

Latest Mission Partner Updates – July 2025

ACTS, Haiti – Clark Shepherd

Prayers:

- Pray for our Summer missions team traveling to Colombia in July. We have a group that has the desire to share the hope of Jesus and serve in His name.
- Pray for our upcoming 5K and 10K runs on July 12th in Warsaw, IN. This event enables our mission to raise resources to do projects locally and internationally. Participation is needed.
- Please pray for Samson and the ACTS church and schools in Haiti. God continues to be faithful and gives strength to our brother Samson.

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

Prayers:

- Pray for the new fellowship of Mitra's (a Christian refugee in Europe who has been discipling remotely through Safar) relatives to grow in both maturity and size.
- Pray for Mitra's continued flourishing in Christ, and for her church in Europe to be inspired and encouraged by her witness.
- Pray for our work to mobilize, resource, and empower people like Mitra in Western churches.

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 continued processing and spiritual understanding of some of the discouragements and losses of this past year.
- Pray for God's work in Papua New Guinea to continue to move forward through upcoming first-time literacy courses in three different people group in in preparation for Bible teaching. Pray for protection over our missionary team and perseverance in the task.
- 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 for a lot of sweet time and the ability to present with those I love. I really have been so blessed in the past 8 weeks, and I'm grateful to still have 6 weeks left here!
- I've had several medical appointments, a procedure and a surgery and it seems like everything is moving forward in a positive direction. Praise God!
- Praise God for the time home of rest and healing, fellowship in two different Bible Studies, and the opportunity to grow in God's word.

Ethnos360/Mexico – Dan & Madison Murphy

Prayers:

- Pray for continued growth and development of Baby Murph. We just stepped into the 3rd trimester!
- 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. We finish up that course on June 13th.
- Pray for stamina as we balance relationships, preparations for the field, and getting ready for Baby Murph in August.
- Pray for new partnerships and opportunities to share about God's heart for México and our ministry plans. We are at 70% of our needed monthly support for the field and would love the rest of our financial partnerships to come from within the WCC body!
- Pray for the unreached peoples of México to have prepared hearts to hear and understand the Gospel message.

Praises:

- We are settled back into Warsaw and have been spending most of our time catching up with folks. We are grateful for every opportunity to deepen relationships while we are still Stateside.
- We are thankful for a great labor and delivery team for Baby Murph. Everything is looking healthy, and we only have one more month(ish) to go!

Ethnos360 Training - Kaleb and Ellie Scheidewent

Prayers:

- Pray for us to finish our last two Ethnos 360 Bible Institute classes strong.
- Pray for us to learn how to balance ministry, school and parenting.
- Pray for us as we see the Lord for our next steps.

Praises:

- Praise God we were able to walk at Graduation in May
- Praise God for Baby Margot being born May 26
- Praise God that both Ellie and Margot are healthy and doing well.

Ethnos360 Training - Geoffery and Rachel Vaughn

Prayers:

- Pray for upcoming meetings with potential partners.
- Pray that we can mobilize God's people through the meetings.
- Pray against fear in scheduling meetings and presenting our ministry.

Praises:

- Praise God for safe travels to Indiana!
- Praise God for a place to stay while we are here!
- Praise God for the encouraging meetings we've had since being back!

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 Cristian Del Cud. People have been threatening him, and his family has moved on.
- We are building the November team currently; pray for people being open to serve.
- Pray for leadership to be sensitive to the Holy Spirits leading and pray for the building of our Guatemalan partners as well.

Praises:

- Praise God for keeping Cristian and his family safe.

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:

- The Reyes/H&H Pit Crew will be helping Pastor Roger conduct a third annual Men's Retreat on July 19 & 20. The team from WCC will leave on July 15 and return on July 22. The retreat is focused on sharing the truth of Jesus, equipping men to become Christ-followers, and building personal relationships. The WCC team will serve as volunteer staff and as small group leaders. Pray for safety of the team and that the Spirit will use this event to draw more of these men to saving faith in Jesus.
- Roger's theme for 2025 is "the year of salvation". Continue to pray that the people of La Coroza and Remolino will respond to Roger's teaching in 2025 and accept the free gift of salvation in Jesus. Pray that those who have accepted Jesus would boldly share their faith with others.
- Pray for the children's Bible study classes in La Coroza that are being well-attended each week. Pray for Paty, David, and Lilian who have faithfully assisted with leading these classes.
- Pray for God to provide for all the financial needs of H&H and the Reyes family this year.

Praises:

- Roger and Karen's son Daniel who is graduating from high school this month. Pray for God to provide for his needs and give him wisdom in his next steps.
- 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 people in our community will seek God's wisdom and His truth when welcoming the foreigner among us.
- Pray for our volunteers and for our Haitian friends. There have been battles with recovering back pain, housing issues, and upcoming medical procedures.
- We are starting a GPA class for English learning. Pray that the women who attend not only learn to understand English better, but that they find moments of peace, joy, and love in the class.
- We have three more churches joining us to finish out the summer camp season. Pray that the children attending the camp hear from God and find peace at iHouse as they swim, play, hear noises from God's word, and enjoy meals with staff and volunteers.

Praises:

- One of our Haitian friends got a job, and he doesn't have to go back to the weekly cardiologist appointments!

- Praise God that an Afghan family found a house that they desperately needed.
- Praise God that the Afghan man who needed a job got a job this week!
- Praise God that the Afghan mother who was struggling to bring home another baby is doing much better!

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.

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!

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 Scripture Union Uganda staff and volunteers for safety on the roads as they travel to do ministry in schools during this schools' 2nd term
- Pray for provision for new vehicles for Scripture Union Uganda as the existing ones are becoming costly to maintain due to age.
- Pray for a successful Gospel outreach to 500 schools targeting 550,000 children, youth and teachers with the Gospel of Jesus Christ from 14th-29th June 2025. Pray for a great harvest of souls (resources needed: budget = \$18,362).

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 the successful May children and youth camps that took place.
- Praise God for the successful opening of the school 2nd term that runs from May 26th- August 22nd 2025.

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

Prayers:

- Pray that God will use us mightily in 2025.
- 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:

- **As summer break continues, we ask for your prayers over our teachers and students.** Pray that our teachers find true rest and renewal so they can return refreshed for another year of life-changing work in the schools of 2nd Mile Missions. Please also lift up our students, many of whom spend their summers in challenging environments. School is often a place of peace, safety, and love for them. Being away from that stability can be deeply difficult. Pray for the Lord's protection, provision, and presence to surround each child during these months. May they know they are seen, known, and deeply loved.
- **We're still prayerfully searching for a new Principal for Hope Academy for the 2025-2026 school year.** In the meantime, we are incredibly grateful that Odelice has graciously agreed to continue serving until a replacement is found. Would you join us in praying for this process? Pray for Caleb, Kirk, and Odelice as they seek the right person to lead with wisdom, compassion,

and a heart for our students. We believe God already knows who this leader will be—pray that we have ears to hear and hearts to follow His guidance every step of the way.

- **We invite you to join us in prayer over the new leadership of 2nd Mile Missions.** As Caleb France steps into the role of CEO and Kirk Burnett leads as Country Director, pray that they would seek the Lord's wisdom and direction in every decision. Lift up our dedicated staff in both the U.S. and the Dominican Republic as we walk through this season of transition together. Please also pray for our Board of Directors as they gather late in July to discern next steps for the ministry. Above all, pray that we would remain united in our dependence on God—looking to Him and not ourselves—as we navigate the road ahead.

Praises:

- **Praise the Lord—though the village of Monte Verde was physically destroyed, its community lives on.** At one point, over 150 of our students were missing from school. By God's grace, that number has dropped to just 11 by the end of the school year. Families have found temporary shelter, though many are still searching for a permanent place to call home. We continue to support those most in need with food boxes, and the church that once met in Monte Verde now gathers at Pastor Elvis' home. The body of Christ endures—and so does hope. What the enemy intended for harm, God is redeeming. Please continue to pray for provision, healing, and restoration for these families and for the community we love and serve.
- Praise God for all He does and continues to do for the least of these!

Here at WCC

Prayers:

- Pray that each member of our church, from Sonlight to our senior citizens, understands their role in God's Story. Pray for our brothers and sisters who amid the unrest all around the world
- Pray for our upcoming Wayumi trip, October 24-26, for people to attend and to see their role in God's story.
- Pray that each member of our church, from Sonlight to our senior citizens, understands their role in God's Story.

Praises:

- 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!