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# Prayer Associates

**March 2024**

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 your support.

**To think about:**

“Sit with God as you might with the ocean. You bring nothing to the ocean, yet it changes you.”

**-Seth Caulfield**

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

Please pray for the continued adjustment of our youngest child to university in the US. Pray for the ministry of Mosaic and for it to be a place for people to encounter the love of God. Pray for Mamaventura, which will restart in March after a short break. Pray for our new and returning moms and babies.

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

Pray for women in a small village in the south of Karen's country. Many of them have found informal work on farms and several have recently given birth. Pray for them to be able to access healthcare, for safe and stable housing, and for childcare solutions for the increasing number of children in that community.

Karen's country normally experiences its rainy

season at this time of year, but they have had very little rainfall this season, adding to a 5-year drought that seems to be getting worse. Please pray for rain.

Pray for Karen as she continues to pilot her church's national migrant and refugee ministry on a national level. Pray for church member volunteers who serve sacrificially every day in witness to Christ's love.

**Lita and Rick Sample, Immigrant and Refugee Ministry, San Francisco Bay Area, CA**

Please pray for the Zurzai family, a newly arrived Afghan refugee family with four children. Pray for the father to find a job. Pray for the mother who wants to learn to sew. Pray for the four little children to succeed in school. Pray that this sweet family will experience the love of Jesus as we engage with them.

Pray also for the Josephzai family which has three little children. They are struggling financially and yet the kids are thriving in school.

Pray for Mo, an Afghan man working to get his driver's license. Pray also that he will be able to purchase a reliable yet inexpensive car.

Please pray for Rick's inter-faith dialogue. There continues to be animosity between the Jewish and Muslim participants over the Israel/Gaza war. Pray for Rick as he seeks to be a voice of love and compassion during the dialogue gatherings.

### **Janée Angel, Outreach to Arabic Speakers, Antwerp, Belgium**

Please continue to pray for our Arabic Church network in Belgium, called House of Hope, as we learn to live kingdom culture together in Europe and wait for God to work in big ways among Arabic speakers.

### **Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, Family Ministries**

Please continue praying for the end of this unprovoked and unjustified war in Ukraine. February 24th was the second anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Hundreds of thousands of people have died, millions of people have been displaced and become refugees in many countries around the world. We need God's intervention for the ending of suffering, destruction and death as hostilities continue. We covet your prayers for safety as we are extensively traveling in the Eastern USA, speaking in churches, visiting with ministry partners, friends and family.

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

Pray for a family that stayed in Welcome House in December. This Persian Family is wanting to be in friendship with "church people." They have attended church the past three weeks and have the Bible in their heart language on their phones. Pray for the Holy Spirit's work in them and in their new "church people" friends.

Pray for Rev. Lydia Tatum, Welcome House Raleigh/Welcome Network Director as she enters month two in this position. Pray for wisdom, patience, and fortitude during this season of onboarding.

Pray for the many families that have passed through the houses this past month from Afghanistan, Iraq, Congo, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. Pray that they will begin to feel "at home" and know they are seen and loved by their new community and by God.

Multiple families that lived at Welcome House Raleigh over these past 6 weeks have moved into an apartment complex within walking distance of Crabtree Valley Baptist Church. Pray for the new English program that will begin this month in the Crabtree Church to provide English to new friends that are eager to learn and to be part of a welcoming community. Pray that ALL the teachers needed will be found so that each student will be welcomed well.

### **Mary VanRheenen, Resource Coordination for Romany Ministries, Europe**

Praise: One of partners in Moldova, Olesea Ciochina, will be starting a FUNdament club (<https://davar-education.eu/>) for Romany mothers with small children in February. Please continue to pray for guidance and that the women God has in mind will respond and come.

Prayer request: Domari-speaking Gypsies in Gaza. Mary VanRheenen serves on the board of the Dom Research Center (DRC). The DRC helps support the orphaned street children who a Domari pastor and his wife are fostering. The entire family is now living in the street. Many other Domari are dead or missing; most are now homeless. The DRC has been arranging relief for this often overlooked group of people. Please continue to pray for peace and for adequate relief followed by rebuilding of lives and communities.

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

Please pray for M&R, newly arrived Afghan refugees who, due to changes in government funding for new Afghan arrivals, are not receiving governmental assistance. Pray they will quickly receive their work permits and Social Security cards so they can begin working. Thank God for the circle of Christians that is helping this family navigate the systems here.

Praise God that we now have two believing Afghan families in our area. They cannot be open about their faith due to fear of persecution here and for the family in Afghanistan. Pray that this will be the beginning of an Afghan church.

Continue to pray for the volunteers in our Ready for School program and the Women's Healthy Hearts and Hands that are struggling with ongoing health issues. Pray God would heal them and allow them to resume working with refugee families.

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

Please pray for wars in Gaza, Ukraine and through much of Africa. Pray for US politics, for dear friends who just lost their son, patients whose wounds aren't healing, and the community health program in our pilot village.

### **Stella Perrin, Ministry to Displaced Persons, Larnaca, Cyprus**

Please pray for additional ministry partners so I can be fully funded for ministry.

Pray that I can find an affordable used car to make home visits and assist refugees with transportation. Pray for ministry with unaccompanied Syrian boys in Oroklini.

Pray for opportunities to build relationships and provide community for Muslim women.

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

Join us in praying for our spring mission emphasis for the Offering for Global Missions, especially during the Week of Prayer from March 10-15. Pray for our team as we plan and dream together. Pray for us as we travel and speak in churches.

## **March 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 Wayne Patterson (S-South Carolina)
- 1 Brent Peery, Conroe, TX (CH)
- 1 Gregory Wolfe, Owensboro, KY (CH)
- 1 Chris Scales, Lubbock, TX (CH)
- 2 Chris Aho (S-CBF Global)
- 2 Amy Cook (S-North Carolina)
- 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)
- 5 Buddy Corbin, Asheville, NC (CH)
- 5 Donnie Marlar, Rochester, NY (CH)
- 6 Jarrod Foerster, Fort Still, OK (CH)
- 6 Ronnie Adams, Emeritus (FP)
- 7 Laura Foushee, Japan (FP)
- 7 Wade Rowatt, Louisville, KY (PC)
- 8 Marian Boyer, Florence, KY (CH)
- 8 Susan Kroeker, Columbus, OH (CH)
- 9 Stuart Collier, Vestavia, AL (CH)
- 9 Michelle Norman, Spain (FP)
- 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 Rickey Letson (S-CBF Global)
- 12 Leah Leath, Concord, NC (CH)
- 12 Robert Stanley, Atlanta, GA (CH)
- 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, Vicenza, 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, 2019, 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)  
24 Michael Liga, Rochester, MN (CH)  
25 Jade Acker, Uganda (FP)  
25 Gary Nistler, Evans, GA (CH-Ret.)  
26 Tyler Conway, Waco, TX (CH)  
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 Tim Madison, Clearwater, FL (CH)