

Latest Mission Partner Updates – November 2024

ACTS, Haiti – Clark Shepherd

Prayers:

- Pray for all the children in Haiti that will begin the school year. Haiti is in difficult and dangerous times.
- Pray for our Building Hope project in Colombia and the Pastors we partner with and their churches.
- Pray for provisions for ACTS as we shine the hope of Jesus globally and locally. All for His glory.

Elam Ministries, Iran (and beyond) – Dan & Carmen Hale

Prayers:

- We are planning 2 driving trips in October: 1) to South Texas and 2) to Midland in West Texas. We will probably drive 1,500 miles. Please pray for safety, favor, and open doors to share about the underground church in Iran.
- Pray for new training courses, the students, teachers, and support teams.
- Pray for the dozens of people in prison in Iran for their Christian efforts. Please lift them up.

Praises:

- Praise God for our safe return from Turkey on September 23! We visited 5 churches, prayed for many, and witnessed 50+ baptized.
- Praise God for the thousands who have downloaded Elam's Safar and Kalameh websites!

Encompass World Partners, France – Rob and Nichole Plaster

Prayers:

- Pray for our new Teen Club and that each teen would nurture a relationship with Jesus.
- Pray that each teen would feel the love and belonging of Kingdom community and that each teen invests in caring for each other in the group.
- Pray that each family would see what God is at work doing in the lives of their teen.

Praises:

- Praise God that Marco who has been reading daily the Bible we gave him!
- Praise God that Rob is healing well from his surgery and was able to volunteer for the Paris Paralympics!

Ethnos360 Training – Dan & Madison Murphy

Prayers:

- Pray for our focus and intentionality throughout the week. We have 15 main speakers to hear from, as well as several breakout sessions to attend.

- Pray for our growing relationships with the field representatives. We will be hosting reps from each of these fields in our home for meals throughout the week.
- Pray for clarity and direction as we move toward a specific field of ministry.
- Pray for more laborers in each of these fields. There are many needs everywhere, and we are trusting the Lord to raise up the people He wants to use.

Praises:

- Praise for our faithful supporters who make it possible and stress-free for us to buy extra groceries so we can encourage and hear from our coworkers through fellowship at the dinner table!

Kaleb and Ellie Scheidewent

Prayers:

- Pray for guidance on making the decision to attend the Ethnos Training Center in either Canada or Missouri.
- Pray for opportunities to share about what God is leading us into.
- Pray for our time as we build relationships with partners.

Praises:

- Praise God for our vision-confirming trip to Asia Pacific!
- Praise God for 14 people joining our Pit Crew!
- Praise God for us starting new jobs!

Geoffery and Rachel Vaughn

Prayers:

- Pray for our monthly financial partners.
 - Pray as we prepare to preach at Appleton City Fellowship on November 10th (The Lord's will on continued involvement).
 - Pray for the teaching prep for FBT lesson at the lighthouse on the 14th.
- Pray for our trip to Kansas City over Thanksgiving.
- Pray for guidance for marriage/parenting.

Praises:

- Praise God for our visit to Rachel's American family and soccer coach at CMU.

Ethnos360/New Tribes Mission PNG, Papua New Guinea – Summer Zimmer

Prayers:

- Pray for the many heavy circumstances impacting the field of Papua New Guinea right now and for those who are carrying increasingly heavy loads, especially our leadership.
- Please pray for opportunity and clarity in working through some new ideas I've had for mobilization and member care. Pray for open doors, but also that I can trust the Lord when it takes patience.
- Pray for my ministry to be effective, whether it's working with churches, running debriefing retreats for ladies, writing articles or making videos. Or even just having ladies over for dinner.

Praises:

- I have a good group for the Missionary Care Discussion group and the conversations have been helpful for the attendees so far. Pray them to implement the material and care for their missionaries well.
- For the opportunities I've had this past month to be blessed by fellowship and to pray with our church planters.
- Praise the Lord for being trustworthy and faithful, even when I can't see.

Fellowship Missions, Warsaw – Eric & Tammy Lane**Prayers:**

- Pray that everyone who walks through our doors feels welcomed and that Christ is made known.
- Pray for the individuals going through our Genesis program. It is deep and challenging, but it is transforming.
- Please pray that all those we serve will learn/know the meaning of grace, faith, hope, and love and the reason we have these gifts available to us.
- Pray for continued resources (volunteers, items and monetary) to be fulfilled for our current facility and our new downtown resource community building called The Gathering Place.
- Pray that we continue to bring Glory to His name in all that we do!

Praises:

- Praise God for the four baptisms at Fellowship Missions on Monday, September 16, and two more residents getting baptized at WCC this month!
- Praise God for the opening of The Gathering Place!
- Praise God for His continued faithfulness!

Hands of Hope, International, Guatemala—Sally Dewald**Prayers:**

- Pray for traveling mercies. Hands of Hope has the November team leaving this Friday November 1st for ten days, and there are 8 of us from the United States and 4 from Guatemala. The first and last days are long hauls.
- Pray for our translators and those who work in evangelism as they do so much of the heavy lifting. There is very real spiritual darkness all over the world and in Guatemala. The Mayans believe in polytheism, and it is centuries old.

Praises:

- The team is made up of regular folks who want to serve. I have the trip preparations essentially done. That is always a relief. Praise for all the work that is going on and that Warsaw Community Church is part of it.

Heartline, Kosciusko County – Brenda Whitehead**Prayers:**

- Pray for the teen moms and dads who have come to Heartline recently.
- Pray for our wonderful new staff members— starting a new position brings challenges!

- Pray for God's direction as we seek additional board members.

Praises:

- Praise God for our successful recent fundraiser!
- Praise God for our wonderful new staff members— we are so thankful God brought them to us.
- Praise God that more and more people in our community are becoming aware of our services.

Humanity & Hope, Honduras – Riley & Naz Fuller, Pastor Roger and Karen Reyes

Prayers:

- Pray for Roger and his family to have sweet time visiting with his sister, mother, and grandmother who will be visiting from the US until October 12.
- Pray for Kelvin and Leyte, a couple who have been growing spiritually. Leyte needs surgery and Kelvis has been very ill with a flu-like condition.
- Pray for the two H&H trip that is scheduled for October, that many attendees will be moved to support H&H with their talents and donations.
- Pray for God to provide for the financial needs of H&H and the Reyes family.
- Pray for all the students from the H&H communities to finish their school year well over the next two months.
- Pray for resources to construct a fence around the community center in La Coraza where Roger and Karen lead the bible studies and church services.

Praises:

- Praise God Karen's counseling and therapy work with the students has been going very well! She was recognized recently for the beneficial impact that her work is having as many of the kids are showing substantial improvement in school and in their community.
- H&H received enough funding to complete construction of the bridge in La Cuchilla which makes travel across the river much safer for the people and children of the community. Praise God!

iHouse – Jason and Lauren Hiatt

Prayers:

- Pray against the heavy spiritual warfare going on at the Women's Club. Staff are struggling with oppression during and after programming.
- Pray for wisdom for which ladies to continue to invite to Women's Club. Pray for discernment so we are including the ladies that God wants to be in attendance.
- 2025 planning is underway, so please pray for wisdom and patience as we desire to stay in tune and in time with God and His will and way for iHouse.
- Several Afghan families are in the middle of one crisis after another without ability to regulate their emotions nor show growth in capacity or wisdom despite the efforts of staff and volunteer

to intervene and assist. Pray for wisdom on when to step in and when to allow God to work in and through them without our presence.

- Pray for Jacob as he continues to be a light while teaching at a private Muslim high school in Ft. Wayne.
- Pray for Lauren as she teaches the Creation story to one of her ESL students. Please pray for no distractions as she shares.

Praises:

- Praise the Lord for a successful summer!

Kutoa Project, Kenya – Jason & Shae Brown

Prayers:

- We have a lot of travel and events happening over these next few weeks. We pray for safety for our team and for God to use these programs for His Glory. We are always so thankful to provide safe places to help promote healing.
- We are preparing for Healing Hearts camps for children who have experienced trauma, to find healing and learn about Jesus. We just had one in September, and it is such an honor to host these. We are excited and preparing our hearts for the upcoming ones we will be having in November and December.

Praises:

- We are so thankful for all the events and programs our team has hosted these past few weeks. We have hosted two healing groups, group counseling, counseling, Healing Hearts Camp, and many young adult programs. We are honored to do this week to help bring others closer to God and give them hope when life is really hard.

LeaderSource Teams in the Nations – Jim Brenneman Prayers for Jim:

- Jim helps to write Bible-training materials for frontline leaders in the nations. Our Theology Project is now in use in China by hundreds of leaders and it is also in use throughout Africa and in connection with the 99 Names of Allah project for Muslims. Pray for Jim's work of writing.
- One of our current projects is a very elementary presentation of basic Bible truth for new believers in a program for building disciples, especially for China. Pray for Jim's work of writing.
- Jim still builds leaders around the world via the Web, including frequent interactions to answer questions about the Bible, Christian doctrines and ethics. He is even teaching Hebrew.
- Jim also provides notes for a year-long plan to read through the whole Bible chronologically. Pray for the hundreds of people involved in this daily Bible reading.
- Mentoring ministry connects him with young men in America, as Jim shares a spare bedroom in his home with college students. Connection with the previous house-guest continues (Francisco from Costa Rica and Cesar from Venezuela. Pray for both of these young men.

For LeaderSource:

Muslim World

- Pray for our increasing reach into the Muslim world – including Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, launching from Egypt.
- The most recent areas of outreach include North Africa in Liberia, Morocco, and Algeria. Pray in particular for Ousamma in Morocco and for the couple in Algeria – Nasser and Dihia.
- Pray for the team in Egypt as they work with orthodox and evangelicals, as well as Muslim Background Believers. Our Egypt team is serving as a very effective Family of God Church in Cairo – especially as they demonstrate the love of God to empty and hurting Muslims.

China – Major Gathering

- Pray for our staff in China, training tens of thousands of leaders.
- September 9-13, our executive director (MW) will be presenting a big Leader Development Consultation in China. We are going to do prayer and fasting during that time to pray for the effectiveness of the event, and to also pray for security for the event. Please to join us in prayer for that event – Before, During, and After.
- In recent months, China has significantly increased monitoring on the civilians, especially related to interaction with foreigners. It's challenging for leaders to meet together, with MW's presence even more so.
- Through a lot of prayer and consideration, we had decided to cancel MW's visit again, due to the level of security risk. But to our surprise God suddenly provided a private location. Now, after rigorous planning and logistical work, we feel at peace that it can be done well. So we are doing it.
- This will be MW's first trip (or any LS people the West) to China after almost 5 years! 😊
- We are really praying that this will become a very strategic, even historical time for the church in China, a major milestone toward the fulfilling of God's purposes for His church! Not because we are so big, but because of God's love for China! Thank you for joining us in this big hope and prayer. It's all about Him and for Him!

Sub-Saharan Africa

- Pray for the recent launch of four separate INTENSIVE full-time training programs for building emerging leaders in West Africa. These programs are being led by young men and women of God who are themselves being mentored and nurtured by mature believers.
- Pray for all our international teams who are learning how to trust God to meet their financial needs, as they learn to wean themselves away from reliance on help from the West.
- At the same time, pray that much more financial support will come from the West, from those who do have means to help these very needy servants of God in regions of the world in which daily income is only a few dollars per day for the people they are serving.

Least-reached/Maleu Church, Papua New Guinea – Todd & Karen Gerst

Prayers:

- Pray for the Maleu church to stand strong and be a light to those who have never heard and for the Elders and Deacons as they lead the Church.
- Pray for the other Maleu Villages that someone would go and tell them about God's saving Grace.
- Pray for Kewaka (Maleu Elder) and family as they travel and help equip other nationals in PNG.

Praise:

- Praise the Lord for how He continues to work mightily in and through the Gie/Aimola church.

- Praise the Lord that it has grown very large as new people have heard and understood the Gospel! Please pray for the leaders and their families as they minister there in the midst of all the growing pains.
- Praise the Lord for all the families willing to leave their homes to continue spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Least-reached/Pei Tribe, Papua New Guinea – Chris & Evie Jones

The Joneses (along with their teammates) serve amongst the Pei people group of Papua New Guinea. Their goal is to plant a thriving church eventually led by the Pei people.

Prayers:

- Pray for the baby church here in Pei Village. It consists of up to 15 faithful men, women, and children. The church was born in the summer of 2020.
- For the three believing men (Le, Philip and Beni) to set the things of this world aside (fear of people, love of money, lack of love and leadership towards women and children, freedom to not work and living off others) and come to the teaching faithfully and humble themselves!
- Pray for the young teens (Leggi, Emeleda, and Melisen) that are starting to help us lead the kids Bible class on Wednesday afternoons. We want them to take on the teaching and lead fully!
- Pray for the kids attending (most of their parents have rejected the Gospel).

Praise:

- Praise God for how He provides for our true daily needs, from our solar-run homes to the cargo supplies for food and medicine!
- Praise God for our coworkers returning after a yearlong furlough (Joneses, Candace Swift, Rees Family). Now we have three units working!

Media 7, Albania and Kosovo – Leda Shelburne

Prayers:

- Please continue to pray for Shayne's health. He is continuing with dialysis. On the first week of October the doctor will have more examinations and blood work done.
- We need a teacher for Andy. Please pray that the Lord will provide a teacher.
- Please pray for financial provision for our radio ministry in Albania, Kosovo, and Macedonia. We had some funding cuts this summer.
- Please pray for the pastors' conference we are organizing October 9 and 10. The conference is in partnership with In Touch Ministries, the teaching ministries of Dr. Charles Stanley.
- We have a medical outreach in one Muslim village. Please pray for open hearts for all people who will come to have their eyes checked and get eyeglasses.
- Leda will be traveling with media teams in Kosovo, Macedonia, and a few cities in Albania in the second and third week of October. Please pray for a fruitful trip. We are recording stories of listener's impacted by our ministry.

Praises:

- Thank you for praying for Andy. He has been 1 year free from seizures. We thank God for His healing power.

Oasis Nuevas Fuerzas, Costa Rica (formerly Life Impact Ministries, Costa Rica) **– Ben & Krista Balke**

Prayers:

- Please pray for patience, wisdom and finances for our urgent home maintenance projects currently happening around the property. We've had many burst water pipes that have cause excessive damage, and it is a big job to fix.
- Pray for all our children that "He who began a good work in [them] will carry it on to completion"(Phil 1:6), and specifically, for good friendships and boldness for Jael and Isaac in their public high school. Pray for encouragement and spiritual direction for Josiah living in the States.
- Pray for our small home church, for direction and encouragement for our pastor and the church leadership.

Praises:

- Praise God that our last few ministry retreats with local Christian leaders went really well! The Lord encouraged the leaders and strengthened them in their callings and personal lives. They returned with "new strength" from the Lord to continue well in their ministries.
- We were able to find and hire someone to tackle our large and urgent maintenance projects at the Oasis! Praise God! Work has begun!

Pastor W S, Asia

Prayers:

- Please pray for the many new Muslim background believers during this time of unrest and persecution in our country. Pray that they hold fast to their faith!
- Please pray for the many new refugee families who are Christian and/or have worked for the US, as they are now being deported from our country. May they be protected from those who oppose them, and may they have the courage and opportunities to share their faith.
- Please pray for continued prayer and financial support. The Ministry needs a van.

Praises:

- Thank God for the love, kindness and support of WCC.
- Praise God for the Muslim scholar who recently placed his faith in Christ.
- Praise God that our family is healthy, and my wife's foot is healing.
- Praise God for the "His Story" seminar for pastors and church leaders that was held October 4-5! The response was enthusiastic and other churches in the area are asking for a similar seminar to be held!

Scripture Union, Uganda – Beth Baleke & Samuel Turyahikayo

From Beth Baleke:

Prayers:

- Please pray for successful SU organized children and youth camps taking place across the country from December 6th – 18th.
- Continue to pray for Dickens Zziwa in his new role as Beth Beleke's replacement in the Missionary docket to South Sudan, Tanzania, and Ethiopia and also for Beth Baleke as she launches into uncharted waters of Bridge Builders.

- Pray for effective discipleship and follow-up of 67, 463 children, youth, and adults who committed their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior during the SU Uganda Schools mission outreach in June 2024.
- Pray for a successful production of the SU Uganda 2025 devotional guides due to come out in November and December.

Praises:

- Thank God for a successful SU Uganda staff planning retreat for 2025.
- Thank God for all our wonderful supporters and Partners who have walked with us through the years until now.
- Thanks God for all the SU Uganda staff and volunteers for their labor of love in the Lord's Kingdom as they evangelize and disciple children and youth in our nation.

From Samuel Turyahikayo:

Prayers:

- Please pray for successful SU organized children and youth camps taking place from 23rd – 30th August 2024.
- Pray for Dickens Zziwa who is stepping in his new role as Beth Baleke's replacement in the Missionary docket to South Sudan, Tanzania, and Ethiopia and also for Beth Baleke as she launches into uncharted waters of Bridge Builders.
- Pray for effective discipleship and follow-up of 67,463 children, youth and adults who committed their lives to the LORD Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour during the SU Uganda schools mission outreach.

Praises:

- Thank God for Beth Baleke's Ministry trip to SU Ministry partners, friends, and supporters in North America (Canada & the USA).
- Thank God for the successful SU Club Patrons' Conference that took place on 27th July 2024.
- Thank God for on-going Ministry partnership program that SU Uganda has established with Teach Every Nation which seeks to disciple young people through a wonderful resource called "Bible School on the Wheels".

World Compassion Network, Honduras/ Worldwide – Josh Grill (Sandy Hatcher)

Prayers:

- Pray that God will use us mightily in 2024.
- Pray that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit, but especially concerning out disaster relief responses and mission trips.
- Pray that God will provide funds for a newer pick up.

Praises:

- Praise God for all that he did throughout the year. We were able to respond to many disasters, give the local church in those disaster areas tools to be used in Outreach for ministry.
- Praise for the support that God is doing in Honduras, between building homes, kitchens, putting wells in and seeing so many being blessed by the church.

2nd Mile Missions, Dominican Republic – Mason McIntyre, Lisa Harstine, Sue Vercauteren, Eduardo Castillo (County Director) and Founders: Rod and Nancy Wildman

Prayers:

- **New Soccer Program in Monte Verde!** Please continue to pray for Roger Steevenson, one of 2nd Mile Missions' past students at 2nd Mile Education Center who has remained a dear friend to many of us who know him. He has started a soccer program for kids in the village of Monte Verde where a lot of our afternoon students live. Roger said that he started this program because Monte Verde is where it all began for him, and he wanted to return and give back to the community. Please pray over him as he leads this program for kids. Pray for him to remain strong in his faith as he tries to be a role model to these impressionable young boys.
- **Connecting Sponsors with new Students.** Please continue to be in prayer for Brooke Price, our Sponsorship Director. The process of connecting sponsors who need new students to the children who are not sponsored yet is quite the lengthy task. Her goal is to have each sponsor's updated student information card mailed to them by the first full week in November. Continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide her in making new connections with sponsors to the students God has for them.
- **Awareness Trip to the DR:** November 12 - 17, Sue will be leading a small group of people down to the Dominican Republic to experience all that God is doing through the ministry of 2nd Mile Missions in Friusa. Please be in prayer for her as she, along Kirk, Eduardo, Odelice, Gisselle and other DR staff members, will be sharing about the ministry of 2nd Mile Missions and providing opportunities for the team to serve and experience how God is at work in the DR. Please be in prayer over those who are coming. Pray for safety in travel, for spiritual growth in the team members and an open heart to what God may be calling them to in their own lives when they return home. Please also pray that the team can be an encouragement to those we minister to and walk alongside with.
- **Miles for 2nd Mile:** We have two supporters, who are well known amongst 2nd Mile Missions, lacing up their running shoes to run in the Indianapolis Monumental Marathon on November 9th to raise support and awareness for 2nd Mile Missions. Cale Villarson, a former student of 2nd Mile Missions, who personally experienced the transformative power of education firsthand and later worked for the organization; and Matthew Harstine (Lisa's son), who met Cale on one of our Awareness Trips to the DR and then roomed with Cale when he first came to Indiana last year. Please pray over their fundraising efforts and the training they are undergoing to accomplish their goals! We love seeing these two young men give back and work hard for something they believe can make a difference in the lives of others!

Praises:

- Thank you for praying over October's trip with Wildman Inc. The trip went very well! Continue to pray for those who went on this trip that they would follow God's leading for any next steps He may have for them.

- Praise the Lord for a few more morning student enrollments! We had 95 and were hoping for 110. By the deadline of October 15th, we ended up with 99 students! Your prayers were and continue to be a blessing! Praise God for all He does and continues to do for the least of these!

Here at WCC

Prayers:

- Pray for our current missionary candidates who are in our “equipping pipeline” as they study and gain experience — the Vaughns, the Schneidewents, and the Murphys.
- Please pray that God will prompt more members of our church body to financially partner with specific WCC missionaries and missionaries in training.
- Pray that each member of our church, from Sonlight to our senior citizens, understands their role in God’s Story.

Praise:

- Praise God for a great 2024 Wayumi Retreat experience! Please pray that those who attended remain excited and motivated about the truths they learned about the role of the church in The Great Commission. Praise God for WCC’s faithful Missions Pit Crews! They are a vital bridge between our partners and the love and care our church can afford.
- Praise God for more reports of the effectiveness of the various translations of His Story: the Rescue we have sent out. God is using all of us through this tool! We are in talks about starting an Albanian translation!