S-CBF Global)
2 Erik Moon, Cincinnati, OH (CST)
2 Faith Fitzgerald, Pasadena, MD (CH)
2 Michael Patterson, Columbus, GA (CH)
2 Steve Oswalt, Urbana, IL (CH)
2 Glenn Williams, Louisville, KY (PC)
3 David Bosley, Vienna, VA (CH)
4 Kristin Akins, Maitland, FL (CH)
4 Ed Lemmond, Athens, TN (CH)
4 Jane Martin, Emeritus (FP)
5 Buddy Corbin, Asheville, NC (CH)
5 Donnie Marlar, Rochester, NY (CH)
5 Ray Higgins (S-Arkansas)
6 Jarrod Foerster, Fort Still, OK (CH)
6 Ronnie Adams, Emeritus (FP)
7 Laura Foushee, Japan (FP)
7 Wade Rowatt, Louisville, KY (PC)
8 Isaac Pittman, Miami, FL (FPC)
8 Marian Boyer, Florence, KY (CH)
8 Susan Kroeker, Columbus, OH (CH)
9 Michelle Norman, Spain (FP)
9 Stuart Collier, Vestavia, AL (CH)
10 Dean Akers, Washington, DC (CH)
10 Cindy Bishop, Piedmont, SC (CH)
11 Julia Flores, Lynchburg, VA (CH)
11 Lisa Nisbet, Louisville, KY (PC)
11 Rebekah Ramsey, Concord, NC (CH)
12 Leah Leath, Concord, NC (CH)
12 Robert Stanley, Atlanta, GA (CH)

12 Rickey Letson (S-CBF Global)
12 Jim Crumpler (S-North Central Region)
15 Carita Brown, Catonsville, MD (CH)
15 Mary van Rheenen, Netherlands (FP)
17 Byron Bell, Atlanta, GA (GA)
17 Mary Gessner, Madison, AL (PC)
18 Dodie Huff-Fletcher, Louisville, KY (PC)
18 Gabriel Pech, Vecenza, Italy (CH)
18 Gregory Qualls, Mooresboro, NC (CH)
18 Beth Riddick, Fredericksburg, VA (CH)
18 David Robinson, Newport News, VA (PC)
19 Bob Fox (S-Kentucky)
19 Jennifer Bordenet, Orlando, FL (CH)
19 Angel Lee, Durham NC (CH)
19 Kim Schmitt, Fayetteville, GA (CH)
20 Ada Foushee, Japan (FPC)
20 Anna Allred, Asheboro, NC (CH)
20 Cynthia Corey, Brunswick, GA (CH)
20 William Hemphill, Stone Mountain, GA (CH)
21 Aaron Weaver (S-CBF Global)
21 Walter Jackson, Louisville, KY (PC)
21 Alan Melton, Waynesboro, VA (PC)
21 Michael Strickland, Falls Church, VA (CH)
23 J. Claude Huguley, Nashville, TN (CH)
24 Gina Biddle, Dallas, TX (CH)
24 Michael Liga, Pearland, TX (CH)
24 Michael Gross, Roswell, GA (CH)
24 Emory (Chip) Reeves, Martinez, GA (CH)
24 Mark Spain, Canyon Lake, TX (CH)
24 Todd Walter, Inman, SC (CH)
25 Gary Nistler, Evans, GA (CH-Ret.)
25 Jade Acker, Uganda (FP)
27 Ken Chapman, Jefferson City, MO (CH)
27 David Gladson, Pendleton, SC (CH)
27 Amy Karriker, Great Falls, MT (CH)
28 Lynda Schupp, Corinth, TX (CH)
29 Phil McCarley, Charles Town, WV (CH)
29 Michael Shea, Mars Hill, NC (CH)
30 John Emmart, Stoughton, WI (CH)
30 Jonathan Ludwig, Fresno, CA (CH)
30 Layne Rogerson, Cheraw, SC (CH)
31 Dale Cross, Lawrenceville, GA (CH)
31 Tim Madison, Clearwater, FL (CH)