

Outreach and Missions
Missionary,
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and Ministry Partners

Prayer Requests

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Damon & Emily Harris, CRU, Appalachian State—Sugar Grove, NC

Praise:

- For the birth of their precious daughter, Ruthie Joy, born in January.

Pray:

- For endurance through exhaustion, patience and grace with each other and that the Lord will strengthen their marriage in this season of adjusting to parenthood.
- For the new student leaders they are challenging to lead freshmen Bible studies in the fall.
- For two of the guys Damon discipled as they start to disciple younger students this semester.
- For wisdom as Damon meets with a group of Mormons, that he will learn more about what they believe in order to engage them well.
- For discernment in reaching a post-Covid, Gen Z generation. Their team is noticing a huge need for change in the way they go about ministry while holding firm to the truths of Scripture.

Terry & Brenda Fox, Ministry to the Military—Prattville, AL

Pray:

- That their efforts encourage and strengthen God's people.
- That God would use Terry's podcast and email to strengthen and encourage believers and help non-believers understand the gospel.
- For Brenda to have plenty of opportunities to share the gospel with the moms and other women.
- For God's guidance as they plan to move to Indiana.
- For Brenda as she learns to deal with significant back pain and the move will not cause her to overexert her back.

Outreach & Missions Department Staff

Mike Miller - Pastor of Outreach & Missions
Amy VanDusen - Ministry Administrator
Karen Chambers - Missions Assistant

Outreach & Missions Department Leadership

Brent Andersen – Elder, Department Chair
Jerry Cauble – Elder Emeritus
Rick Ely - Elder
Jim Rea—Elder
Ken Compton – Deacon
Don Harding - Deacon
Brendan Kelly – Deacon
Matt Needles—Deacon
Jan Clayton

Randy & Joan Nabors, New City Network—Chattanooga, TN

Pray:

- For their time serving New City Network in London from April through early September this year.
- For sufficient funding to come in for them to serve.
- For good fruit from the mentoring of leaders Randy will do and for Joan as she meets with and encourages women.

Stephen & Natalie, Restricted

Pray:

- That they would finish their language studies strong.
- That they would have a good transition as they prepare to teach again in a new location.
- That the Father would provide all they need in their new location next fall (specifically an apartment).

Emily & Timothy Bantola, CRU USA—Abingdon, PA

Pray:

- For wisdom and clear direction as Emily takes on the internal audit function for Campus Crusade for Christ International.
- For Emily as she is facilitating a small team managing legal and financial aspects of global recruiting within Cru with the goal of having efficient and useful systems that empower their staff to reach the world with the good news of Christ.
- For their boys to grow in the knowledge of the Lord and for continued health for their family.

Rich & Susan Bae, SIM & MTW, Japan

Pray:

- For wisdom in pursuing school options for Solomon who is nervous about attending a Japanese school.
- For grace and strength for Maddie and Nathan who finish their online classes at 10 pm and 1 am Japan time and for Maddie who is auditing classes at an international school.
- For wisdom as they decide which way to pursue their language studies.

Tim & Jenn, Restricted

Pray:

- For wisdom and favor in friendships they are building with Smli's in their neighborhood.
- For patience and perseverance.
- For wisdom for them as they mentor and encourage others in their church to reach out to unbelievers.
- For their family to get good sleep and for their children's salvation.

Mark & Raylene Casson, Metanoia Prison Ministries—Chattanooga, TN

Pray:

- For God to open doors for prisons in VA, NC and SC as they have been on lockdown now for 2 years and are still not allowed to have visitors and no volunteers can go in an run programs.
- That God will raise up new mentors for the work they already have in progress.
- For Regional Director Barry Smith as he recovers from his eye surgeries.
- That God will bring new financial partners to their work.
- That the Lord would bring them two new board members who are passionate about serving prisoners by June.
- For new mentoring sites in Texas and Florida to develop.

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

Pray:

- For their pastoral transition to go smoothly and for Peter as he begins to take on more responsibilities as the soon to be solo pastor/church planter.
- For God to provide a worship director for them.
- For a more permanent worship location that fits their church's needs.
- For rest and refreshment for their family.

David & Aliece, Restricted

Pray:

- For the secondary cities and rural areas in their country which are receiving harsher persecution.
- For the economy of their country, many banks are going bankrupt and tens of millions of families has lost their life savings.
- For a new teaching-training ministry that David has started for young men that are planning to be pastors or already are serving as pastors.
- For the publishing of all that David has done so far in their country that they plan to make available free of charge for those in ministry.
- For Mr. Y, a former student of David's, and his family. He was arrested for running a Christian book store and the government will not tell anyone where he is or if he's even still alive.

Erik & Hara Petrou, Church Planter—Athens, Greece

Pray:

- That God will use their time in Charlotte taking courses are RTS to equip, renew and strengthen them so they will be able to better serve their church and community when they return to Greece in May.
- That God will continue to work in their ministries back in Athens while they are away and bring people to Himself.
- For the plans for many outreach efforts in their neighborhood this summer, hoping that the restrictions of the pandemic will allow that.

Imbumi & Martha Makuku, Church Planter—Nairobi, Kenya

Pray:

- That they will have sweet communion with Jesus.
- For the VBS and Covenant Youth camp being held during the school holidays.
- For the national elections in August.

Brandi & Jay Rawls, Campus Outreach—Newport News, VA

Pray:

- That she would be diligent in her efforts in support raising, she is seeking to raise an additional \$1500/month.
- For depth and consistency in family worship and that they would be diligent to get in the Word together as a family.

David & Estelle Abernathy, JAARS—Waxhaw, NC

Praise:

- For their half-century of marriage!
- For the privilege of serving in Bible translation for 35 years, and for 35 years of support in that ministry from many friends.
- For 25 years of challenging and rewarding exegetical work.
- For ongoing health, safety, and adequate financial support.

Pray:

- For skill for David and his team as they produce translation helps for translators in Psalms, Exodus, Numbers, Philippians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Jonah, Genesis, and Leviticus.
- For continued progress in Bible translation programs worldwide, and especially for translation programs for the deaf.

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

Praise:

- That the boys' schooling has been sorted out after issues with the previous curriculum. God has provided a good curriculum and homeschooling community for the boys.

Pray:

- For access to the residence halls, particularly male one, as they have several inroads to women's residences for when their female staff arrives next year.
- That they would continue to learn the culture and engage well in evangelism.

Ralph & Lisa Johnston, Church Planter—Sanford, NC

Praise:

- God continues to send them new families, they are praying for at least 1 new family per month.
- Lots of their people are already committed to their Servant Teams—they are building a great culture of service.

Pray:

- For their Servant Teams - that they would build teams of leaders and volunteers who serve Christ both in the church and outside the church.
- For their children—they have 32 children under the age of 11. Pray God would save every single one of them.
- For a permanent building where they could meet 24/7 in the heart of Sanford.
- For outreach and evangelistic opportunities in their neighborhoods.

Changed Choices

Pray:

- For their upcoming fundraiser, Journey to Freedom, from April 25th—30th to raise awareness of the obstacles to re-entry.
- For women volunteers to meet one-on-one as mentors with residents at the Mecklenburg County Detention Center as it prepares to reopen to volunteers.
- For the staff as they seek discernment and wisdom with journeying with the women God brings to Changed Choices.
- For the process of onboarding and beginning their first vision plans for 3 women who have been sent letters of acceptance into their program.
- For several women who are in the process of re-entry and are facing various difficulties in relationships, finding work and a permanent place to live and basic readjustment.

Cynthia Ruble, Life Hope Network—Nagoya, Japan

Praise:

- Their “Adoption Café” went much better than expected!

Pray:

- That God would send them an adoption homestay in the near future.
- For their current single-mother homestay who will give birth in April. She gladly goes to church and participates in devotions.
- For two young women who are deciding about abortion, one has expressed a strong interest in going to live there.
- For a number of very good post-abortion clients who are moving through their step study very well and are even asking good spiritual questions.
- For their new café manager who is beginning a Bible study.

Jonathan & Sheona DeGroot, Church Planter—Glasgow, Scotland

Praise:

- For the visitors they see each week and for the number of unbelievers who have been going to their worship services over the past months.
- For the opportunity Jonathan had to attend our Missions Conference and for the encouragement, prayer and support they receive through their partnership with us in the gospel.

Pray:

- That their visitors would come to saving faith in Christ.
- For their personal evangelism. Pray for ongoing opportunities for their people to witness to the good news of Jesus among friends, colleagues, classmates and neighbors.
- For the plans for their Parents and Toddlers group to come together. Pray for the team as they work through how they can maximize the opportunity to reach out to families in their local community.
- For their youth ministry and the good number of teenagers who are a part of their church, and that they would be able to equip them to be faithful disciples of Jesus in the world.

Bud & Barbara Speck, Wycliffe Bible Translators—Kandern, Germany

Pray:

- For the Wycliffe Global Alliance Bible translation organization in the area of the Ukraine as they are very busy with relief efforts, assisting in housing refugees as well as translating and printing materials for trauma healing.
- For Bud and his work in the Europe Area and on the global communications teams. Pray for a fresh work of God to revive, renew energy as well as give clarity and focus in short range and long range planning.
- For continued passion and focus for Barbara in intercessory prayer. Ask God to continue to strengthen, teach and give her boldness as she co-labors with Him in prayer.
- For divine protection for her and Bud as well as their families as they give themselves wholly to serving the Lord.

Vaughn & Joni Volius, Campus Outreach—Columbia, SC

Praise:

- There is a core group of students at Benedict that came to their Spring Break trip and Coed Bible studies and are excited to continue to investigate Jesus with them.

Pray:

- For God to draw to himself the CO Benedicts students that went on Spring Break with them, and that a big portion would consider and go to their summer Leadership Project in Myrtle Beach.
- For Joni and their little girl due in June.
- For wisdom for Vaughn in balancing his responsibilities on the regional level as he serves as an Area Director over 4 schools and serves on their Leadership Team. He also is helping to launch the movement at Benedict and discipling a group of guys from USC.
- For God to clarify his path as he considers seminary and what paths He could be leading Vaughn down for the long-term.

Clifford & Rose Chin, Pastor—Charlotte, NC

Pray:

- For a few outreach events they will hold in April—handing out tracks in 3 local Asian markets on April 23rd and a movie night on April 29th. Pray that God will be honored in and through these events.
- For Rose and Cliff as they serve at the church in the midst of many challenges and difficult things they have had to address. Pray that the Lord would provide wisdom and discernment as they seek to be His hands and feet.
- For the end of the pandemic—attendance at their church is slowly picking up but many are still hesitant to return in-person.

Campus Outreach Charlotte

Pray:

- For recruitment to their summer Leadership Project and that students would sign up and commit to joining them in Orlando, FL.
- Pray for discernment and clarity as they make decisions as they are in the final stages of planning for the Leadership Project.

Shane & Krista, Restricted

Pray:

- For lots of genuine conversations as they approach the New Year in their country. This is a very spiritual holiday there. Pray for many opportunities while the school is closed for a week.
- For their city and greater country team as they are working through some difficult team challenges. Pray for discernment and grace for all their leaders and that healing would come quickly.
- That their baby Jesse will gain some weight, he was born very small and has slowed down a bit.