

Outreach and Missions
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Prayer Requests

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Randy & Joan Nabors, MNA Urban & Mercy Ministry—Chattanooga, TN

Praise:

- They have hired Rev. Jim Pickett to be their Border Ministry Specialist to help churches connect with ministry to immigrants and refugees.

Pray:

- For the planning and execution of the Urban Ministry Training Institute to be held June 1—3 at 1st Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga.
- Pray for technology to work as this will be a mixed in-person and Zoom conference.
- For doctrinally sound and Gospel proclaiming churches to be planted among the poor.

Charles McKnight & Drew Martin, West Charlotte Church—Charlotte, NC

Praise:

- They are back and meeting in person in their new location.
- They have formalized their partnership with Pastor David Yoran and his family to support their exciting revitalization and replanting effort and Freedom Presbyterian Church.

Pray:

- For them as they get back into the rhythm of weekly in-person worship.
- That they will acclimate to their new worship space well.
- For their continued search for a permanent worship location.

Tom & Sharlene Muir, Church Planter—Midlothian, Scotland

Pray:

- For them as things are starting to open up again there and they are able to begin meeting in person for church.
- That their regular congregation will be able to start functioning again.
- For the many new faces and non-Christian contacts who are interested in 'discovering' church and who God is.
- That these new people will be assimilated and disciplined so as to know the Lord.

Outreach & Missions Department Staff

Mike Miller - Pastor of Outreach & Missions
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Outreach & Missions Department Leadership

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Don Harding - Deacon
Brendan Kelly – Deacon

Patti Prieb - Prison Ministries Liaison
Jan Clayton

Andrew & Lauren Holbrook, Church Planter— Fairfield, CTA

Praise:

- That their sabbatical has begun!
- For all the fruit that has come from their special services and events around the Easter season.

Pray:

- For all the details and travel associated with their sabbatical and that it will be a time of good rest and refreshment for them all.
- For Milas and Ashley Shepherd as they continue to lead the church while the Holbrook's are gone.

Ralph & Lisa Johnston, Church Planter—Sanford, NC

Praise:

- For all that God has provided for their church plant during a pandemic year, including: a place to gather and worship, 8 committed families, a wonderful worship leader, and good outreaches that have brought forth fruit.

Pray:

- For all of them to intentionally pursue their neighbors through praying, caring, and—as the Lord opens the door—sharing the Gospel.
- For them to find like-minded churches and ministries they can partner with to make an impact for Christ.

Mark & Raylene Casson, Metanoia Ministry—Chattanooga, TN

Praise:

- They were able to conduct two mentor trainings in April.

Pray:

- For Tim Busch, a past student of Metanoia, who will be taking on the role of Mentor Ministry facilitator.
- For wisdom for Mark and his doctors, he is still in A-fib from Covid related heart damage and the procedure did not last.
- For wisdom and safety for all—staff, prisoners, and volunteers—as prisons begin to open back up.
- For their regional directors who are working on new sites for mentoring.
- That God would bring new financial partners to this work.

Joseph & Savannah Foucachon, In Transition—Charlotte, NC

Praise:

- They are finally able to fly back to Paris to pack up their home and move officially back to the states.

Pray:

- For their transition off the mission field, job search and resettle in the United States.

Stephen & Natalie Chambers, Restricted

Pray:

- For perseverance as they finish their first year of language school.
- For a good summer vacation with lots of rest and reconnecting with family and friends.
- For continued deep conversations with friends in their country of service—they have had some awesome opportunities this semester in spite of the Covid restrictions.

Changed Choices

Pray:

- For B.L. and L.D., who are about to both be released, to remember their new identity in Christ and will adjust back to society well.
- For mothers who are grieving the impact of their incarceration, such as not being able to attend children's graduations.
- That mail will reach its destination promptly so that women don't feel forgotten and essential information is received.

Peter & Katie Eck, Church Planters—Atlantic City, NJ

Pray:

- For their outreach to Stanley Holmes Neighborhood where their church is meeting in their community center.
- For preparations for their Urban Ministry Teams season from Mid-July to Mid-August.
- For onboarding their new staff member Titus Ridgway.
- For their church re-gathering and getting re-established after being mainly on-line for the last year.

Scott & Ruth Hill, Church Planter—Cherokee, NC

Praise:

- That they will be able to host a few summer teams with limited numbers.
- That God is bringing new people to worship at Grace Community Church, mostly younger people.
- For a strong commitment from a young man who has asked to meet with Scott as he is growing in his understating of the Word and in his faith.
- For God's continued provision for their needs as they continue to serve Him through ministry there.

Pray:

- For wisdom for Scott as he prepares the sermons to be preached, and for the Word of God to impact the hearts of those who hear.
- For Ruth as she struggles with a pinched nerve in her neck, she is suffering quite a bit of pain.
- For Ruth as she seeks a way to reach out to the ladies who have been attending worship as well as those who have not yet returned.

Saleem & Joy, Restricted

Pray:

- That God would open the heart of Iman, who is doing an exploring Christianity study with them, and that He would give her faith to believe all that she says is logical in the study.
- For Abdo, a new Christian, who has been expelled from his parent's home and has no work. Pray that the Lord would lift him out of this dark time and renew his hope in Christ.
- That they would be led to those hungry and thirsty for righteousness and they would be able to follow up with any contacts they receive.
- For multiple health problems that they are struggling with right now, ask for God's healing and for Him to lead them to good doctors/treatments.

Jonty & Georgina Rhodes, Church Planter—Leeds, England

Praise:

- That they have a house to rent and have moved in for the next year.
- For some new folks who have started to come around on Sunday, in the 'checking them out' stage.
- With restrictions lifting they are now allowed to have up to 6 people in their house for fellowship.

Pray:

- That some of the new folk would settle with them and commit to their church.
- For "A", a non-Christian girl, who is seriously thinking about Christ to come to follow Him.
- For provision of a new Sunday venue.
- For their first ruling elders, ordained June 5th, to serve well.

Al & Rene Barth, Global City-to-City Church Planting—Orlando, FL

Pray:

- For the church in Tel Aviv which has been under fire. Pray for Eli and his wife and children and their church going through trauma.
- For Marwin and the church in Beirut under a four-fold series of difficulties—political revolution, the collapse of their economy, the explosion in central Beirut that destroyed part of their building, and the ravages of Covid. Marwin and his family are very weary.
- For a possible catalytic leader that can lead CTC MENA (Middle East/North Africa) as he is in the midst of confirming the Lord's leading.
- For CTC Africa as they experience explosive growth and hope to form an official board this year. Pray for key Africans who would be able and willing to serve on that board.
- For Dave Furman in Dubai, the lead pastor of a church they planted almost 10 years ago, as he has some hope that the doctors he has been seeing may have a partial solution to his intense, debilitating nerve pain in both of his arms.

Justin & Amy Grimm, Church Planter—Westerville, OH

Pray:

- That there would be a clear sense of direction and calling to those the Lord wants to be elders at their church, Story Presbyterian.
- That God would bring them a keyboard player and a drummer.
- That their people would be more evangelistic.

Brandi & Jay Rawls, Campus Outreach—East Coast, USA

Pray:

- For Brandi as she enters into a season of summer support raising.
- That the Lord would provide the additional support she needs and she would have good connections with current supporters.
- For training she will be doing in June and July—that the Lord would help her discern the right content and execute it well.

Ralph & Lisa Johnston, Church Planter—Sanford, NC

Pray:

- For Ralph's individual meetings with their families in June with the purpose of beginning the adult and children's membership process, reviewing their mission, vision and values of their new church, and to challenge families to make outreach to family, friends and neighbors a priority over the summer.
- For natural and personal connections to people who are outside the church and in need of the gospel.
- For clarity on the direction of their church moving forward, particularly how they can more strategically reach out to new people and families in Sanford and Lee County.
- That God would continue to provide for their financial needs until their church grows enough to become self-sufficient, hopefully by the end of 2022.

Timothy & Emily Bantola, CRU-USA

Pray:

- For smooth closing on the sale of their house in Orlando and the purchase of their new home in Pennsylvania.
- For all the details of their move to get worked out smoothly and for peace for them in the unsettledness.
- For wisdom and guidance in planning the global operational transition of Cru.

Dot Drive, Retired—Go Ye Village Retirement Center, OK

Praise:

- That their dining room is open for all.
- That people are now allowed to visit.
- That they can now attend chapel services.
- For Christ Covenant's support for her over the years.

Pray:

- For increased problems with her eyes and difficulty seeing.
- That the supplements will help some.
- For missionaries to stay well and safe.

Wesley & Nicole Marshall, Church Planter—Cape Town, South Africa

Praise:

- They had their launch Sunday on May 30th.

Pray:

- For them to invite friends and neighbors to join them in worship each Sunday.
- For the Lord to add to the numbers attending regularly.

Shane & Krista, Restricted

Praise:

- For the birth of baby Jesse, mother and baby are doing well.
- Their New Testaments have arrived and finally made it through customs, they have had two teammates trying to get them into their country for many, many months.

Pray:

- For their country, which is experiencing their first outbreak of Covid. With an already struggling medical system, this is a very dangerous situation. There are 3 field hospitals being erected. Pray people will listen and obey the restrictions and mask mandates the government is putting into place.
- For the spiritual fear that many are experiencing due to the pandemic, causing many to turn to talismans, and trying to appease the evil spirits. Pray that believers would be beacons of peace in this time of much fear.
- That each of their team members would have opportunities to share the truth of the gospel.
- For Shane and Krista as they adjust to parenting and for peace for them and their families as they will not be able to come home for another year to visit.

Rohan & Rebecca Crown, Church Planter—Lethbridge, Alberta Canada

Pray:

- For important changes coming up for their church: Hiring of an assistant pastor and new responsibilities for Rohan.
- For them as they recruit a full time counselling couple to help with the counseling case load.
- For Rohan and Rebecca as they raise full support to continue their work in Lethbridge so these two new hires will be possible.

Dan & Rebecca Gregoire, Church Revitalization and Planting—Slovakia

Pray:

- For English Camp preparations and for the youth who are so excited and have many, many ideas for the camp.
- For safety in travel in the US this summer.
- For a 12 passenger van they can use for the entire month of August while they are here.
- For support raising while they are in the US.

James & Kelly Broadaway, Campus Outreach—Cape Town, South Africa

Pray:

- For a fruitful time for their family while they attend a missionary debriefing retreat for most of June and that it will help them fulfill their family theme for the year of “healthy things grow” as they prepare to return to South Africa.
- For expectations from extended family while they are in the US, that they would be able to love and serve them well but also not compromise their need to process the previous years on the field before they return.
- For an increase in the diversity of the church in Cape Town, and that God would do the work of growing a diverse congregation before student ministry begins.

Mostafa & Mona, Restricted

Pray:

- For the ministry in the detention center, which has started to grow again after the number of refugees increased recently.
- For Mostafa as he teaches a discipleship program for Believers from Mslm backgrounds, which has about 150 converts from 9 different Arab countries in attendance.
- For wisdom for Mona in making her decision regarding having surgery to remove the lump in her left ankle.

Campus Outreach Charlotte

Praise:

- For the students who are participating in their summer projects and for the Lord’s provision.

Pray:

- For 3 area summer projects that will go from May until the end of July—pray that the students would grow in their study of the Word, prayer, evangelism, and leadership.
- For the health and safety of their staff as they serve over the summer and into the school year.

Amjad & Sarah Mahand, Church Planting among P@k!st@n! Mslms, High Wycombe, UK

Pray:

- For the P@k!st@n! Mslm born believers (MBBs) discipleship, fellowship, and leadership training project to bring plentiful fruit.
- That God will bless their book table outreach, which distributes hundreds of pieces of literature each week to MBBs, and for financial provision.
- That God would give Amjad wisdom as he meets with and continues to share with friends and those he meets at the book table outreach.
- As restrictions are relaxed, Sarah and the kids are meeting Mslm mothers and children at parks. Pray for Sarah as she begins talking with them and building relationships.

Erik & Hara Petrou, Church Planting—Athens, Greece

Pray:

- For Mr. Mario, a man they minister to in their neighborhood, who was injured when his house burned down. Pray for Erik and others in the church who are trying to care for him.
- For their church plant as things are starting to open back up after quarantine. Pray for the preaching of the Gospel and that He would bring people to Himself, and to the church, and that they would be effective in ministering to them.
- That those who heard the message of the resurrection and the gospel from their Easter Sunday would be drawn to God and desire to know Him better.