



College Church

Proclaiming the Gospel

PRAYER GUIDE AUGUST 2024

1 PRAY FOR: Director of Administration and Finance **Nancy Singer**—praise God for the successful completion of the Sanctuary painting project; thank God for the positive response to the pray, give, act components of the Gospel Now Project; praise God for continued, strong financial support for the ministry/missions budget for the church.

2 PRAY FOR: Janet, SAFE, U.S. based—Janet as she serves with SAFE; MKs beginning college during these challenging days on campuses in the U.S.; wisdom as Janet provides help and support to families in transition this summer.

3 PRAY FOR: Ongoing health needs: Rich Barrie, Brian Bauer, Bert Bunn, Sal Cirrincione, Shawn DeMoss, Jean Dusek, Doug Dykema, Barb Elsenheimer, Tyler Ferguson, Sheri Fuller, Kristin Garrett, Rob Gibson, Anna Gunther, Karen Hopson, Brian Smidesang, Nancy Tally, Seth Walter, Nancy Weckler. **Missionary health needs:** Jan and Nan Green (retired), Marjorie Okoro, Muriel Stilwell (retired). **Bill** and **Laurie Stough**, AIM, Uganda—rain, especially with significant drought in places; positive interaction on a trip to DR Congo, now through August 14; the trip's focus on FGW extension and discipleship of the four CECA church trainers; good health, stamina and safety while traveling in Uganda, DR Congo and South Sudan as the Lord leads.

4 PRAY FOR: Technology Director **Tim Hollinger**, Digital Manager **Tony Visconti** and AV Managers **Joseph Abdelmelek** and **Shelton Thompson**—protection of our systems and data against hackers and global IT events; direction and good stewardship for needed AV upgrades and new Crossings installations;

thank God for, and pray for, tech staff: Tim, Tony, Joseph and Shelton. **Ben** and **Mandy Pehrson**, WBT, Papua New Guinea—the staffing needs in their school and aviation departments; the Galatians Bible study workshop and participants to share what they learn in their home villages; Ben as he works with a group of Papua New Guinean translators and advisor trainees to learn how to advisor check their colleagues' work accurately.

5 PRAY FOR: The Board of Deacons and Chair **Bruce Bonga**, **Steve** and **Lois Krogh**, TLI, U.S. based—the two-week class on 1 John at a church-based seminary in South Asia; safety, in light of persecution of believers there, the class to run without interruption; Steve as he prepares his teaching materials for the class; wisdom about a new school site that is under consideration. **John** and **Elsa Maust**, MAI (2), U.S. based—the Lord's guidance and strength in the continuing preparations for LittWorld, Nov. 3-8, in Mexico; visas and scholarship assistance for Christian publishers and writers needing them to attend; MAI's leadership transition as John retires in November after LittWorld; thank God for healing of Elsa's problem with double vision.

6 PRAY FOR: The Board of Deaconesses and Chair **Ann Lawrenz**—and vice-chair, Julie Busted and secretary, Libby Newton; the deaconesses to stir up one another to love and good works by the spirit of God and for his glory; the board to reflect Christ's love as they meet various needs of the church body. **Phil Smith**, FLI, U.S. based—the significant roles that need to be filled including a regional director and a children's home director in Asia; God to direct the right people to these roles that require experience and wisdom in working with those who have experienced trauma and abandonment; the necessary funding for these positions; young people to find healing and hope through Jesus. **Bolivian Bible Seminary (BBS)**, Cochabamba, Bolivia. **STARS Disability Ministries**, Sunday morning 9:30 supt. **Dorothy Nicholson** and 11:00 supt. **Nathaniel Strauch**—the volunteers as they help the STARS discover more about Jesus.

7 PRAY FOR: **Norm** and **Cathy Beasley**, WBT, U.S. based—Norm and his team and their busy training schedule this year for various organizations; Norm as he develops training tools for their co-workers around the world to keep them as safe as possible as they share the gospel in the risky places; additional financial partners as several of their faithful partners have gone to heaven recently. Director of Disability Ministries (STARS) **Julie Clemens**, ministry associates for Disability Ministries **Kristin Visconti**, **Christine Williams**, admin assistant for Disability Ministries, **Kim Jimenez** and **volunteers**.

8 PRAY FOR: STARS Family Services (SFS), living arrangements and services and board chair **Tony DiLeonardi** and board members—the art auction to raise both funds and awareness for SFS. **Jonathan** and **Amy Harris**, OM, Wales—Grace International’s growing outreach ministry; the family Olympics on August 10; two Muslim men A & H who are examining the Scriptures with Jonathan; Amy and him, in the midst of ministry work, to maintain and deepen their relationship with the Lord, with each other and with others close to them; their adult children Emily, Bethan and Joshua. **Stanley** and **Marjorie Okoro**, GEM, France—bold decisions to follow Christ in Tourcoing especially Kevin who is in rehab this summer; their friend Lucia as she reads the Bible with her kids, that they would be captivated by the gospel; a launch of a regular Bible story time for kids in in September.

9 PRAY FOR: Facility Director **Howard Kern**, Asst. Manager **Paul Ross** and staff—the safety of the facilities staff; their walks with the Lord to continue to grow stronger every day. **Isaac** and **Jennifer Stough**, YFC, Spain—repairs to their brand-new car after damage after a hit-and-run in a parking lot; God to have someone find and return Jen’s engagement ring she lost while at the beach with Loyal; thank God for a great babysitter for Loyal; them to be healthy and happy.

10 PRAY FOR: World Relief Corp., DuPage/Aurora. **David** and **Majka** GEM, Europe—wisdom as they meet with international students in Vienna who desire to learn more about Christianity; the discipleship process they are initiating with young believers in a Bratislava neighborhood; the four GEM interns serving with them this summer as they process all God is teaching them.

11 PRAY FOR: Daniel and **Julie**, Southeast Asia—their sons’ relationship with Christ to deepen each day; them to learn the power of prayer in amazing and real ways. **Robert** and **Laurie**, OMF, U.S. based—their small team and its prep for new school year activities to welcome returning and new students to campus; God to lead them to students with open hearts who want to join the new Bible studies in the fall.

12 PRAY FOR: Keenagers and its president, **Charles Welander**—praise God for Keenager chefs Diane DiLeonardi and Debbie Hollinger, who return for another year of “award winning” menus; Keenagers to encourage seniors, be filled with zeal for the gospel and await with joy for our blessed hope. **Jamie** and **Kim Viands**, Africa International University, Kenya—Jamie and his recent appointment

to oversee the school's Bachelors and Diploma of Theology programs with their 200 students; Kim as she organizes a thriving homeschool co-op and ministers to children on campus; their children to cling to Christ.

13 PRAY FOR: Retired missionaries: **Jim and Nan Green, Austin and Margrit, Chuck and Anita Howard, Norm and Sue Kapp, Muriel Stilwell, Bill and Ruth Stough, Gene Taylor, Roger Walkwitz, Bob and Carol Wenninger. T. and R.**, MENA—repairs on their old car after an accident en route to their new country; a decent price when they sell it; praise God there were no injuries in the accident; the right people to join the theological training program that they will be supporting; strong relationships of trust between the members and their mentors.

14 PRAY FOR: **Jeff and Irene**, Southeast Asia—Irene as she works on her online master's degree in clinical counseling at Columbia International University in order to do ministry with Third Culture Kids and missionaries; praise God for Jeff's language helpers' daughter living with them for a few months to learn English and also helping Jeff with conversation practice in their target language to help him reach the goal of proficiency by July 2025. **Missionary Furlough Homes**, Wheaton.

15 PRAY FOR: **Susan Perlman**, JFJ, U.S. based. **Marcos and Mariana Romero**, Reach Beyond, U.S. based—Marco's new responsibility as a Spanish radio station's coordinator within World Radio Network of which KNOG is a part; him as he trains and implements guidelines with the Spanish radio personnel; protection of their equipment in Phoenix during heat waves; their health as they rebound from the flu.

16 PRAY FOR: **Odesa Theological Seminary**, Odesa, Ukraine—peace in Ukraine. **J and E**, MENA—Eden's feeding and development following her tongue tie surgery; rest and refreshment. **Emily**, East Africa—peace and joy during the transition to East Africa; the start of a new school year for her and her students; the packing and traveling process.

17 PRAY FOR: Treasurer **Ken Heulitt**, Financial Secretary **Eric Enstrom** and assistants. **Jeff and Ann VanDerMolen**, KA, Dominican Republic—safety and provision for their families over the summer break; praise God for the advances in student academics and behaviors; praise God for the chance for their ninth graders to serve at a partner ministry site.

18 PRAY FOR: the **fall launch** of Adult Communities, high school and middle school and Kids' Harbor this Sunday. **Tim** and **Carol Avery**, Pioneers, Kenya—Tim and Carol to abide in Christ and to lovingly and wisely teach, care for and discipline their daughters; wisdom for Tim and his Ekklesia Africa colleagues as they develop a series of locally-authored books; Tim to teach well in the local seminary as he finishes up a Hebrew class and a New Testament class this term. **Bangui Evangelical School of Theology**, Bangui, Central African Republic.

19 PRAY FOR: U.S. Supreme Court, Chief Justice **John Roberts** and the U.S. Judiciary—
"Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor." (Proverbs 21:21)

20 PRAY FOR: **Illinois Supreme Court** and **Illinois Judiciary**. **Kristen** (Eurasia)— the transition into motherhood to go smoothly and that she would be faithful to this new role; the refugees there, that their physical and spiritual needs would be met; wisdom to know how best to help their new Afghan believer friend "Sarah," whose unemployed and alcoholic husband beats her.

21 PRAY FOR: Illinois Governor **JB Pritzker** and his administration, including Lieutenant Governor **Juliana Stratton**. **Steve** and **Lois Dresselhaus**, TEAM, Mexico—funds for a small SUV that can transverse the roads they drive; praise that their friend Bertha's situation with her house and property is looking more hopeful; thank God that Steve's eye condition has improved.

22 PRAY FOR: Illinois State Senators **Laura Ellman** (Dist. 21), **Suzanne Glowiak Hilton** (Dist. 23) **Seth Lewis** (Dist. 24), **Doris Turner** (Dist. 48); Illinois State Representatives **Janet Yang Rohr** (Dist. 41), **Terra Costa Howard** (Dist. 42), **Jenn Ladisch Douglass** (Dist. 45), **Diane Blair-Sherlock** (Dist. 46), **Amy Grant** (Dist. 47), and **Maura Hirschauer** (Dist. 49). **Arab Baptist Theological Seminary**, Beirut, Lebanon—for faithful service in spite of the escalating threats in the Middle East region; that God's word would be at the heart of training students from all parts of the region.

23 PRAY FOR: Wheaton Mayor **Phil Seuss**, DuPage County Board Chair **Dan Cronin** and other local, school district and county officials. **J** and **L**, Southeast Asia— Myanmar as chaos and violence rage that the Lord would soften hearts and bring many to himself; J and L to be bold with the gospel; small groups to form in their area for Bible study with believers and non-believers.

24 PRAY FOR: Followers of Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism and Islam. Repeat Boutique, Wheaton. **Tim and Deanna Smith** (Missions Associates) GEM, U.S. based. Area **college students** to find a home at College Church where they can be mentored and grow in Christ.

25 PRAY FOR: Asian Theological Seminary, Philippines. **Joe and Holly Greeson**, SEND, AK—thank God for their camp pilots: Nate, Jonathan, Noah, Angela, Hayley, Taylor and Patrick, who fly village kids to Bible camps and back home during the summer; Joe and Holly as they live out of suitcases for the next two or so months; praise God that their house in Alaska sold the same day they bought a house in Texas; their on-field and home service responsibilities as they have not yet retired.

26 PRAY FOR: JH and C, MENA— baby Annabelle “Ellie’s” continued health so that they can return to the field; the children and youth who attended their Arabic church’s summer retreat to trust Christ; relationships to be strengthened at the local gym that John attends; God to open doors to the houses of new acquaintances with whom he wants them to share Christ.

27 PRAY FOR: Heads of state in the Americas and the Pacific. Heads of state in Europe and Eurasia. Terri Miller, ReachGlobal, U.S. based—their fall leadership cohort for Europe team leaders as they consider “marriage leadership anxiety”; God to use this time to help them better understand themselves and others, and more effectively steward and serve; their daughter Claire as she leaves September 7 for two years of service with ReachGlobal in Paris; God to gift her with language abilities, relationships and opportunities to honor him; Terri’s personal preparations for Lausanne and effective use of this time of worship, learning, networking and fellowship.

28 PRAY FOR: Laurie, Asia—her 51-year-old Mongolian friend, an 87-year-old neighbor and a 32-year-old Tibetan student to know Jesus; the neighbor and student who have the Bible in their languages, but their hearts are hard; steady and faithful financial support from tithes and donations. The logistics for **Run for the STARS** to go smoothly; runners to register for race day on September 21.

29 PRAY FOR: Jeff and Tamara Hershberger, SEND, Japan—the Lord to enable their family to be refreshed with time with family, and for before Tamara and Lewis who returned to Tokyo mid-month; their mission, Niiza Team, as they continue to do

ministry in Tokyo; praise the Lord for providing housing and a vehicle during their home assignment.

30 PRAY FOR: Derek Wang, ministry associate for 20s Ministry—the fall kick off and worship this evening; a sweet time of worship, fellowship and teaching. **Those serving in the military:** Andrew Aldridge, David Curlin, David Elsen, Hannah English, Wesley Hanna, Oliver Hsu, Derek Johanik, Jake and Tiffany Johanik, Peter Johanik, Ben Lemp, Christopher Martis, Howard Mill, Rachel Patrick, Sarah Powell, John Stough, David Tebbe, Luca Warren, Douglas Yates.

31 PRAY FOR: Heads of state in Asia. **Elena Yin**, ECM, Africa—traveling mercies, strength, wisdom, time management, rest and joy in her new responsibilities; praise God for providing her this position at ECM where she can proclaim the gospel wherever she goes and use her skills in business administration.

MISSION ACRONYMS:

AIM—African Inland Mission

ECM—Every Child Ministries

FGW—Farming God's Way

FIL—First Love International

GEM—Greater Europe Mission

JFJ—Jews For Jesus

KA—Kids Alive

MAI—Media Associates
International

MENA—Middle East North
Africa

OM—Operation
Mobilization

OMF—OMF International

SAFE—Services in Asia for
Family Education

TEAM—The Evangelical
Alliance Mission

TLI—Training Leaders
International

WBT—Wycliffe Bible
Translators

YFC—Youth For Christ

PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:

WANDA POOR



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