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Brett & Anna Riexinger (Austria)

Serving with ReachGlobal Europe (EFCA)

Their mission is to mobilize Austrians and their refugee neighbors for Jesus through exposure to the gospel.

Current Prayer Needs:

- ☐ Cultural adjustment and language learning for our family as we return to Austria in January as a family of five.
- ☐ The relationships and interactions with those we meet daily – that the Lord would help initiate gospel conversations.

Mark & Naomi Hale (Poland)

Serving with International Messengers (IM)

Their mission is to come alongside the local Church to assist them in evangelism and discipleship while building relationships with the Polish people.

Current Prayer Needs:

- ☐ Winter VBS at the beginning of February (Winter break) reaching Ukrainian and Polish kids. This is also a follow-up to the Christmas packages distributed in December.
- ☐ Individual discipleship meetings that Mark and Naomi have. Faithfulness of those involved & spiritual growth.
- ☐ Organization of 100 year (2024) anniversary of the local church here in Piotrow Tryb. Need to get the building to the point of occupancy approval.

Eric & Holly Belz (Olympia, WA)

Serving in Africa with ReachGlobal (EFCA)

His mission is to equip African ministry leaders to reach fellow Africans by training in studying, obeying, and teaching the Word of God.

- ☐ Praise God for the opportunity to preach and train pastors and ministry leaders all over Africa.
- ☐ For Eric, please pray for wisdom as he selects networks & locations for training.
- ☐ For Holly, pray for wisdom in mobilizing more people and networks to intercede for God's work and workers globally.

David & Tessa Vandenbroek (South Sudan)

Serving with Africa Inland Missions (AIM)

Their mission is to live among the Laarim people group (Boya Hills) and introduce the Gospel where it has not yet taken root.

Current Prayer Needs:

- ☐ Pray for us as we transition to being parents, and that our transition back to the village with the baby would go smoothly.
- ☐ Pray for growth in the local Laarim Church. We are hoping to see more initiative from believers and less dependence on missionaries.

Ben & Anna Samuelson (Democratic Republic of Congo – DRC)

Serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

Ben's mission is to serve as a pilot/mechanic, sharing Christ's love in many ways, including flights supporting missionaries and national Churches, community development, and medical crises.

Current Prayer Needs:

- ☐ Pray for peace in our region of Congo. Especially in early January when the results of this month's presidential election will be released. Historically, this has been a turbulent time, so we are praying for peace and safety for all of us here.
- ☐ Pray for our work in the IDP (internally displaced peoples) camps as we evaluate how to use our limited resources to address what feels like an endless need.
- ☐ Pray for the 14 Bible translations in process in eastern Congo that MAF gets to support with our flights.

Ebi & Esther Perinbaraj (St. Louis, MO)

Serving with ReachGlobal (EFCA)

Their mission is to serve alongside local church leaders, pastors, and ministry leaders by offering consultation, training, coaching, and resources.

Current Prayer Needs:

- ☐ To identify ministry leaders who desire to experience the transforming power of Christ in their own lives so they can have a transformational impact in their ministries, communities and countries.
- ☐ For the ongoing Discipleship Cohorts, Shepherdship Classes, content creation in Indian regional languages.

Ian Smith (Japan)

Serving with Converge Worldwide

His mission is to partner with the Japanese Baptist Church Association to make disciples and establish new gospel communities among one of the largest unreached people groups in the world.

Current Prayer Needs:

- ☐ Pray for E-kun, N-san, I-san, and S-san. These four people comprise two new Christians and two seekers. Pray for conversion, spiritual growth and lifelong dedication to Jesus Christ and His Church.
- ☐ Ian's wife Maki, is due to give birth on January 11th, please pray for a healthy delivery. Pray the Ian & Maki will be parents that can glorify God in how they raise their daughter Emma.

RJ & Sabrina Prestwich (DuPont, WA)

Serving with Cadence International at Joint Base Lewis McChord

Their mission is to provide a home-away-from-home hospitality house at Joint Base Lewis McChord that reaches, encourages, and equips military personnel to understand the Gospel and support the local on-base chaplains.

Current Prayer Needs:

- ☐ Gospel clarity – RJ to communicate it and the military personnel to understand it.
- ☐ Biblical Counseling. We are training believers in Biblical counseling with the goal of equipping people to clarify the gospel in the daily lives of those we interact with.

Dave & Sharron Mathis (St. Louis MO)

Serving with ReachGlobal (EFCA)

Dave's mission is to serve alongside local church leaders, pastors, and ministry leaders in Latin America and Caribbean countries by offering consultation, training, coaching, and resources.

Current Prayer Needs:

- ☐ Pray for people to join our work in the Latin America/ Caribbean division, workers are few and needs are great.
- ☐ Pray as we look to start new teams in both Santiago Chile and Montevideo Uruguay.
- ☐ Pray for our Haitian friends as many are suffering greatly under gangs ruling their cities.

J & S (Shoreline, WA)

Serving with Pioneers International

Our mission is to plant a church and translate the Bible in a Muslim unreached people group in Southeast Asia who has not had an opportunity to hear the gospel.

Current Prayer Needs:

- ☐ Pray for the Lord to build a strong foundation of our marriage, rooted in him, as we got married in April and hope to head to Southeast Asia together in July 2024
- ☐ Pray that the Lord would equip us and grow our trust in him as we prepare for our departure to the field.
- ☐ Pray for a certain people group in Southeast Asia who currently have no known person in their language who can articulate the gospel. Pray for their hearts to be softened to hear the word and for our team to learn language diligently to clearly declare the gospel.

“Prayer needs no passport, visa or work permit. There is no such thing as a ‘closed country’ as far as prayer is concerned ... much of the history of mission could be written in terms of God moving in response to persistent prayer.” — Stephan Gaukroger, British philosopher and historian