

Proclaiming the Gospel

PRAYER GUIDE

JULY 2024

PRAY FOR: Senior Pastor Josh Moody and Executive Asst. to Senior Pastor Carolyn Litfin the Gospel Now project, for gospel progress in Wheaton and in our lives; the preaching of God's Word as it is distributed through media, radio and online via God Centered Life, that many would come to a deeper understanding of Christ and know him; the Moodys that they would have a good and refreshing family vacation time. Evangelism & Culture Impact Committee and chair Paige Cunningham—wisdom for the committee as it seeks to address cultural issues through the lens of the gospel. Caleb and Marisa Duttweiler, East Mountain, South Africa—their baby boy due today: health and the logistics of having a baby overseas; God's hand to be on the application and recruitment process for residents for their 2025 program.

PRAY FOR: Those experiencing grief or loss:Bruce and Allison Bonga, Beth Chase, family and friends of Alice Fitzwilliam, Jason Riek, Karen Riley, Nate Roe, Roger Walkwitz. **Kristiana Miller**, GEM Europe—great wisdom in preparing for GEM-K summer conference, and no important details would be overlooked; the hearts of staff and teens to be oriented toward God and his good work; peace of mind and heart as the pace of life picks up again.

3 PRAY FOR: Director of Children's Ministries Cheryce Berg, Ministry Associates for Children's Ministries Sarah Herr, Jennifer Miller and Karin Tuurie—the eleven Summer Crew events this month; children to hear the gospel and have fun; fall staffing and volunteers to come forward to serve in Kids' Harbor this school year. **Ongoing health needs:**

Rich Barrie, Brian Bauer, Bert Bunn, Sal Cirrincione, Shawn DeMoss, Carolyn Denning, Jean Dusek, Mary Duvel, Doug Dykema, Phil Dylhoff, Tyler Ferguson, Sheri Fuller, Kristin Garrett, Anna Gunter, Jan Kay, Brian Smidesang, Nancy Tally, Seth Walter, Nancy Weckler. **Missionary health needs:** Steve Dresselhaus, Jim and Nan Green (retired), Marjorie Okoro, Muriel Stilwell (retired).

PRAY FOR: Happy Fourth of July! The STARS and families as they march in Wheaton's parade; Admin. Assts. for Children's Ministries **Suzanne Shirley, Liz Stahler** and **Megan Stough**. **Joshua** and **Kara Dunckel,** ReachGlobal, Hungary—the Dunckels as they navigate a new immigration policy to renew their residence permits for Hungary; Joshua as he takes an organizationally required time of rest this summer; God to use this time of rest, reflection and realignment to deepen his love for God and his family; direction for the next season of ministry.

5 PRAY FOR: Midweek Evening Girls Program, Supt. Danika Kelly and leaders. Katherine, Middle East—praise God for her visit to the school and for the work of the teachers and the director; them to find a way to continue this project, logistically and financially; new team leaders as they meet and discern who should be invited to join their teams.

PRAY FOR: Midweek Evening Boys Program,
Supt. Terry Van Someren and staff. Victor and
Leslie Trautwein, KA, Dominican Republic—continued
passion and perseverance in the daily battles to help
vulnerable children; the Lord to grow the expertise
of national staff and send new missionaries for
communication, teaching and hosting roles; additional
child sponsors and general financial resources for
their life-changing ministries. Africa International
University, Nairobi, Kenya.

7 PRAY FOR: Nursery Supt. Suzy Yoder, Preschool Bible School Supt. Laura Swoboda and Preschool Children's Church Supt. Kristie Smalley—volunteers to come forward for the school year. Daniel and Charis—a debriefing and retreat for returning missionaries the last week of July and early August; short-term opportunities to travel back to where they had served.

PRAY FOR: Elementary Children's Church Supt.
Nancy Chase and Elementary Bible School Supt.
Christina Achziger and teachers—thank God for all the teachers who are returning to serve in the school year. Todd and Sue Kelly, TLI, U.S. based—the Lord to give them his Spirit and wisdom to carry out the

ministry; the people and financial resources they need to train pastors to exposit the Word and grow a movement of the Word in their countries; them to help and support good friends in an SE Asian country to bring training to some 200 pastors in a neighboring country; rest in God during a busy travel schedule, them to be a blessing to people the Lord places in their path.

PRAY FOR: John and **Esther Waldrop**, Asia—wisdom in making final preparations for their move to Manila this summer; provision for their remaining support needs, guidance and provision for their adult children and aging parents.

10 PRAY FOR: Women's Ministries—the July Share Your Gifts creative event this evening that celebrates God's beauty and creativity through floral arranging. Giles and Debbie Davis, SEND, Spain—rest and recovery from an intensely busy spring; the three youth camps Giles will speak at this summer, in the Canary Islands for adolescents, in Barcelona for young adult camp counselors and in Guadalajara for young adult short-term missionaries from all over Europe; God to give Giles the words to say to spur these youth to seek God will all their hearts; praise God for moving powerfully at the Mision Posible youth conference which Deb organized this April.

1 PRAY FOR: the new **ArtSpace show, Days & Nights of Light & Life**, that opens on July 14; thank God for these four artists who share their creative gifts with the church. **Rick** and **Janice McKinley**, MAI (1), U.S. based—their sports missions trip in August to Germany that Rick will lead, plus the trips this summer (15 total); praise God for recent mission trip to Brazil, where they learned that six teenage boys had trusted Christ after their trip a year ago; seeds that are planted through this year's trips; praise God for the Coaches on Mission conference in Charlotte, that Rick helped organize, with over 75 coaches participating; plans to expand the conference to the west coast next year; the coaches who attended would implement what they learned.

12 PRAY FOR: High School Pastor Baxter Helm, Pastoral Resident Matt Heaton, Ministry Associate for High School Katie Nussbaum—the summer discipleship groups for rising 10-12th graders; Joan (missions associate), Asia—safety as Joan travels in the U.S. this summer, in Wheaton through July 12 and then July 31 to August 15; Siwi to make good decisions and give her life to Isa, Jesus, Siwi's family to accept the Catholic young man she really likes.

- 13 PRAY FOR: Recording Secretary Carol Schick. Events Manager Charis Ellis and event coordinators Ruth Calderone, Alta Johnson, Danika Kelly and Marilyn Papierski and Olivia Johnson—Charis and her team as they assist people at weddings and other outside events.
- 14 PRAY FOR: Middle School Pastor Dan Hiben and adult leaders. Midweek Morning Children's Program and Supt. Suzanna Dickson—Suzanna in this newly elected role; plans for Kids Korner in the fall.
- PRAY FOR: The Mom2Mom park playdate 15 today; young moms to connect and encourage each other at this stage of parenting. Jim and Kathy Hansen, SIM, Bolivia—God's blessing on the Zoom Christian apologetics course for the Bolivian Bible Seminary missionary preparation program and the prospective Bolivian missionaries; Jim as he travels in August to Kenya for three weeks to do Bible training for Kenyan pastors; the pastors to grow in wisdom and spiritual knowledge; Kathy as she helps with vacation Bible school at their local church in Wisconsin, that children will come to know Christ as Savior. Tim Sattler, Fellowship of the Word, U.S. based—the funding needed to travel and the addition of new partners as Fellowship of the Word grows; praise God for the joy of lasting partnerships committed to expositional preaching and leadership development.
- PRAY FOR: College Pastor Ben Panner, Pastoral Resident Tate Fritz and Ministry Associate for College Liz Oster—the summer Bible study in the Book of Revelation; students to be transformed by the Word. Jeremy and Christy Otten, WV, Belgium—energy and time as they prepare to move to Germany; health for their family and God's blessing on the transition.
- 17 PRAY FOR: Bob and Becky Faber, SV, Bulgaria—wisdom as Bob and Becky navigate their commitments and seek to do each ministry well; praise God for faithful prayer partners around the world.

 Judy Blumhofer, Give Hope 2 Kids, Honduras—abundant opportunities to share the gospel through the summer activities they have planned; her permanent residency to be granted by the government and that the processes for the approval would be completed swiftly once it is granted.
- **18 PRAY FOR:** Service & Engagement Committee and chair **Katie Nussbaum**—the committee as it seeks to foster a culture of service in the church.

where we use our gifts to build up the body of Christ. Pastor of Worship and Music **Erik Dewar**, Ministry Associates for Music **Ruth Gregornik**, **Debbie Hollinger**, **Delena Ollila**, **H.E. Singley** and **Robin Wiper** and Admin. Asst. for Music **Lauren Fortosis**.

- 19 PRAY FOR: Matt and Lisa Befus, Mesa Global, Costa Rica—wisdom and patience and discernment for them, those they serve and those who supervise them as they move into their new role as regional leaders for United World Mission over Central America and the Caribbean. they would be attentive to God's leading as they seek to "equip servant leaders" and promote a "flourishing church" in their region; growth and depth in staff and students' relationship with God, made possible through faith in Jesus Christ.
- **20 PRAY FOR:** the **ArtSpace workshops** this morning on portrait phone photography and the kids' mixed media workshops as children create art that reflects biblical stories; thank God for ArtSpace photographers and artists who share their gifts with the church.
- PRAY FOR: Phil and Ann Baur, Pioneers, FL—Phil and Ann to know God's time to step into the next stage of their lives and service after serving for more than 30 years; God to call others to take up the cause of the Great Commission and continue to send out laborers in the fields of unreached people groups that are ready for harvest.
- **22** PRAY FOR: The Front Door Ministry team. Anita Deyneka (missions associate), ME, U.S. based—wisdom to know how to best support and love the increased number of Ukrainian orphans; the safety of those involved in the difficult and dangerous process of rescuing and reuniting Ukrainian children with their parents and caregivers. **New Theological College,** Uttarakhand, India.
- **PRAY FOR:** The Council of Elders and chair **Brian Wildman**, vice-chair **Mark Bradley** and secretary, **David Setran**—praise God for our elders as they lean on God's wisdom and guidance in making decisions.
- **24** PRAY FOR: Elders Mark Berg, Jay Cunningham and Steve Ivester—thank God for our elders as they faithfully pray for the congregation.
- **25** PRAY FOR: Kyle (Dariana) Bradley, GO Ministries, Dominican Republic—health and energy for their Dominican staff as they enter into a summer with expanding programs for the community,

mutual transformation with all of their short-term trips that God would prepare the way to see transformation through the service opportunities and in the hearts of those that come down this summer, new staff hiring and growth opportunities that God would give them the wisdom to make the right decisions about ministry expansion opportunities and new hires.

- PRAY FOR: Elders Randy Jahns, Glenn Kosirog and Jeff Oslund—praise God for our elders as they faithfully serve the church. Tyrannus Bible College, Jawa Barat, Indonesia.
- PRAY FOR: Elders Roger Sandberg, Chad Thorson, Dave Tweeten. Homebound and care centers: Dorothy Anderson, Joanne Barnes, Vivian Borrink, Ruth Comfield, Marcia Daniels, Patty Edmonds, Wayne and Barb King, Marve Mayer, Margaret Roy, Ed Selander, Evey Setran, Bob and Carol Wenninger, Lois Widder, Forrest Zander. **John** and **Vivi Wickberg** (missions associates), WBT, U.S. based.
- **PRAY FOR: J** and **B,** U.S. based—the tearing down of physical places of worship to only increase a hunger to worship God in Spirit and in truth through Jesus; the Holy Spirit to help both of them to avoid unnecessary stumbling blocks and that the the true "stone of offense" would become the cornerstone of faith for many; needed funds to be provided.
- PRAY FOR: Jeff and Jane Pelz, IVCF, U.S. based—the next cohort of U.S. State Department exchange students to College of DuPage that arrived this month; good connections and the love of Christ to shine through the outreach of the InterVarsity students; Jane as she attends a graduate and faculty ministry conference, representing the Link department; further connections between InterVarsity USA and sister movements around the world as Jane mobilizes U.S. workers to help in students ministry go globally; Jeff and Jane's adult children and grandchildren to know Christ's love in their lives.
- PRAY FOR: President Joe Biden, Vice-President Kamala Harris and the administration. The U.S. Senate and Senators Tammy Duckworth and Dick Durbin. The U.S. House of Representatives, Speaker Kevin McCarthy and Representatives Sean Casten (Dist. 6), Bill Foster (Dist. 11) and Lauren Underwood (Dist. 14).
- **PRAY FOR: Twice is Nice** and **STARS Resale** shop managers, employees, job coaches and all who volunteer in the stores and help with donation pick-ups—thank God for the strong donations and

support of the resale shops from the church family. **Jane,** U.S. based—ongoing healing and restoration for her and the other members of her family; Jane to keep up with the debriefing of new workers and caring for longer-term workers; the details of the next international trip (maybe fall); the right time for her to take the Peace Pursuit training.

MISSION ACRONYMS:

GEM—Greater Europe Mission

IVCF—InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

KA—Kids Alive

MAI(1)—Missionary Athletes International

ME—Mission Eurasia

SV—Salt Ventures

TLI—Training Leaders International

WBT—Wycliffe Bible Translators

WV-World Venture

PRAYER CALENDAR COMPILER:

WANDA POOR



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