

## **Latest Mission Partner Updates – March 2025**

### **ACTS, Haiti – Clark Shepherd**

#### **Prayers:**

- Pray for our students and families in Haiti.
- Pray for Samson's ACTS church food program, His Story program and the community.
- Pray for our home building project in Colombia and the pastors we partner with in this ministry.

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

#### **Prayers:**

- Pray for our efforts to promote in-person fellowship across Iran.
- Pray for many new fellowships to start this year.
- Pray for God to protect these fellowships and powerfully work in the hearts of those who gather so the church would continue to flourish and grow.

#### **Praises:**

- Praise God for the amazing holiday vacation in the Philippines with lots of family time!

### **Encompass World Partners, France – Rob and Nichole Plaster**

#### **Prayers:**

- Pray for our Angel Tree project as we adopted a family in need whose teen is a part of our teen group.
- Pray for a restful vacation in the States with family over Christmas.
- Pray that we will be able to give out twice the Bibles this year compared to last.
- Pray for more people to start reading the Bible with us.
- Pray for our support need to be met. We need 17 people giving \$100 a month.

#### **Praises:**

- Praise God for our Thanksgiving event where we were over 70! Many people were touched, and we had great conversations!
- Praise God for Marco who is reading his Bible daily and growing spiritually at an amazing rate!

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

#### **Prayers:**

- Please pray for a Short-term Teams initiative that I'm trying to start in order to promote opportunities for guests to come and server short-term but then go back to their home countries equipped and educated to be advocates for our need for more laborers.
- Pray that there will be an openness to implementing **strategies for field-wide personal reflection** and consistent **center-wide prayer time** and then wisdom to carry them out.
- Please pray for the Ladies Debriefing Retreat I have coming up February 21-25. It's been a year since I've facilitated a retreat, and stepping back into it feels slightly overwhelming. Please pray

for the ladies to hear from the Lord in the time and be encouraged in all aspects of their ministry and family life.

- Pray for the development of the Encounter Trip to PNG in September, that we could work out all the details with the Lord's wisdom and discernment.

**Praises:**

- Praise God for how He continues to build His church here in Papua New Guinea:
  - The team in Kovol held a literacy kick-off.
  - The Wabuku people were taught through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, and we have more brothers and sisters in Christ from that people group.
  - A new team chose an unfinished work to move into and restart with aim of a thriving church being established.
  - Many national churches are carrying the message of the Gospel to neighboring villages.

### **Ethnos360 Training – Dan & Madison Murphy**

**Prayers:**

- Please pray for us to finish strong in our last semester at Ethnos360 Training Center. We graduate on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Pray for the unreached who have yet to know and believe the Gospel message.

**Praises:**

- Praise God that we received clarity on whether or not to take Linguistic and Off grid Tech post-graduate courses.
- Praise God and pray for Baby Murph!
- Praise God for a GREAT vision trip to Mexico and clarity in leading us to that field of service.

### **Kaleb and Ellie Scheidewent**

**Prayers:**

- Pray for us to finish school strong.
- Pray for our baby to be healthy and continue developing on track.
- Pray for Ellie to continue feeling well during her pregnancy.
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**Praises:**

- Praise God for our baby girl!
- Praise for us completing another session of classes!

### **Geoffery and Rachel Vaughn**

**Prayers:**

- Pray for the Youth Group lessons prep and balancing that with homework and other responsibilities.
- Pray for us in Phonetics class (it's challenging!).
- Pray for Geoffery as he teaches at Lighthouse March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Pray for effective planning for our Simple Living class in April.
- Pray for guidance in marriage/parenting.

**Praises:**

- Praise God preaching at ACF went well for Geoffery!
- Roman turned 1! We are praising the Lord for the gift of his life.
- Geoffery's mom got to spend the week with us during our Scratch Cooking. We made every meal from scratch this week. Praise God!
- Geoffery is getting conditioned and prepared for the 4 day Men's hike in March. Praise God!
- Praise God youth Group is going really well! Parents have been volunteering to make food.

**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 the two brothers that came to the clinic, one 11 years old and the other about 2 years old. They are so bonded— the older brother obviously takes care of the younger and he acts like a little man. He has carried the weight of the world on his young shoulders. When we asked him what we could pray about for him his response was, "My life is hard, I don't need God. What has he done for me?" Our hearts broke for him! We spent quite a bit of time with him, and he started crying. Our interpreter continued to tell him he can call upon the Lord and the Lord will be there for him. What he doesn't understand is the bond he and his younger brother have is God given. What a blessing in a difficult life that they have that.
- Please pray for Cristian and his family for safety. The gangs in Guatemala threaten businesses and extort money from them and can be very violent. They are being targeted and are taking precautions.

**Praises:**

- Our interpreters are awesome! These young ladies really stepped up as this was the first time they participated on a team like ours. They demonstrated maturity in the Lord and sincerity. Praise God for their fantastic job!
- We saw Cristina, Adonis, and the Demetrios family. Cristina is struggling with compression wounds, but praise God we were able to continue some treatment.
- Praise God Adonis is working and healthy. He is a miracle!

- We hired Demetrios family to take us across the lake for our clinic and therefore provided financially for the family. Praise God!

### **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 Kareen**

#### **Reyes**

#### **Prayers:**

- Pray for some needed resources: large print Bibles, a large speaker and tripod for church services, and materials to construct a fence around the community center in La Coroza where Roger and Kareen lead the Bible studies and church services.
- Pray for the women that attended the “Beautiful” conference in early February. Pray that the Spirit will encourage and empower the women who attended that teaching and make them a light to all those where they live, work, and play.
- Pray for new individuals and families that have been coming to the church services in Remolino.
- July 19 has been proposed as the preferred date for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Men’s Spiritual Retreat. Men from the communities that H&H serves are invited out to this weekend gathering where they learn about Jesus and what it means to be a Christ follower. Men from WCC assist with the planning and execution of this event. Pray for the planning/resourcing of this event and for all those who will join as attendees and leaders.

#### **Praises:**

- Praise God for the 4-day retreat in Tegucigalpa where H&H staff were able to reflect on all the accomplishments of 2024 and set clear goals for 2025. Pray that God will bless their efforts in the year ahead and encourage them through the challenges they will face.
- Praise God for the men’s and women’s growth groups meeting weekly in Remolino.
- Praise God for the ongoing men’s bible study group that in La Coroza.

### **iHouse – Jason and Lauren Hiatt**

#### **Prayers:**

- Please pray for an Afghan family living next to a very volatile family who has been causing a lot of chaos and violence in their neighborhood. One of the daughters of the Afghan family has had her hijab yanked off her head by the neighbors' children, and another daughter was punched in the face. The American family is not open to resolving the situation, even with iHouse intervening and trying to mediate. The Afghan family is scared and worried. We are seeking legal counsel to support our Afghan friends.
- Pray for iHouse staff as Ramadan is beginning soon. Please pray for dreams, visions, and questions to appear to our Muslim friends. Pray for capacity for our staff as we navigate loving our Muslim friends while they are fasting and sometimes very tired and low energy. We pray our relationships will grow closer, not strained, during this time.
- Pray for invitations to churches to learn more about what iHouse is doing in the city and how they can join us in welcoming our refugees well.
- Pray also that Jacob would finish the school year strong, that his students make good progress before Ramadan break, and for continued spiritual opportunities, especially during Ramadan.

**Praises:**

- Praise God for a healthy baby born to one of our Burmese friends! The mother has type 1 diabetes, so she required a lot of care and many appointments—but a healthy baby was delivered!
- Praise God for strong attendance at our English classes. Ladies are eager to join and are trying to keep their attendance steady
- One of our Zo young ladies won a Chin National Day pageant. We are so proud of her and her desire to keep her Zo culture alive as an American teen. Praise God!

**Kutoa Project, Kenya – Jason & Shae Brown**

**Prayers:**

- Please pray for our family as we are transitioning back into the states and are getting ready for our new arrival.
- Please pray for those that are coming to our event on March 3 to see the impact our community here is making over there.
- Please pray for our team as we go through transitions in some roles and bringing new faces on board to help cast our net of providing hope further in 2025.
- Please pray for all of you who have been with us in any capacity over the last decade.

**Praises:**

- Praise God for safe travel back from Kenya!
- Praise God for our celebration of 10 years of hope and healing with everyone!

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

**Prayers:**

- Pray for Jim's Bible-training materials for frontline leaders in the nations. Our new disciples building material (Discovering God Together) is now ready for experimental use on the front lines. This will be available to churches and church-planters for their labors in building healthy churches. Each of the segments (26 in all) uncovers core truth of the Christian Faith so it will stand out as supernatural and transformational in contrast to all the religions of the world. We

are nearing completion of a new discipleship training– a six-month journey in the core truths of Christianity for new believers all over the world. The training will have a three-fold use:

- for new disciples in a one-on-one relationship with a mentor
- for small groups in persecuted countries – in which these little gathering are turning into mature local churches
- for new churches that are being planted in Muslim regions, composed primarily of new Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) who have never heard Christian Truth accurately
- Pray for Jim’s work of writing. Another new project will be about God, the Almighty Creator.
- Pray for Jim’s return to Egypt, to work personally and directly with emerging leaders there, to answer questions about the Bible, Christian doctrines and ethics. This trip will be for 20 days – from February 21 through March 13. Pray for all the preparation and logistics for this mission – and for the transformation of those with whom we will be sharing.
- Jim’s work continues through virtual connection via secure platforms like Zoom, WhatsApp, Signal, and Thee-Ma. There are also other one-on-one mentoring opportunities with young people here in the US. Pray for fruitful ministry in these areas.

### **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 about the continuing work in the 99 Names Project– which has now be taken up by the Muslim Background Believers.
- 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 as they train tens of thousands of leaders, working with hundreds of ministries and movements. We continue to use sports and outdoor ministry for reaching and building youth.
- Pray for our presentation of the Alpha Version for building new disciples (Discovering God Together) for use all over China – especially in the context of the smaller house-groups. This material covers all the essential core truths of Christianity in 26 segments.

#### **Sub-Saharan Africa**

- Pray for our work in a number of Asian countries like Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, and Nepal. The work of building leaders continues as we work in cooperation with hundreds of local churches.
- Pray for our initiative In Africa (Cameroon, Nigeria, Uganda, Niger, etc.). We recently launched new training programs for youth.

### **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:**

- Pray for the many upcoming ministry retreats scheduled for March and beyond for missionaries and Christian leaders. Please pray that the Lord would meet them here and speak to their hearts, that He would use us despite our humanness, and that we would all be sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
- 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 and their wisdom to make big decisions they are facing.

**Praises:**

- The Holy Spirit's transformative work was definitely present in our last guest's debriefing retreat! During the week, the Lord constantly reminded her why she was here, and why it was important to carve out the time to invest in herself for the Kingdom. She said, "It felt like Jesus himself was physically present, walking me through the process of seeing different areas of my situation that God needed to redeem and renew." Praise God!
- We praise God for renewing our strength to be able to care well for these Christian leaders, even when we feel a bit overwhelmed or physically tired.
- Jael & Isaac are settling into the new school year. They are looking forward to their classes (for the most part) and happy to be back with their friends. Praise God!

**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**

- Please pray for Beth and Dickens as they prepare for a trip to North America, visiting various supporters and Donors through the USA and Canada.
- Please pray for the provision of a pick-up truck to aid Dickens in transportation, including serving the South Sudanese Refugees. In the past, I (Beth) used MAF Mission Aviation Flights, but this greatly limits carrying supplies to the Refugees, besides more than one person can travel along.
- Please pray for our Mission (Beth, Dickens, and Chris) as we seek to equip various school teachers with Christian values through the Values Education Curriculum
- Pray for wisdom as Beth, Dickens, and Chris distribute youth Bibles to various Christian entities and schools for the benefit of the needy who cannot afford one.

#### **SU Ethiopia Prayer Items.**

- Pray for peace and security in the North and Western parts of Ethiopia. Movement in some of these regions is dangerous hence making it very difficult for the SU staff to run ministry activities.
- Pray for the provision of office Equipment for the New SU Staff and Associates who will need to be facilitated to do their work easily.

#### **South Sudan Refugee Ministry Prayer Items:**

- Please pray against the extreme heat and high temperatures within the Refugee settlements in Northern Uganda where even some schools are forced to close prematurely because of the unbearable heat amidst the ongoing school term.

#### **South Sudan Prayer Needs**

- Pray for the provision of Motorbikes for the VOICE implementation in Juba town where transportation is so expensive.
- Pray for the production of Purity Values materials and training in Juba.

#### **Tanzania Prayer Needs**

- Pray for the desired process of printing Self-Control VEC (Values Education Curriculum) modules at all levels.
- Pray for SU Tanzania's various organized VOICE trainings in Arusha, Moshi, Dodoma and Dar-as-Salam.

#### **Praises:**

- Praise the LORD that Beth's daughter, Lisa, successfully went through her exams despite her struggle with colitis as she strives to complete her last year of university in Cyprus.
- Thank God for the continued provision of resources for Beth, Dickens, and Chris as they serve in the Nations and refugee Camps amidst a very difficult and challenging season.

### **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.

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

**Prayers:**

- **Board of Directors and 2MM's Staff.** Please be in prayer over our board and staff during this time of planning for next steps for 2nd Mile Missions. We are seeking the Lord together and waiting on His timing to move forward with building Hope Academy High School. Pray that we listen to the Holy Spirit's direction. Pray also for patience as we wait on Him and for His provision when the timing is right to build. We need the Lord's guidance and direction every day! Pray for unity, perseverance and strength as we work together for the glory of God!
- **Please join us this month in praying this prayer:** Lord, please watch over and protect the students at both Hope Academy and 2nd Mile Education Center. We pray for their safety at both the schools and in their homes. We pray you will heal any current illnesses and prevent more from spreading to these sweet children. May their homes and classrooms be places of safety and refuge, both physically and spiritually. We lift up the teachers and staff and all the families caring for the students. Be near to them and pour your gracious blessings over them all. Amen!
- **March 2025 Awareness Trip.** Sue is leading a team to the DR from March 18th - 23rd. Pray for the team as they prepare their hearts for what God has for them during this trip. Pray over the planning of all the trip details and that we'll be listening to what the Lord is saying and follow through with His direction. We want God in the details for He is the one who has called each person to go! Pray for safe travels and for the trip to be impactful for both those who are going and those on the field in the DR.

**Praises:**

- Praise the Lord for Odelice's smooth transition back as interim principal/director of Hope Academy! Please continue to pray as we search for a new principal for next school year.
- We thank the Lord for the little church in Monte Verde (Haitian refugee village) and for Pastor Elvis who shepherds those who attend there. We are thankful for the beacon of Hope they bring to their community! We continue to pray the Lord sustains them and grows their congregation both in spiritual depth and numbers!
- 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.

### **Praises:**

- 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!