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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:**

“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

—St. Catherine of Siena

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

There was a political/military coup in Niger on July 26. Pray that a democratic leader is restored and the coup does not destabilize the region. Prayers for the patients at the wound clinic and for the community health program we are trying to start.

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

During August we distributed backpacks to many refugee children from the Afghan and Karen communities. Please pray for those children as they begin a new school year. Pray that they succeed in school; pray for good teachers; for parents who are supportive; that they can be good learners even if they live in difficult family situations.

In late September we are facilitating a ministry conference for an unreached people group (UPG). Pray for us as we coordinate volunteers, arrange meals, and implement transportation procedures.

Please pray for the participants that this will be a very meaningful learning and fellowship experience. Pray especially for safety and security for those of us engaged within this UPG.

Please pray for a newly arrived Afghan refugee family. The husband was an ENT surgeon specialist in Afghanistan and his wife was a dentist. These two professionals were targeted by the Afghan Taliban because of their education credentials and their assistance to the US military in years past. Their lives were in danger, so they had to flee Afghanistan with their two young children—a girl age 5 and a boy age 3. Now they are in the San Francisco Bay Area and have nothing—no furniture, no household items, no jobs. Please pray for us as we coordinate donations for their apartment, and pray that they can get jobs to afford to live in the USA.

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

We are grateful for the first harvest of greens in the new Cultivate Abundance Garden located on the

ECHO Global Farm campus in North Ft. Myers. Over the coming weeks we expect more greens and field peas to be harvested and shared in Immokalee while several other crops (e.g., squash, banana, pigeon pea, prickly pear) mature.

Please pray for Ellen and a select committee of the Peace River Presbytery as the purchase of a 1.9-acre parcel in Immokalee for the relocation of Mision Peniel now appears to be unlikely. The team needs guidance as they discern the best way forward.

Pray also for the Cultivate Abundance team and our gardening partners as we work around dangerously hot conditions to grow, collect, and share food for the Immokalee farmworker community. Pray especially for the farmworkers and other outdoor workers (landscapers, roofers, construction workers, etc.) in southwest Florida as many are employed by companies that aren't mindful about the heat and the health of the workers.

We ask for prayers during a season of budget challenges for Cultivate Abundance.

Continued prayers are requested for Joe Holley, Ellen's dad, as he continues to receive treatments for a rare form of blood cancer.

### **Sue and Greg Smith, Fredericksburg, VA**

Give thanks that Lupe was accepted into nursing school after her first two years in college. This is a big accomplishment! Lupe's parents are immigrants from Mexico, and convincing them to allow her to go away to school was a really big hurdle. They have been very worried, and she hesitated to go against their wishes. But now she lives on campus, and they are very proud of her!

This fall, as we have provided school supplies to families, we realized that we're serving a new generation of immigrant families. When we reached out to some "old friends," they asked if we could assist their grandchildren with school supplies. This provided an opportunity to visit their homes and see how they're doing over time. Join me in giving thanks for these families who have successfully raised kids, have stable jobs and housing, and have

obtained legal status. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve through long-term presence!

### **Janée Angel, Refugee Ministry, Antwerp, Belgium**

Please pray for the Arab Church in Antwerp as we begin to rebuild our foundation and concentrate on discipleship.

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

Many refugee families are coming to the Raleigh area from a variety of countries. Please pray for them as they begin to make sense of this strange new world that is to be home. Pray for our most recent families that we have connected with from: Nicaragua, Colombia, Syria, Congo, Honduras, and Ukraine. Pray for them as they begin their first job, first school, and grow accustomed to their first permanent home in the US all the while dealing with grief from loss of loved ones, loss of careers, and other traumatic losses. Pray for new friends that will walk with new neighbors.

Pray for Welcome House Raleigh as we are in a season of discernment about the future. This is a time of prayerfully seeking God's guidance as we seek to welcome more fully those that come into our sphere.

Pray for a night host that will live at Welcome House Raleigh. We haven't had one for the last year and have realized that the night host brings stability that is needed to this welcoming ministry. Pray for the one or two people that are to serve during this present season.

Pray for DREAMers to have their status adjusted. Pray for Afghan Allies to have a pathway to permanent residency. Pray through action, by making a call/email/visit to your member of congress.

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

Please pray for our son as he adjusts to life in the US as a college freshman.

Please pray for K, a mother in Mamáventura. Pray for her safety and her relations with family members in her home country which are strained. Pray that she will continue on the path to personal independence and safety for her and her children.

Pray for plans to "restart" Mosaic in a new worship space.

Pray for us as we travel often to meetings in the coming months.

### **Karen, Pastoral Ministries with Refugees and Immigrants, Northern Africa**

The month of September begins a new church year for my church in Northern Africa. Pray for the leadership of this national church as they plan for the year ahead and respond to current pressing needs. Join me in giving thanks for this community of faith.

The ministry of the church to serve migrants and refugees is facing some administrative challenges this month. Pray for me and my colleagues as we try to tackle all the requirements of running this operation, and for time to rest in the midst of the hectic pace of life.

### **Mina and Gennady Podgaisky, Ukraine**

Please pray for us as we return to Poland/Ukraine in mid-August. Pray for safety as we travel in Poland and cross the border by car, which can take up to 8 hours.

Pray as we reconnect with our ministry partners and discern where we can be more useful at this time.

Pray as Mina leads in directing Kyiv Christian Academy. The school was closed for one year and is now opening this Fall. This is the missionary school where our three children graduated from.

Please pray for the end of this unjust and unprovoked war.

We thank God for all the support we have received through our 18 months of ministry in Ukraine and

many other countries while located in the States.

Praise God Mina celebrated her 57th birthday! Thank you for your prayers!

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

Thank God for Corrine, an artist who will lead trauma informed art classes as part of the refugee women's healthy hearts and home program. Pray for additional volunteers to lead movement and educational programs. Pray for the refugee women who will attend when the program begins on September 14th.

Pray for the refugee preschoolers and families who will participate in this year's Ready for School Class (RFS). Thank God for the volunteer teachers God is bringing together. Continue to pray for the transition of last year's RFS children as they begin school.

Continue to pray for the Afghan evacuees whose legal status and work employment is expiring. Pray for Congress to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act, which will provide a long-term pathway for residency and citizenship for those with humanitarian parole status. Thank God that many of the SIV visa holders are beginning to receive their green cards.

Thank God for churches and individuals who have provided school uniforms and backpacks for refugee children.

### **Global Missions Staff (Laura Ayala, Dianne McNary, Caroline LeGrand, Ellen Sechrest, Javier Perez, Lindsy Hines, Renée Owen, Carrol Wilson)**

Pray for new field personnel, Jana Lee and Stella Perrin, as they continue to raise support and prepare to move to Cyprus. Pray for our field personnel, chaplains, and office staff that make up our Global Missions Team as we serve around the USA and in 19 countries.

## September Birthday Calendar

*(CH)- Chaplain; (FP)- Missions field personnel;  
(GSC)- Global Service Corps; (PC)- Pastoral  
counselor; (FPC)- Child of field personnel; (S)-  
CBF staff member*

1 Lucy Hearne, 2013, Danville, VA (FPC)  
1 Ralph Stocks, Emeritus (FP)  
3 Ann Owen, Viera, FL (CH)  
3 Jenny Jenkins, Haiti (FP)  
4 Vicki Lumpkin, Greensboro, NC (CH)  
4 Shirley Massey, Chapel Hill, NC (CH)  
5 Kelly Belcher, Asheville, NC (CH)  
5 Roger Benimoff, Grand Prairie, TX (CH)  
5 Becky Brannon, Gainesville, GA (CH)  
5 Eddie Aldape, Spain (FP)  
5 David Brown, Emeritus (FP)  
5 David D'Amico, Emeritus (FP)  
5 Alexandria Geovanni, Lake Charles, LA (CH)  
6 Carla Cherry, Worthington, OH (CH)  
6 Daniel Edward Tatum, Marietta, GA (CH)  
6 David Stone (S-North Carolina)  
7 Lita Sample, San Francisco, CA (FP)  
7 Martha Harper, Madison, MS (CH)  
7 Lee Hendricks, Greenville, NC (CH)  
8 Daniel Hall, Pineville, KY (CH)  
8 Jody Harrison, Dallas, TX (CH)  
8 Chad Mustian, Dallas, TX (CH)  
9 Rhonda James-Jones, Hiram, GA (CH)  
10 Nancy Campbell, Kansas City, MO (CH)  
10 Sarah Montoya, San Francisco, CA (CH)  
10 Tashara Boochee, San Francisco, CA (CH)  
11 Courtney Hester, Jacksonville, GA (CH)  
11 Larry Hovis (S-North Carolina)  
12 Bryan Lake, Cumming, GA (CH)  
13 Scot McCosh, Fayetteville, NC (CH)  
13 Richard Morris, Lebanon, PA (CH)  
13 Kathy Turner, Charlotte, NC (CH)  
14 Bart Grooms, Birmingham, AL (PC)  
14 Priscilla Howick, Jacksonville, FL (CH)  
15 Brandy Mullins, Manvel, TX (CH)  
16 Dick Allison, Hattiesburg, MS (CH)  
16 Matthew Dinkins, Matthews, NC (CH)  
16 Jeff Ellison, Heath, TX (CH)  
16 Karen Heistand, Rochester, MN (CH)  
16 Byron Johnson, Paris Island, SC (CH)  
16 Debbie Haag (S-South Carolina)  
17 Angela Clark, Matthews, NC (CH)  
17 Jean Craddock, Lexington, KY (PC)

17 Elket Rodriguez, US-Mexico Border (FP)  
17 Tammy Latimer, Springfield, MO (CH)  
17 George Rossi, Charleston, SC (CH)  
17 I. Malik Saafir, Nashville, TN (CH)  
19 Cari Willis, Benson, NC (CH)  
20 David Bluford, Lenoir City, TN (CH)  
20 Katherine Money Penny, Douglas, GA (CH)  
20 Renee Owen (S-CBF Global)  
20 Beth Roberts (S-Church Benefits Board)  
20 Heidi Dechow, Salisbury, NC (CH)  
20 Adam Ridenhour, Winston Salem, NC (CH)  
21 Mark Flores, Lynchburg, VA (CH)  
22 Kim Chafee, Virginia Beach, VA (CH)  
22 Josh Reglin, Tahoka, TX (CH)  
22 Becky Shoaf, Atlanta, GA (CH)  
23 Donna Seay, Baltimore, MD (CH)  
24 Chad Cooper, Colorado Springs, CO (CH)  
24 Laura Popa, Raleigh, NC (CH)  
24 William Stewart, Norfolk, VA (CH)  
25 Durrell Brown, Powder Springs, GA (CH)  
25 Angel Pittman, Emeritus (FP)  
26 Randy Brookshire, Greenville, SC (CH)  
26 Sunny Mitchell, San Diego, CA (CH)  
26 Keith Parker, Brevard, NC (PC)  
26 Beth Sexton, Lincolnton, NC (CH)  
26 Lynwood Walters, Gainesville, FL (CH)  
26 Jeffrey Walton, Richmond, VA (CH)  
26 Gloria White, Pearland, TX (PC)  
27 Cathy Anderson, Kennesaw, GA (CH)  
27 Peggy Johnson, Hurst, TX (CH)  
28 Beverly Baker, Ahoskie, NC (GSC)  
28 Jonathan Amaya, Houston, TX (CH)  
28 Renate Krukalis, Braselton, GA (CH)  
29 Asbrubal Forte, Miami FL (CH)  
29 John Harris, Pelham, AL (PC)  
30 Todd Weber, Louisville, KY (CH)  
30 Rachel Webb, College Station, TX (CH)