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Prayer Associates

May 2023

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 highest form of love is the love that allows for intimacy without the annihilation of difference.”

— Parker J. Palmer, *The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life*

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

We’re always praying and asking you to pray for housing for those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. We celebrated the opening of Welcome House Conetoe in 2021, the first ever house designated as Welcome House to those who are not refugees, but rather a house to serve people who are in transition due to poverty issues. Please be in prayer for the Hospitality and Housing Summit to be held at Trinity Baptist Church on April 29, 2023. This first-time event will be a great day to feature those who are working towards providing temporary housing to many vulnerable people groups. Pray for learning and ideas that will be shared to take root in new and innovative ways in our area. Pray for openness to new and different ways of thinking about this ongoing problem in our communities.

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

Please pray for the ongoing ministry of Mosaic. Please pray for good cooperation with the First

Baptist Church in Sabadell as they host the space for both Mosaic and Mamáventura.

Pray for additional funds to expand the ministry of Grupo 5/14.

Pray for our children who are both graduating (the oldest from college and the youngest from high school). Pray for smooth transitions.

Karen, Pastoral Ministries with Refugees and Immigrants, Northern Africa

In the month of May, I will continue traveling in the United States as I speak to churches, organizations, and financial partners. Please pray for a couple of fundraising events that are happening in Georgia later this month. Please also pray for my colleagues in church ministry in Northern Africa, who are carrying a heavier load while I am in the United States. Pray for migrants and refugees who work on farms in the Southern part of

the country and for the church teams that care for them, and for the new volunteers who have recently decided to join this ministry effort.

David and Lauren Bass, Cambodia Baptist Union, Cambodia

Pray for Sinang, a young church leader who has contributed greatly to the ministry of the Cambodia Baptist Union over the years. His baby had various health complications at birth and was unable to survive. Pray for him and his family, for comfort and peace.

In April, many children and even a few adults were baptized. Pray for these new believers. Pray that their love would grow in knowledge and depth of insight.

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

Please continue to pray for Misión Peniel and Cultivate Abundance concerning the upcoming court date in April or May related to the status of our access to the present Misión Peniel property.

Please continue to pray for Ellen's dad, Joe Holley, as he is receiving ongoing chemo and transfusions to treat a form of blood cancer.

We are asking for prayer as we prepare to make use of a garden plot on the ECHO property in North Ft. Myers and to hire a part-time worker to assist with this effort.

I am grateful for wonderful March connections with First Baptist Church Gretna, VA, and Crescent Hill Baptist in Louisville, KY as well as an opportunity to see the excellent work of Scarletta Jasper (CBF Global Missions colleague) in conjunction with First Baptist Corbin, KY.

Grateful for April engagements with First Baptist Pendleton, SC (April 2) and Trinity Baptist in Seneca, SC (April 16).

Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, Children at Risk/Family Ministries, Kyve, Ukraine

Thank you for your prayers and support for Ukraine as it continues to withstand for more than 13 months. Please continue praying for the end of the war in Ukraine.

Pray for the volunteers and humanitarian aid workers which are meeting the needs and helping to relieve suffering to those affected by this unjust war.

Please pray for our travels in April. We are going to CBF European team meeting and visiting ministry partners and Ukrainian refugees in Poland.

Pray for God's guidance for us to determine if we can take a short trip to Kyiv, Ukraine.

Janée Angel, Refugee Ministry, Antwerp, Belgium

Please pray for residency documents for our ministry partners. Together we are laying the groundwork to plant a church in Brussels.

Also pray for those doing Ramadan. Pray for people to see dreams and visions of Jesus. And pray for those who have just found Jesus and feel the spiritual struggle during this season.

Nell Green, Global Missions Advocate, Fort Mill, SC

This year's theme for the Offering for Global Missions is "A Place at the Table for Everyone." It is based on Luke 14:12-14. Pray the Offering for Global Missions will completely sustain the long-term presence of field personnel around the globe allowing them to be present to invite and be invited to the table.

Thank God for each person and church who gives to the Offering for Global Missions. Without these gifts and offerings field personnel would not be present among some of the world's most neglected and marginalized peoples.

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

For patients at my wound clinic, for wisdom for world leaders.

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

Pray for the passage of the Afghan Adjustment Act which will give long-term legal status to Afghan Evacuees. Many of the temporary visas are expiring, leaving the men unable to work and support their families. Pray that their green cards will be issued.

Pray for the development of a refugee woman's program, Healthy Hearts and Homes, which will focus on the arts and movement as a means of healing from trauma and to help with the transitioning to life here in the U.S.

Pray for Asad and Zahra, Afghan SIV holders who are expecting a baby in June. Pray for safety as he drives a truck out of state and she is home alone with their daughters. Pray that he will be home for the birth of baby.

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

Please pray for Joshua who recently lost his only family member, his mother.

Please pray for our Afghan church as it follows up with the many Afghan families that participated in our Afghan Easter Picnic. We had 130 Afghan Muslim families which include 580 Afghan people! This was our largest mission event ever among Afghans and we are praying that our follow up efforts will bring some of them to the Afghan church and that some of these Afghans will find faith in Jesus Christ.

Pray for H., a young Karen mother whose husband died suddenly. She has three children and her youngest daughter, age 7, is not coping well. H has had to quit her job just to stay home with the daughter who has constant fears that her mother will die after witnessing her father's death in the home earlier this year.

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

Field personnel Mike and Lynn Hutchinson will be closing out their ministry in Togo during the month of June. Pray for them as they will continue to work with Africans in Portugal.

Ibrahim and Audry are two boys at Togo House who have been faithful helpers this past year in our ministries. In June they will be taking their school tests to see if they can move from middle school to high school. They both passed their practice exams earlier in the year and we pray they will do the same

on the real test.

Pray for a continued presence after Togo House closes down. The Holy Spirit can lead many different people to continue to help the people in Avepozo see and understand that God loves them.

Sue and Greg Smith, LUCHA Ministries, Inc., Fredericksburg, Virginia

A few weeks ago, a teen became overwhelmed with the challenges he faced. Gil's father had passed away, his mother left and began a new family, and Gil was carrying adult responsibilities to help his elderly grandparents with work on the farm. When his younger brother left to live with an aunt and uncle, Gil lost hope and took his life. His grandparents are devastated and need our prayers for comfort and peace during this difficult time.

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

Thank you for your prayers. Both Iraqi Families you prayed for last month are in their permanent homes. The Ukrainian mom has gotten a job. Pray that they will continue to be welcomed by those in their communities. Pray that they will experience "God with us".

Pray for our refugee agency partners as the numbers of new refugee arrivals picks up and the need for affordable housing increases. Pray for those in your sphere of influence that may be able to assist with housing for the vulnerable in your community. Might your church be able to rethink its space and collaborate with its community to provide housing?? Let's pray together for God sized vision.

Pray for more individuals from our churches to be willing to befriend new refugee neighbors. Welcome House Raleigh is seeking groups of 4-5 people that will befriend a family for 6 months as families move out of Welcome House into their permanent homes.

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

Praying for the economic situation as the dollar jumped from around 45,000 per \$1 to 100,000 after we came back to Lebanon.

Praying for Celebrate Jesus on April 29 -30th that many people would commit their lives to Jesus.

Global Missions Staff (Laura Ayala, Nell Green, Caroline LeGrand, Ellen Sechrest, Javier Perez, Lindsay Hines, Renée Owen, Carrol Wilson)

Pray our team as we vision together. Pray for our hectic travel schedule as our field personnel teams meet, we visit and preach in churches, and attend state/regional meetings.

May Birthday Calendar

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

1 Michael Coggins, Navarre, FL (CH)
2 Cathy Cole, Aiken, SC (CH)
2 Stephen Murphy, Hull, MA (CH)
2 Deborah Reeves, Dripping Springs, TX (CH)
3 Blake Herridge, Waco, TX (CH)
3 Doug Jackson, Ardmore, OK (CH)
3 Alexander Reyes, Reston, VA (CH)
4 Johann Choi, Fairfield, CA (CH)
4 Gary Metcalf, Kingsport, TN (CH)
4 Skip Wisenbaker, Atlanta, GA (CH)
5 Austin, 2004, Thailand (FPC)
5 Karen Long, Birmingham, AL (CH)
5 Jacquelyn Green, Roanoke, VA (CH)
5 Sarah Wilson, Oxford, NC (CH)
6 Adam Granger (S-CBF Global)
6 Carol Dalton, Swannanoa, NC (CH)
6 Jessica Jasper, Elizabethtown, KY (CH)
7 Allison Rodgers, Elizabethtown, KY
8 Rusty Elkins, Edmond, OK (CH)
8 Brenda Pace Jones, Hendersonville, NC (PC)
9 Rich Behers, Lakeland, FL (CH)
9 Leigh Jackson, Austin, TX (CH)
9 David Harding, Emeritus (FP)
11 Larry Ballew, Emeritus (EP)
11 Robbi Francovich, Emeritus (FP)
11 Leah Boling, Joint Base Andrews, MD (CH)
11 Jonna Garvin, Manassas, VA (CH)
11 Cy Miller, Marion, NC (CH)

13 Tracy Dunn, Hereford, TX (CH)
13 Samson Naidoo, Denison, TX (CH)
14 Scott McBroom, Charleston, SC (PC)
15 Patrick Cardwell, Chapel Hill, NC (CH)
15 Melina Grier, St. Joseph, MO (CH)
15 James Jeffers, Hoover, AL (CH)
15 Larry Layne, Montgomery, AL (CH)
16 Lauren Hall, Katy, TX (CH)
16 Steven Harris, Salem, VA (PC)
16 John Reeser, Sautee Nacoochee, GA (CH)
16 Lauren Bass, Cambodia (FP)
16 Alex Ruble, 2001, Southeast Asia (FPC)
17 Nell Green, Rock Hill, SC (FP)
17 Jennifer Call, Salem, VA (CH)
18 Clay Polson, Waco, TX (CH)
18 Greg Slate, Littleton, CO (CH)
19 Mary Ahn, Round Lake, IL (CH)
19 Mark Sumrall, Houston, TX (CH)
20 Julie Perry, Charlottesville, VA (CH)
20 Marcy Thomas, Brentwood, TN (CH)
21 Carson Foushee, Japan (FP)
21 Dot Hinson (S-Great Rivers)
21 Pat, Emeritus (FP)
21 Ron Winstead, Emeritus (FP)
22 Jon Ivy, Tuscaloosa, AL (CH)
22 Travis Yelton, Colorado Springs, CO (CH)
23 Cloe Bass, 2019, Cambodia (FPC)
23 Polly Barnes, Brandon, MS (CH)
23 John Schumacher, Columbia, SC (CH)
24 Paulette Porter-Hallmon, Spartanburg, SC (CH)
24 Meron Acker, 2000, Uganda (FPC)
25 Rick Burnette, Ft. Meyers, FL (FP)
26 Stephanie Coyne, Conyers, GA (CH)
27 Grace Freeman, Dunwoody, GA (CH)