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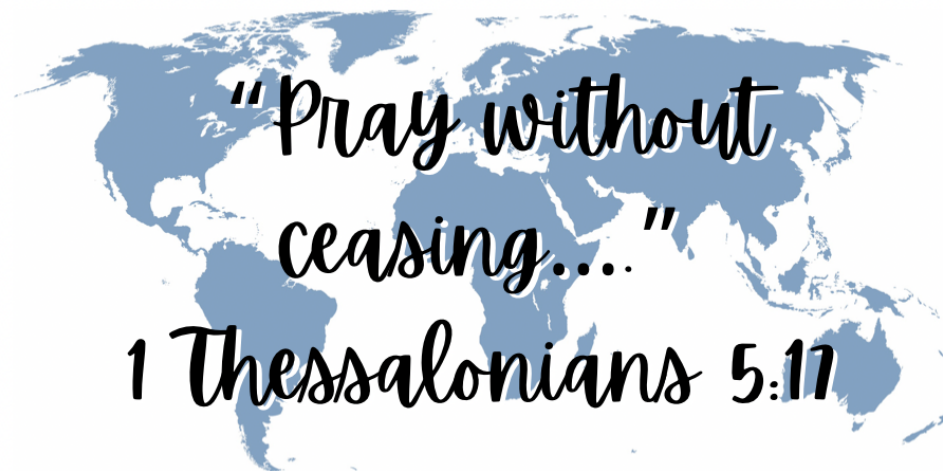
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# **Outreach and Missions**

Missionary, Supported Workers,  
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**Prayer Requests**

**May/June  
2022**



## David and Celia Yoran – West Charlotte Church at Freedom



### Pray:

1. Unity and Love for our congregation as we navigate the waters of newly merged life together.
2. Wisdom for WCC leadership as we embark on a new phase of ministry, with new programs and initiatives.
3. Wisdom for WCC leadership development, as we are currently training elder and deacon candidates to provide new leadership to our combined church
4. That we will be wise and effective in making disciples and loving our neighbors in the West Charlotte.
5. For the Martin family as they embark on their new transition.

## Ralph and Lisa Johnson – Christ Church Sanford

### Praises:

1. Healthy financial support over the last couple of months
2. Four new families have joined us since Easter
3. We have great leadership for new servant teams

### Prayer Requests:

1. We are asking all of our people to pray for 4, care for 2 and share the gospel with 1 person outside the church. For boldness, consistency, and opportunities.
2. We are launching a new kids camp this summer...for volunteers and opportunities to share the gospel with 30 1st-5th graders...and connect with their families.
3. For great plans for our fall launch. Missional outreach, great fellowship, lots of fun!



## Peter and Katie Eck – New City Fellowship of Atlantic City

1. Please pray for our summer preparations for our UMT season.
2. Pray for us to find work projects, outreach initiatives for our mission teams.
3. Pray for our 4 new members being received by the church June.
4. Pray for me and my family to truly rest in the Lord and be refreshed during our mini-sabbatical coming up.



## Al and Rene Barth – Global City to City Church Planting



### Pray:

1. The rebuilding of a church planting network in Paris. More than 13 churches have been planted in the last 15 years. But the leader died suddenly in a rock-climbing accident three years ago. Since then it has stalled. We have identified a new leader who we think can put together a network that can regain momentum.
2. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.
3. Please pray for the Director of City to City Europe. He has been dealing with a great deal of strain and exhaustion trying the lead the Europe-wide movement.
4. Please pray for planters I relate to in Turkey. There is increasing resistance from the government to evangelical work in the country.
5. Please pray for our work in West Africa. It is exploding with growth, particularly in Abidjan and Accra. The leaders in Abidjan are making plans to try to reach 25 million people. Even if they reach only 10% of that number it would be amazing. The leaders there have rediscovered the biblical gospel and are moving rapidly away from prosperity theology. There are dozens of leaders starting to plant thoroughly gospel-centered churches in Ghana, particularly in the three leading cities. It feels like revival is beginning to happen.

## Vaughn and Joni Volious - Campus Outreach



### Pray:

1. For God to cause all the students arriving at LP from CO Columbia, CO Central Florida, and CO Atlanta to really meet with Him over the course of the next three weeks, that students might grow deeper in their faith and ready to return to their campuses in the fall!
2. Joni is 34 weeks pregnant. Please pray God would continue to give her and the baby health, and that we would have a safe and smooth delivery at the end of June.

3. Pray for me as I lead this summer's Leadership Project: that I would have wisdom in communicating the truths from God's word to students, grace to direct and coach all the staff serving on the Project in various capacities, and joy as I take part in the God's work in the hearts and lives of college students across the Southeast.

*"Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples." Psalm 96:3*

## Russell & LaToya McCutcheon – Reconciliation Church, Knightdale/SE Raleigh, NC

### Pray:

1. For our summer series: one is called Letters to the Seven Churches in Revelation, and the other will be called Life Transitions, and will be looking at transitions throughout Scripture.
2. That God will open the door for a potential space for us to worship in SE Raleigh, at the school AMI Kids.



## David and Estelle Abernathy – JAARS, Waxhaw, NC

### Pray:

1. Michael will be moving to Fairfax Va. to begin a doctoral study program in music at George Mason University. He has a graduate assistantship, plus he hopes to be able to supplement his income through substitute teaching in Fairfax County schools. Please pray that he can find a suitable apartment. Things are expensive there.



2. Emily is in the process of trying to go independent in the psychotherapy work that she has been doing. She and her current boss have been frustrated for years with the difficulty of getting paid by Medicaid for clients covered by Medicaid. It has not worked well at all, and she has lost thousands of dollars in unpaid work. Please pray for guidance for her, and that she can work daytime hours and also get paid for all she does.
4. Philip will presumably be discharged from the Marine Corps in late June, although he is still not sure what will happen and when. We don't know what his path going forward will be. Please pray that God will guide him, and also that he will start going to church again, which he has not been doing for quite some time. We hope he comes here, but that might not happen.
5. I had been having headaches and wooziness, mostly in the afternoons and evenings. As of a few days ago I have a blue light filter on my monitor and some better lighting, so that has changed, for which I am thankful! Overall I sense that my energy level is waning, but I need to be able to have physical energy and mental focus to be able to work for several years more because financially we won't be in a position to retire anytime soon. You could pray about that.
6. Our son Stephen and his wife Holly just had a baby on Wednesday May 18. We pray that they will begin to seek the Lord and try to raise their newborn son and her two older sons by a previous marriage to believe the gospel and honor God in how they live.



## Ben and Kim Church - Mission to the World, Kampala, Uganda



### Pray:

1. That COR would continue to serve its surrounding community with the mercy of Christ through its words and deeds.
2. For the eleven new members of COR - that they would grow in their faith as

a result of committing to membership, and that the Spirit would grant unity and fellowship to the congregation as a whole.

3. That God would establish Musa in his new faith, and he would be ingrafted well into COR.

4. That God would use the Vision Gathering to grow the RCEA in size and faithfulness to Christ, and that our relationships across churches/denominations would be edifying and honoring to the Lord.

5. God's blessing on Richard and his family as they start a new phase of life in the village; that the new security guards we've hired for our home would adapt well to their new work and that our family would form good relationships with them; also for protection over our home and family from crime.

6. For our family as we get back into the rhythm of homeschooling, and that Kim would balance that well with her involvement in ministry and her master's program studies (thank you for praying for our kids' transition back to Uganda - they have done really well after a difficult couple first days back!)

7. For wisdom for myself, Kim, and our church as a whole as we are presented with needs that various people have - poverty is always a major issue here, but COVID and the political environment have made it even worse.

*"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving." Colossians 4:2*

## Randy & Joan Nabors – MNA Urban & Mercy Ministry, USA



### Pray:

1. Please pray that our time would be well used. Pray for my preaching to be effective and encouraging to those who hear it.
2. Pray for Joan's encouragement to the women in the church.
3. Pray for our travel and participation at the Serge Company conference at the end of this

month. Pray about a possible trip to visit Kenya and several of our New City Network members there. We know we could not be here without your prayers and support, and we know we will not make an impact here without your prayers.

## Amjad and Sarah Mahand - Church Planting among Pakistani Muslims, High Wycombe, UK

### Praise:

1. Praise God for the leadership training for the Pakistani Muslim background believers (PMBB) which took place in Sri Lanka in April and May, amidst challenges to get there. The leaders returned to Pakistan better prepared to share the Gospel with their fellow people group. Pray for the location for the next training.



### Pray:

1. Pray for the unstable political situation in Pakistan and Sri Lanka as these countries are on the verge of collapsing politically and financially. The PMBB leaders will be working within these unstable and dangerous conditions.

2. Pray for the organizing committee, for wisdom to make the right decision to further the cause to train the PMBBs to reach out to Pakistani Muslims and disciple new Christians. This is such an unreached population.



## **Terry and Brenda Fox - Ministry to the Military**

### **Pray:**

1. Pray that our efforts will encourage and strengthen God's people.
2. Pray that God would use Terry's podcast and email to minister to believers and help non-believers understand the gospel.
3. Please pray for the church plant in Greenwood, Indiana.
4. Also, pray that Brenda's back will continue to heal and the pain continues to subside.



## **Andrew and Lauren Holbrook - Church Planting, Fairfield, CT**

1. Praise: we have sold our house! Last day of serving here is June 26th. Closing date is June 27th.
2. Praise: the last month the church has gracefully received the news of our transition and is preparing for the future.
3. Prayers- We know we will home-base in Charlotte but do not have housing landed for after August.
4. Prayers: we are hoping the girls can get accepted into a homeschool co-op. But they are on the waiting list.
5. Prayers: I will travel to Scotland for 2 more Dmin courses June 6-17.
6. Prayers: graceful partnership between Lauren and I in the midst of many moving pieces and lots of uncertainty about the future.



## **David and Aliece - Serving in Restricted Area**

### **Pray:**

1. For the country they serve in, they are having severe lockdowns and people are suffering and dying from starvation and suicides in great numbers.
2. For God to continue to provide food for their family, including Aliece's parents who are currently with them.
3. For Aliece as she is able to continue to hold counseling workshops online and for these workshops to be fruitful for those who attend.
4. For David's daily online teaching to local and nationwide fellowships.
5. For wisdom, strength and comfort from the Father as they both strive to continue to serve and teach in such troubling times.
6. For their children as they are doing school online and navigate their lives in lockdown.
7. That the Father will transform the nations from one of evilness and wickedness to one that exemplars His glory and His Name.

## **Brock and Katie Larson – RUF NDSU**

RUF at NDSU still needs your prayers. If the Lord is not working among our students, then our work is in vain. A few specific prayer request are:

- 1) Thank the Lord for the work he has done in the lives of the students this year, and that the Lord would continue to bless the ministry of RUF next year!
- 2) Pray for the students as they go home for the summer that they would continue to grow in their faith.
- 3) Prayers as I begin moving from part time to full time with RUF: fundraising, ordination, etc.



## Jonathan and Sheona de Groot – Church Planter, Glasgow, Scotland



### Praise:

1. Praise God for the new people who have recently joined our church family. We are encouraged by the steady growth in numbers this year with those who are already committed Christians as well as some who are new to Christianity.

2. Praise God for the recent General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland where Jonathan was able to speak about Christ Church Glasgow. Give thanks for the harmonious nature of the proceedings, the present unity of purpose, the mutual respect and the love for each other in our denomination.

3. Praise God for our Community Groups who meet weekly to study God's Word and to pray for God's work and each other. We have just finished a series exploring God's calling for his people in the world which challenged us to better engage with those around us.

### Pray:

1. Pray for more people to come to saving faith in Jesus. This is why we planted Christ Church Glasgow and, while we are encouraged by our growth, we would love to see more people becoming Christians. Please pray we would be faithful in our witness and good at inviting people to our worship services.

2. Pray for our people as we each seek to live for Christ in a secular world. Our young people and those at work are increasingly finding the challenge and pressure of being a Christian as the world's values, especially on areas of sexuality and gender, are in opposition to those of God's Kingdom. Please pray we would be able to equip people to be wise and sensitive as well as courageous in our witness.

3. Pray for a family in our church who are going to serve as missionaries in Vietnam. The husband/father will teach at a Bible college. Pray for them to get their visa so they can go this summer. Pray also that they would manage the language learning and be able to identify a good school for their young children.

## Scott and Ruth Hill - Church Planting, Cherokee, NC

### Pray:

1. Pray that God would prepare our hearts for the work of the summer as we host teams for six weeks. Pray for the volunteer staff who will serve throughout the summer. Pray for the kitchen staff as they work to prepare the meals to feed us each week. Pray that God would grant opportunities for gospel conversations and that He would provide open hearts to the truth of the gospel message. Pray for strength and endurance to finish well.



2. We are excited that some of the facilities have opened back up to allowing teams to serve this summer. Please pray for these various facilities and the teams that will be serving in them. Pray as well for the construction projects that are scheduled to be done this summer. Pray that we would get all the jobs completed and that all our labors would be honoring to God and a positive witness to those we serve.

3. We will have one intern serving with us this summer. Please pray for her as she serves in various aspects of the ministry this summer. Pray for strength and protection for her as well.

4. Pray for the individuals and families attending worship each week, that God would work through the preaching of His Word in the hearts and lives of those who hear. Pray for God to raise up men to be a part of the church. Pray for our Children's Church ministry as we seek to share God's truth with young children.

5. Please pray for us as we adjust to changes in our health and that we remember to give God the praise for every situation He brings us to and through as we remember Paul's words to the Romans: *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose"* (Rom. 8:28).

## **Zach and Amy Fulginiti - Campus Outreach, Charlotte, NC**

### **Pray:**

Pray for the summer training project, now called the Leadership Project (formally known as the Summer Beach Project). This



year, we are moving to Orlando, FL for the Leadership Project (LP). 50+ students will be joining us for eight weeks of training in Bible study, prayer, evangelism and more. They'll work jobs at Sea World and Chick-fil-a. Our family will be in Orlando for two weeks in June investing in our staff and students. Pray with us the God would raise up laborers for His harvest field this summer!

## **Stephen and Natalie - Serving in Restricted Area**

### **Pray:**

1. That we'd be able to get everything we need to get done before we travel to the US for the summer.
2. That we'd have a restful and refreshing summer as we visit family and friends.
3. That our transition to our new home in August goes smoothly and that we settle in quickly.

*"...therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:38*

## **Frank and Sheree - Serving in Restricted Area**

### **Pray:**

1. Pray for our long-term residential visas. Please pray for this process and for us to be approved for a residential visa. Pray that it would be accepted and that we could get our 1 year residency.
2. Please pray for the preschool. It looks like a long-term place to meet might not be available for 8-12 months or longer. Please pray for a place that is close to where the children live, that is safe for the children, that is not too expensive and that will facilitate teaching the children we serve. We need to move before June 30.
3. Please pray for an open door for Egyptian teachers to travel to our location to teach there. The The door has been closed for visas for 4 months and we are ready to start an ARTS seminary program there.
4. Also, please pray for God to work in the hearts of those in the US who are considering joining the work here in the future. Pray for God to raise up laborers for this harvest field.

## **Tim and Jenn - Serving in Restricted Area**

### **Pray:**

1. Please pray for two Somali Christian men that Tim is getting to know. Pray that one of them would be able to readjust his work schedule so he can join a church. Pray that the other one would be reunited with his family in Ethiopia and grow in his understanding of a healthy church. Pray that these men would be bold witnesses in their communities.
2. Please pray for growing friendships and gospel conversations in the Somali community. Pray for wisdom and creativity in how to encourage these friendships to grow. Pray for God to open hearts to the Gospel.



**Rohan and Rebecca Crown - Amazing Grace PCA,  
Lethbridge, Alberta (Canada)**

**Pray:**

1. God continues to do AMAZING work through our AMAZING KIDS program. Rebecca, Carrie and all the volunteers provide great connection with kids and families in our community. We are seeing some of our Amazing Kids and their families joining us on Sundays for worship. Keep praying for these connections and for the Amazing Kids program.



2. Life is just as busy at Amazing Grace. We continue to search for an Assistant Pastor, please continue to pray, and a full-time counseling couple (please be praying for this).

3. Please pray specifically as we navigate mental health issues, those grieving loved ones who have died recently, and those searching. I am thankful for partnership with Mitchell (Elder at Amazing Grace), he is a blessing and support.

4. Please give thanks to the Lord for the growth we have seen at Amazing Grace and for the 11 we have going through Leadership Training right now.

5. Please pray as we continue to connect with our Indigenous people in our city. We are thankful for the connection and trust we have been able to build with them.

6. Sadly, the state of the homeless and addictions continues to plague our city. Please pray for our city for it's glaring needs. Pray that there will be solutions to this growing crisis!!!

7. Pray for our Summer Interns, Hannah and Victoria. Pray for a fruitful time for these 2 young ladies.

8. Pray as we run our summer camp July 4th-8th. Pray that we will be able to reach more kids and families for Christ and the Gospel.

**Bud and Barbara Speck - Wycliffe Bible Translators,  
Kandern, Germany**

**Pray:**

1. Please continue to pray for the Wycliffe Global Alliance Bible Translation organizations in Russia and the countries surrounding the Ukraine. They are in great need of our prayer support. This Ukrainian War may not be the primary headlines in the news anymore, but continues to be the daily headline in their context.



2. Please pray for daily stamina. They are tired. Besides their normal family life and ministry, there is the care of the hundreds of Ukrainian refugees coming to their towns and cities.

3. Wycliffe Poland also needs more funds to drive the lorries (trucks) into the Ukraine with relief supplies. Wycliffe Poland, Slovakia, Romania, Czech Republic and Hungary are all involved in Trauma Healing workshops to help those in crisis and/or giving out thousands of trauma healing booklets. Most of us cannot even begin to understand the horror the Ukrainians have been through and continue to experience.

4. On May 23, Bud had another follow up appointment after his 3rd vocal chord surgery. The doctor found a bump on his vocal chord, but determined it is not cancerous. However, another follow up is needed in six months. Please pray that God would clear this up without further surgery.

5. Bud will be traveling to Philadelphia on June 8th to take care of business matters associated with Mom Speck's estate as co-executor. Please pray he will be able to take care of what is needed to be done on the 9th as on June 10th he will travel to meet me in Fresno.

6. Pray for our time visiting family in June.

7. Pray for the selection process of the next Europe Area Director. The Europe Area and the 19 Bible translations organizations are strategic in God's mission to the nations.

## Shane and Krista - Serving in Restricted Area

### Pray:

- 1) Ask that the Father would give us good time with our friends & expat friends this month as we get ready to leave for 6-7 months AND that the Father would provide the strength to pack up our house and get all the logistics figured out.
- 2) Continue to lift up the MOU process that all the documents and processes needed to close out the current MOU and sign a new 5-year MOU for our work would go smoothly and that we would have extra favor with our government partners.
- 3) Lift up our country team as a whole as everyone finishes out their teaching semesters for the summer and either heads back for a break or are staying here, that they would get the rest they need to start the year strong in August.

## Campus Outreach - Charlotte, Wingate University

### Pray for William and Mallory Edwards:

- 1) Pray for our graduating students as they begin to walk with God after college.
- 2) Pray for our student leaders as they begin to plan for leading student ministry next year.
- 3) Pray for Mallory and me as we seek to balance family life, seminary and loving, ministering to, and supporting students walk with God the rest of this semester and summer.



*“ . . .praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints . . . ”*  
*Ephesians 6:18*