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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:

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you."

-Pope Francis

Brooke and Mike, Theological Education and Hospitality, Indonesia

Students are graduating and returning to their home islands or villages. The semester is in its final throes, students are preparing for finals, and energy levels are waning. Pray that we can be a refuge from the stress and a source of encouragement to finish well. Pray for their job searches and that they would find a community of Christians where they can continue to grow and develop.

Annette Ellard, Migrant and Refugee Ministry Louisville, KY

Please pray for Naw Dahler Paw, an eight-year-old, who was born with a severe esophagus defect that has required many, many surgeries and hospital stays. Pray that she will successfully recover from the most recent surgery and will not need the hospital again for a long while. Pray for comfort and peace as well as stamina for her, her parents and grandparents.

Praise God for progress in the lives of folks receiving treatment for multiple health issues, including PTSD. Pray for their strength and healing. Thank God for the doctors, nurses and therapists participating in their care.

Pray for those who are seeking jobs in a tight job market. Pray that God will lead them to satisfying jobs that will help them take care of their needs and move forward in their lives.

Pray for all the people of Burma (also known as Myanmar). Pray for all those suffering the devastation of the recent earthquake and aftershocks. And pray for those being bombed and forced to flee their burning villages as the Burmese Army continues to wage war against the country's ethnic minorities and democracy advocates even amid natural disaster. Pray that Thailand will have mercy on those fleeing across the border for safety and refuge. Pray for courageous leaders with integrity and vision. Pray for peace and cooperation.

Kim Wyatt, Welcome House for Refugees, Raleigh, NC

Pray and Act, my friends. These are such serious times and there is so much fear among our international friends wherever they may live in this country. Please pray for, check in on, and stand with your friends and neighbors that may be feeling fearful right now due to the actions of this administration and the inaction of Congress. Please call your representatives. Ask them to Seek Justice and Love Mercy. We are called as Christ Followers to Love God and Love Our Neighbors. We are called to treat the foreigner as one of our native born.

Pray for our Afghan neighbors. On April 11, many of our Afghan friends received an email that said it was from the US Department of Homeland Security. It told them that it was time for them to leave the United States and that they had 7 days to do so. Their lawyers have told them not to leave, that they are in due process according to US Law. Please pray for these and others that have received such notices and are living in fear in a country where they thought they were coming for safety.

Pray with me for God's Kingdom come, God's will to be done in our cities, states, country, and world as it is in heaven.

Rick Burnette, Agricultural Development Ministry, Immokalee, FL

We request prayers for a member of the Cultivate Abundance team whose legal residential status may be in jeopardy given current uncertainties related to our nation's immigration policies. We pray for her efforts to organize documents, for her lawyer to be competent, and for the just mercy of officials who will be reviewing her case in the coming months.

Please pray for the Cultivate Abundance and Misión Peniel teams as we adapt to address ongoing needs within the Immokalee farmworker community in the face of hostility and economic turmoil.

We are grateful for members of Bayshore Baptist Church of Tampa and CBF Florida/Caribbean Islands who traveled down on a Saturday in early April to paint the exterior of the education building at Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de LaBelle.

Tina Boyles Bailey, Arts Ministry, Graz, Austria

Please pray for my health. I have to repeat the surgery I had last month to remove malignant melanoma. The safety margin was not wide enough, so I will have another surgery on May 26th.

Eddie Aldape, Center of Hope, Almería, Spain

Affordable housing has been an issue in recent years, but now it has become especially difficult for the immigrant community. We have been hosting a Salvadorian family while they find a place. There are several families in the same situation. Pray with us as they continue their search.

Pray for our language students who will be taking their A1 level exams as we come to the end of the semester.

Pray for the upcoming camps and activities we will have throughout the summer. Pray for those God appointed conversations we will have.

Pray for Macarena. She has a herniated disc and is waiting for an appointment with a neurosurgeon. Pray that an injection may relieve her pain.

Scarlette Jasper, Rural Poverty and Family Ministries, Corbin, KY

Please keep those affected by flooding in prayer. Once again Kentucky was hit hard. There are many folks who lost their home completely or are still in the process of trying to clean out and clean up from the flooding.
Pray for those who are without stable housing. We have completed this season for Winter Relief but folks are still without Housing and are food insecure.
Please pray for T whose Special needs child is in critical care and on life-support. She has some difficult decisions to make.
Please pray for K, she struggles with PTSD and physical issues and is at risk of losing her Social Security. Pray for the Castro counseling clients that are struggling with mental health issues. Also adolescents struggling with self-harm tendencies, couples who are struggling, and those individuals

who are dealing with anxiety and depression.
Please pray for my clients who are in addiction recovery, and rehabilitation programs.
Pray for mission teams who are contemplating coming to serve.
Unspoken prayer needs.

Jonathan Bailey, Musical Arts Ministry, Bali, Indonesia

Please pray for Wayan Rajeg, the sole Christian composer of traditional Balinese music (gamelan) among the more than the four million Balinese of Indonesia. Now in his mid-60's and financially stressed, Wayan has been diagnosed with a heart condition that threatens his life and the security of his family. Pray for restoration to health and financial stability.

Kirk and Suzie, Bible Literacy and Translation, Southeast Asia

Please pray for Somchai, the B partner who continues to work in translation efforts. He is the only believer in the village and desires to be a light to his family and neighbors. Pray for encouragement as he battles loneliness and social persecution, and as he leads the small group of B believers in a neighboring village.
Please pray for our Myanmar Baptist partners as they seek to serve and love their churches and communities after the March earthquake.

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

Pray for the plight of immigrants and refugees in the US and worldwide, for peace talks in Ukraine and for Gaza, for the current administration, for patients receiving care at our wound clinic.

Mary VanRheenen, Resource Coordination for Romany Ministries, Europe

Praise: Volunteers from America have poured the foundation and built the shell of a house for single mother Natasha in the Roma village of Vulcanesti, Moldova. Local believers, Sinti Romany in Germany, CBF supporters, and the Dutch Baptist church we attend all donated funds for the purchase of the land. It is beautiful to see the body of Christ work together like this.
Prayer: The inside of the house still needs to be finished and furnished. Pray that this will also be completed in a spirit of unity.

Praise: Bethlehem Baptist in the Roma village of Vulcanesti, Moldova, plans to hold their own VBS (children's day camp) this summer.
Prayer: That the team of local volunteers will be big enough and energetic enough to make this possible.

Praise: A Christian preschool in Rwanda is trying out Davar: Bridging to Literacy's 4 Word Bible Club.
Prayer: For good communication between all involved (we have never met face-to-face and are working across multiple cultures and languages). For the children to be blessed by learning more about Jesus and His love for them.

Praise: For a wonderful CBF Europe Team meeting this past April.
Prayer: For a new Member Care volunteer to work with this dedicated team of field personnel. We've had great "interim" member care over the past couple of years and are grateful for it!

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

Please pray for our ministry partners who are continuing ministry while we are in the US.
Pray for P and her son, A. A was born premature. P is his mother and one of the moms in Mamáventura.
Pray for Brit Janne, one of the apprentices in the IBTS Learning Network. Brit Janne is being mentored by Michelle, and the two of them are preparing a webinar on Welcoming Well for European Baptists churches to be held in June.

Global Missions Team

Pray for our staff as we prepare for a busy season and the General Assembly. Pray for our retiring field personnel as they begin a new chapter and continue to see where God is at work.

May Birthday Calendar

(*CH)- Chaplain; (FP)- Field Personnel; (GSC)- Global Service Corps; (PC)- Pastoral counselor; (FPC)- Child of field personnel; (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)
2 Victoria Youell, North Charleston, SC (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 Johnny Richards, Raleigh, NC (CH)
4 Skip Wisenbaker, Asheville, NC (CH)
5 Austin, 2004, Southeast Asia (FPC)
5 Jacquelyn Green, Roanoke, VA (CH)
5 Karen Long, Birmingham, AL (CH)
5 Sarah Wilson, Raleigh, NC (CH)
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 David Harding, Emeritus (FP)
9 Leigh Jackson, Austin, TX (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 David Harding, Emeritus (FP)
9 Leigh Jackson, Austin, TX (CH)
11 Larry Ballew, Emeritus (EP)
15 Melina Grier, St. Joseph, MO (CH)
11 Leah Boling, Joint Base Andrews, MD (CH)
15 James Jeffers, Hoover, AL (CH)
11 Robbi Francovich, Emeritus (FP)
15 Larry Layne, Montgomery, AL (CH)
11 Jonna Garvin, Manassas, VA (CH)
16 Lauren Hall, Katy, TX (CH)
11 Cy Miller, Marion, NC (CH)
16 Steven Harris, Salem, VA (PC)
13 Tracy Dunn, Hereford, TX (CH)
16 John Reeser, Sautee Nacoochee, GA (CH)
13 Samson Naidoo, Denison, TX (CH)
17 Jennifer Call, Salem, VA (CH)
14 Scott McBroom, Charleston, SC (PC)
17 Nell Green, Emeritus (FP)
15 Patrick Cardwell, Chapel Hill, NC (CH)
17 Matthew Weems, Columbia, SC (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 Pat, Emeritus (FP)
21 Ron Winstead, Emeritus (FP)
22 Jon Ivy, Tuscaloosa, AL (CH)
22 Travis Yelton, Colorado Springs, CO (CH)
23 Polly Barnes, Brandon, MS (CH)
23 John Schumacher, Columbia, SC (CH)
24 Paulette Porter-Hallmon, Spartanburg, SC (CH)
24 Jordan Tripp, Raleigh, NC (CH)
24 Yesel Yohakim Rodríguez Zayas, 2012, Harlingen, TX (FPC)
25 Daniel Mitchell, Columbus, GA (CH)
25 Kelly Russell, Tuttle, OK (CH)
25 Rick Burnette, Immokalee, FL (FP)
26 Stephanie Coyne, Conyers, GA (CH)
27 Grace Freeman, Dunwoody, GA (CH)
28 Kenneth LeBon, Fort Jackson, SC (CH)
28 David Smith, Alpharetta, GA (PC)
29 Aleesa Naish, Birmingham, AL (CH)
30 Beom Jung, Lawrenceville, GA (CH)
30 Lane Riley (S-South Carolina)
31 Stacey Buford, Murfreesboro, TN (CH)
31 Blake Miller, Greenville, SC (CH)
31 LouRae Myhre-Weber, Twin Bridges, MT (CH)
31 Kelley Woggon, Louisville, KY (CH)