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SONRISE MISSIONS

Monthly Missions Prayer Newsletter

SonRise Missionary Highlight

THE EDWARDS FAMILY- SOUTHEAST ASIA

After serving as missionaries to the Tai Dam people in Vietnam for many years, the Edwards family relocated to Thailand in mid-2024, as Tim assumed a new role training and overseeing workers and their ministries across several countries in Southeast Asia.

Now, the Edwards have returned to the U.S. for a year of Home Assignment. Throughout the year, they will be traveling to reconnect with partners, raise additional support, transition their oldest son to college, and find time for rest and refreshment as a family.

- Praise the Lord for a wonderful 75th anniversary celebration followed by several days of good meetings focused on collaboration among different fields.
- Pray for the Mekong Reunion happening this week, for people to be strengthened and encouraged and to continue to be drawn together around a vision of multiplying churches.
- Pray for Tim's visa paperwork to arrive soon and for the visa renewal to be completed without any obstacles.
- Pray for upcoming opportunities to provide ministry coaching to a family serving in Myanmar and to train Thai language helpers who are helping missionaries learn Thai language.
- Pray for additional support needed towards our home assignment costs.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment as Tim and other leaders help colleagues navigate difficult situations, especially in the many conversations throughout this conference week.
- Praise the Lord for a smooth entry for Jamie and the kids in Tennessee. Please pray for God to prepare good friendships for each of the kids.
- Pray [John 16:33](#) for us, for our teams, and for the local churches and Christians experiencing trials of various kinds.

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Tomorrow, Aug. 9 Missions Potluck @ 1pm

This Sunday, SonRise will host its second Missions Potluck Fundraiser!

Our fundraising focus will be on the Edwards family as they begin their year-long home assignment from Thailand.

If you attended our last Missions Potluck, you will know what to expect...

Bring a cultural dish to share and/or come hungry and prepared to donate to vote on your favorite dish!



From our Missionaries & Partners

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

Tory Tanner

TOGO, WEST AFRICA



- Pray for the Fulani village, that the Lord would open hearts to hear the gospel and draw them to Himself.
- Pray for continued grace and protection as they travel to the villages, and for continued outreach opportunities.
- Pray for Tory's mom's health and for her dad as he cares for her.
- Pray for Mallorie and the others at the hospital throughout malaria season; that God would strengthen them as they care for others and provide opportunities for gospel witness.

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Bill & Debby Abitz

LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA



- The Abitz's have made it safely to their station at Po River in Liberia.
- Praise God for guiding the visa process and preparations and for His protection and care throughout their travels.
- Praise God for Luther and others to help them settle into life in Liberia
- Pray that God would continue to sustain their family through a significant season of transition.
- Praise God for providing 86% of their monthly support goal and pray for the remaining provisions needed.

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Richard & Larkin Jones

MISSION EQUIP- PERU



- The Lord has opened a new door for Mission Equip to help sponsor and support the girls at this orphanage in Peru. Pray for them as this new ministry opportunity unfolds.
- Praise God for the presence and work of recent short-term teams.
- Pray for a full-time pastor at the church plant in the mountain community of Accha.
- Pray for a full-time missionary to come on staff with Mission Equip and for the logistics of this venture.

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Gabriel Lauter- SEMBEQ

QUEBEC, CANADA



- Pray for the building project and the ongoing fundraising campaign.
- Pray for Gabriel's travels to visit churches and partners this year.
- Pray for their students, professors, and all staff: that we would always keep the spiritual purpose of our ministry at the forefront.
- Our family—that God would sustain Dagmar and the girls during my absences, for my mother who has lost her mother, and that our daughters would come to personally know Jesus Christ as Savior.

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SonRise
Community Church

Missions Moment Preview

This month, we are highlighting the Edwards family as they transition into their year-long home assignment: a time of support raising, spiritual refreshment, and reconnecting with family and supporters, and sharing about all God is doing in Southeast Asia.



From our Missionaries & Partners, Cont.

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

Ross & Angela Floyd

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA



- Pray for the ministry of the church, Iglesia Comunidad de Cristo. The church has been going through a very difficult season of changes in leadership as well as some conflict within the leadership that has affected the church greatly.
- Pray for the Floyds as they have stepped into this situation and are trying to minister to those who have been affected.
- Pray for the youth and young adult ministries of the church. The youth group has been meeting since March and the young adult ministry will re-start this month. The youth group is a lot smaller than it has been in the past, but they have been encouraged by the students' desire to grow in their faith and understanding of scripture. They are looking forward to the young adult group as there has been several people express a strong desire to participate.
- Pray for their missionary team. It too has been affected by the conflict that has been going on. Pray that they will be able to walk together as a team and seek God to heal any broken/damaged relationships. They also have a new family arriving to the field this month. Pray that they will be able to receive them well and help them in their adjustment to life in a new country.
- Pray for Angela and Ross as they both have new leadership positions. These roles of course add some new responsibilities, they also require some travel which also increases their yearly budget.

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David & Marion Varney

BELFAST, IRELAND



- Praise God for a packed venue for our Sunday Night Service outreach event in late June. Many travelled in from across the city to attend including many who had never attended a church before. The transforming power of the gospel was proclaimed!
- Praise- A successful Holiday Bible Club for the local children with lots of new connections with local families.
- Pray for open doors of opportunity - many church buildings are being sold off in our city. We want to see them replanted for Jesus. _Lord, give us empty churches and we'll fill them with people!
- Pray for deep and rich gospel fruit as our new discipleship programme begins in September 2026.

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Give to Missions

There are a couple ways to make sure you are giving to missions at SonRise. One way is to designate your gift (whether in person or online) to "missions."

In addition, a percentage of all gifts given in the General Fund also go towards our SonRise Missions Efforts!

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"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!"

PSALM 96:3