

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

### **ACTS, Haiti – Clark Shepherd**

#### **Prayers:**

- Pray for our church plant in Haiti with Samson. Pray for his encouragement as we meet the many physical and spiritual needs of families in Haiti all for the glory of God.
- Pray for our Colombia ministry for school supplies and water filtration programs for families.
- Please pray for Clark, Mary Kay, and ACTS ministry as they are walking by faith to focus on Jesus and who He is in every step of every day.

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

#### **Prayers:**

- Elam Ministries is praying to plant many house fellowships in the Iran region in 2025. To accomplish this, we are further praying to:
  - Flood the nation with Scriptures
  - Provide every new believer with an opportunity for meaningful discipleship
  - Empower thousands to host in-person fellowships all across the region
- Pray for those affected by the explosion in the Iranian port city of Bandar Abbas (dozens perished, 1,000+ injured).
- Pray for pregnant ladies in the area because the gases from the explosion were very bad.
- Pray the light of the Gospel to shine during times of challenge.
- Pray for a “Jesus Revolution” not just in the Persian-speaking world, but the whole world.

### **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:**

- Pray for wisdom on how to spend my time while I’m home.

- Pray for open doors to holding a ladies' retreat in the Islands region in the fall when I return, if it would be a beneficial time for those who have expressed interest
- Pray for the Encounter trip, the short-term exposure trip to PNG happening in September, and pray for wisdom as to how I can be a help in making it effective.

**Praises:**

- Praise the Lord that the success of the Ladies' debriefing retreat.
- Praise God for the Sharpe family for the blessing they've been in my life for the last year and a half. Pray for my heart in some hard goodbyes, as they will not be returning.
- Praise God for His provision, that I can come home each year. Please pray for smooth travel and the transition from one country and home to another.

### **Ethnos360/Mexico – Dan & Madison Murphy**

**Prayers:**

- Pray for continued growth and development of Baby Murph. We both have been fully enjoying all the baby kicks and movements. We are in awe of God as our Creator and witnessing the whole process of creating a life!
- Pray for us both as we kick off our Linguistics Post-graduate Course. Pray that we can continue to have a healthy life balance and rejoice in the Lord even on the hard days.
- Pray for Dan as he finishes his sermon prep and travels to Indiana this weekend to preach at our sending church.

**Praises:**

- Praise God that we are done with all our assignments and are waiting our graduation ceremony next weekend! We are so excited that dear family, friends and supporters from Indiana, Illinois, South Carolina, and Missouri will surround us in celebration and love! Please pray for everyone's safe travels to Missouri for our time together.

### **Ethnos360 Training - 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!

### **Ethnos360 Training - Geoffery and Rachel Vaughn**

**Prayers:**

- Pray for our final preparations for our Simple Living class, starting April 14<sup>th</sup>.

- Pray as we plan to spend 4-6 weeks in Warsaw this summer—logistics on where to stay and ministry partnership development.
- Pray as we balance Youth Group lesson prep, homework, and other responsibilities.
- Pray for our Polish language helper. She is not a believer.
- Pray for guidance in marriage/parenting.

**Praises:**

- Praise God Geoffery's Men's Hike went well as well as his Lighthouse teaching!
- Praise God for the wonderful time Rachel had at the ladies' retreat!
- Praise God for His provision this month and warm weather!

### **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:**

- Pray that plans for the 2025-2026 program season at iHouse will be well-received by volunteers and internationals as we make well-thought-through changes to our programming.
- Pray for the Weekend Healing Group for peace, joy, and growth for the staff leading and the participants attending as we learn about and explore joy-building, trauma-informed discipleship.
- Pray for a Muslim woman who has had a lot of loss and trauma in her life has to return for follow-up testing after an abnormal mammogram. Prayers for healing and spiritual conversations to continue.
- Pray for a faithful volunteer's healthy delivery of her baby in May. Pray as well for a joyous welcome to the family for their baby girl.
- A volunteer had surgery, which resulted in further medical problems when his blood did not clot. Prayers for continued healing mercies as he recovers from a very difficult situation that was unexpected during the surgery.
- A staff member is asking for prayers for her niece and her family regarding an incident at school that was very upsetting.
- Pray for several of our Afghan families in dire need of housing. One has to be out their home ASAP. The landlord is selling the home. Another family needs to move because of ongoing neighborhood conflict.

**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:**

- Pray for our team— the demand for our services continues to grow and stretch our team.
- Pray for the continued growth of our team and to meet the needs of those we serve. We have seen much demand for our work with young adults, young mothers, and the youth we support through our programs.
- Pray for wisdom and grace as we transition into a new season for Kutoa Project, as we enter another season of growth to meet the demands of those we serve.
- Pray for others to participate in the ministry by seeing our teams work and impact firsthand in Kenya.

**Praises:**

- We welcomed Charlotte, our newest addition to the family. She is doing well, and we are excited to start this journey as a family of four.
- We are so thankful for the support we received from our missions team and church community throughout the pregnancy and afterward. It is a blessing to have such a strong village.
- All our team members in Kenya are doing an amazing job of impacting the community with our Young Adults and Young Mothers programs.

## **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 pray that the Albanian and Kosovo government will guarantee the freedom of religion and will not threaten our broadcast. In 2024, we received constant threats to limit our broadcast.
- Please pray for financial provision for our new television studio in Kosovo.
- Please pray for our listeners who are suffering for their faith.
- Please pray for protection for our staff and facilities.

**Praises:**

- Praise for new training opportunities for our staff and volunteers.
- Praise for our new our new local leaders that are joining our broadcast with new and fresh ideas.
- Praise God for an amazing time at NRB Convention in February. We are thankful for all our partner ministries and the new partnerships that started last month!
- Praise for the protection and provisions that God has provided so that we may continue our ministry.

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

**Prayers:**

- Pray for the many upcoming ministry retreats scheduled for May. We have three debriefing retreats this month. 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.
- Please pray for our church situation. We've had some big changes and things are a bit unsteady now, and we need wisdom on how to move forward.

**Praises:**

- The Missions Conference in Panama was a wonderful experience! We were able to make many great connections and are praying for the continued work of Latin American missions to grow throughout the world!
- What a blessing to have a front row seat to the work the Lord is doing in the lives of our ministry guests through their retreat times! "I feel valued!", "What an opportunity and a privilege!", "I feel heard and validated!", "I can truly feel the love of the Father!"—these are just some of the comments we've heard in the past few weeks! Praise the Lord for this and for the part WCC plays in these retreats as well!

**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!

**Pioneers-Drew and Mallory Nieveen**

**Prayers:**

- Pray for increasing love, joy and peace in all we do.
- Pray for the salvation of those we are sharing with
- Pray for greater connection with scattered believers

**Praises:**

- Praise God for deepening relationships with fellow believers!
- Praise God for favor with locals as we share the gospel!
- Praise God for our progress in language study!

**Scripture Union, Uganda – From Samuel Turyahikayo (Beth Baleke, Dickens Zziwa Ssenjonjo, and Chris Mugweri):**

- Pray for good rounding up of visit Beth and Dickens and successful ministry orientation with Global Outreach
- Pray for protection upon Chris and the team traversing the Refugee camps in this season.
- Pray for laborers to fill the great opportunity the Tanzania Government has opened for us to place Bibles in schools and to teach VALUES in all the schools across the nation!
- Pray for Lisa Baleke to graduate and to attend YWAM after!
- Pray for the success of our May children and youth happening in three locations starting 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Samuel)
- Pray for Scripture Union Uganda staff and volunteers for safety on the roads as they travel to do ministry in schools (Samuel)
- Pray for provision for new vehicles for Scripture Union Uganda as the existing ones are becoming costly to maintain due to age. (Samuel)

**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 God for favor and reception by supporters over Beth's and Dickens' trip!
- Praise God for Chris running Easter activities and upcoming trip to the South Sudanese Refugee camps to train leaders and deliver Bibles!
- Praise the Lord for financial provision for the month of April and for the protection of our teams on the road as they travel to the field!

**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:**

- Monte Verde, a village where many of our students and their families live, has been destroyed by the DR's Ministry of Immigration, alongside police and military forces who are trying to locate and deport undocumented individuals. Prayers and support are desperately needed. Please go

to this site to learn more! <https://mailchi.mp/2ndmilemissions/awareness-trip-13878755?e=ba07c991b8>

**Praises:**

- Praise the Lord for a great Awareness Trip! We were able to share the Easter Story/Gospel with many children on this trip! It was such a privilege to be with this group and watch how God used them to be a blessing to the staff and children of the 2MM's schools! Thank you for praying!
- 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!