June 2025

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 kingdom of God isn't for sale to the highest bidder. It belongs to the peacemakers, the poor in spirit, the merciful, and the pure in heart."

-Pope Leo XIV

Gennady and Mina Podgaisky, Family Ministries, Kraków, Poland

Please continue to pray for the ending of the war in Ukraine and the sovereignty of the country.

Praise God, we received our temporary residence permit in Poland in March! Thank you for your prayers.

Please pray for the safety and protection of the people of Ukraine, the soldiers, and the foster children serving on the front lines.

Pray for the Ukrainian families that come out of Ukraine and stay with us for few days. May they find rest and restoration.

Alicia and Jeff Lee, Agricultural and Family Ministries, Skopje, Macedonia

Pray for our friends at Poraka as they seek favor from the city government regarding a neighbor issue.

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

Please pray for our mission team from River Road Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia, when they come to the San Francisco Bay Area for a mission trip serving alongside us during the week of June 15-20. They will have several touch points with our ministry among internationals. Most significantly, they will conduct a VBS among the Karen refugee community in Oakland.

Please pray for the Karen VBS starting on June 16th. Pray that we will have a good turnout of participants of all ages. Pray for the children and preschoolers, for the youth sports clinic, and for the parents fellowship gathering, all led by the team from River Road Church.

Please pray for our Afghan pastor and his wife whose second child is due to be born in late June. We are hosting a baby shower for them. Pray for them as they lead the Afghan church and pray for the

church that it will continue to grow with newly baptized Afghan believers.

Please pray for CBF as the Fellowship gathers in St. Louis for the General Assembly!

Kirk and Suzie, Bible Literacy and Translation, Southeast Asia

Praise: Daughter Emily graduates today with her Master's Degree in Sports Management from Baylor University!

Praise: Very thankful for sweet reunions with former students and more opportunities to intentionally engage with them.

Praise: The southern Thailand education consultation was a great time of collaboration and learning

Prayer: The B church as they seek to be salt and light in a challenging setting

Prayer: For God to open hearts and minds to Jesus through recent conversations with Thai friends.

Rick Burnette, Agricultural Development Ministry, Immokalee, FL

We request continued 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.

We give thanks for a productive trip to the Kansas City area during May 2-4 to connect with three CBF churches – Englewood, Second Liberty, and Chandler. The weekend was filled with community garden activities and reconnecting with old friends as well as sharing a Sunday message at Chandler Baptist, which included meeting with a team planning to volunteer in Immokalee.

We ask for prayers as John's Creek Baptist (Alpharetta, GA) is preparing to send a large team of volunteers during June 10-13 to serve at Misión Peniel and Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de LaBelle. We pray for travel mercies and good health along with the opportunity to grow in awareness and compassion through serving the farmworker community.

We ask for prayers for one of our sons related to challenges to his health and wellbeing.

Brooke and Mike, Theological Education and Hospitality, Indonesia

The end of the semester means saying our goodbyes and praying over the graduating students. Pray that as they leave our ministry, that they will find meaningful work and a beloved Christian community wherever they land so that they will continue to grow in Christ.

Summer interns and international exchange students are arriving to our city. Pray that they can adapt quickly to the context, language, and the food so that we can make a quick impact in their lives during the short time they are with us.

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

Please pray for Martin, Eli and Clivi who continue the ministry of Grupo 5/14 while we are temporarily in the US.

Please pray for our daughter, Cayden, and her new husband, Grey as they adjust to life as a married couple. We are overjoyed to welcome Grey to the family.

Global Missions Team

Continue to pray for the Global Missions Team as we prepare for General Assembly and travel to churches and other ministry sites. Pray for college and seminary students that they will be interested in missions and sense God's calling to be engaged.

June Birthday Calendar

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

1 Karen, Northern Africa (FP)
1 Thong Lun, Houston, TX (CH)
2 Aaron Mussat, Shreveport, LA (CH)
2 Durham Harris, Hattiesburg, MS (CH)
2 Gary Sparks, Tyler, TX (CH)
2 Inakali Kuruvilla, San Antonio, TX (CH)
2 Kyle Tubbs (S-Oklahoma)
2 Meghan Rush, Midlothian, VA (CH)
2 Sahir Daniel Rodríguez Zayas, 2015, Harlingen, TX (FPC)
2 Steven Smith, Shreveport, LA (CH)
3 Brenda Lee, Williamsburg, VA (CH)
3 Elizabeth Ellis, Crestwood, KY (PC)
3 Leland Parks, Louisville, KY (CH)
3 Sean Burson, Minot, ND (CH)
3 Susan Arnold, La Grange, KY (CH)
4 Laura Davis (S-Virginia)
4 Mark Johnson, Hoover, AL (CH)
4 Sarah Smith, Winston Salem, NC (CH)
4 Harrison Wilmes, Lexington, KY (CH)
5 Jennifer Clamon, Indianapolis, IN (CH)
5 Stacy Sergent, Mount Pleasant, SC (CH)
5 David Smelser, Preston, MS (CH)
5 Kody Witt, San Antonio, TX (CH)
6 Erskine Alvis, Hillsborough, NC (CH)
6 Michael Costner, Valdese, NC (CH)
6 Parker Ebling-Artz, Kansas City, MO (CH)
6 Greg McClain, Lillington, NC (CH)
7 Diann Berry, Emeritus (FP)
7 Jenny Perkins, San Antonio, TX (CH)
7 Butch Stillwell, Candler, NC (CH)
7 Carol Wilkinson, Winston-Salem, NC (CH)
8 Larry Lawhon, Boone City, NC (CH)
8 Janice Newell, Emeritus (FP)
8 Randy Parks, Sparta, NJ (CH)
8 Clay Porter, Stanton, TX (CH)
8 Joseph Primeaux, Chesapeake, VA (CH- Ret.)
8 Jeromy Wells, Jefferson, WI (CH)
9 Michelle Cayard, Emeritus (FP)
9 Maria Robertson, Canton, GA (CH)
9 Sara Stubbs, Monroe, NC (CH)
9 Patricia Taylor, Tuscaloosa, AL (CH)
9 Doug Wiggington, Pineville, LA (CH)
10 Aaron McGinnis, Dublin, GA (CH)
10 Ansia Picou, Highland, NY (CH)
10 Cindy Goza, Little Rock, AR (CH)
10 Christopher McDaniel, Charleston, SC (CH)
10 Kim Wyatt, Raleigh, NC (FP)
10 Michael Osment, Martin, TN (CH)
11 Joshua Hearne, Danville, VA (EP)
11 Thomas Lewis, St. Augustine, FL (CH)
12 Brady Lanoue, Arlington, VA (CH)
12 Emma Jane Conley, Round Rock, TX (CH)
12 Mathew Brown, Phoenix, AZ (CH)
12 Mark Chambers, Ness City, KS (CH)
13 Christine, Africa/Middle East (FP)
13 Kim Thompson, Columbia, SC (CH)
13 Richard Forest, Louisville, KY (CH)
14 Chaouki Boulos, Lebanon (FP)
14 Caitie Jackson (S-North Carolina)
14 Tracey Lopez, Vienna, VA (CH)
15 Melissa Whaley, Winston-Salem, NC (CH)
15 Zulma Zabala (S-CBF Global)
16 Kimberly Emery, Hartville, OH (CH)
18 Bill Hayes, Bogart, GA (CH)
18 Mary Ligon, York, PA (CH)
19 Maime Murphy, Boca Raton, FL (CH)
20 Jeff Lancaster, Cartwright, OK (CH)
20 Lonnie Turner, Emeritus (FP)
20 Tim Johns, Buffton, SC (CH)
21 Adam Page, Kingsport, TN (CH)
21 Jeff Hoppe, Broken Arrow, OK (CH)
21 Jim Cook, Salisbury, NC (CH)
21 Ken Lake, Fort Mill, SC (CH)
21 Susan Harthon, Indianapolis, IN (CH)
22 Jessica Prophitt, Cheyenne, WY(CH)
22 Joanne Henley, Winston-Salem, NC (CH)
22 Kirk, Southeast Asia (FP)
22 Linda Stringfellow (S-Together for Hope)
22 Sara Robb-Scott, Durham, NC (CH)
22 Sharon Eldridge, Smithfield, NC (CH)
23 Brett Bardoff, Asheville, NC (CH)
23 David Lowe, Fort Worth, TX (CH)
23 Sarah Ballew, Emeritus (EP)
24 LaToya Cross (S-CBF Global)
24 Robert Brown, Henrico, VA (CH)
24 Sharon Felton (S-CBF Global)
25 David Weatherspoon, Memphis, TN (CH)
26 Anna Jacks, Birmingham, AL (CH)
26 Elias Crosby, Lilburn, GA (CH)
26 Michael Ferguson, Fort Drum, NY (CH)
26 Sharon Fry, Midlothian, VA (CH)
26 Tamara Witte-Walczac, Baltimore, MD (CH)

27 Alicia Lee, North Macedonia (FP)
28 Roger Rich, Lexington, SC (CH)
29 Carrie Harris (S-CBF Global)
29 Ellen Gregory (S-Heartland)
29 Kevin Adams, Cincinnati, OH (CH)
30 Amy Holtz, Richmond, VA (CH)
30 David Potter, Oklahoma City, OK (CH)
30 Ira Campbell, Nashville, TN (CH)
30 Margaret Guenther, Richmond, VA (PC)
30 Thomas Thorton, Spartanburg, SC (CH)