

Supported Workers and Ministry Partners

Prayer Requests

March/April 2023



Peter and Katie Eck Church Planting Atlantic City, New Jersey

PRAY

- 1) Please pray for our folks to grow in grace, in their thirst for God and the things of Him, for their desire to do life together with other believers in the church.
- 2) Pray for God to give us all opportunities to share the good news of the gospel, to see people confess Christ as Lord and be enfolded into our church family.
- 3) Pray that God provides more gospel workers to share the load of ministry and even expand our footprint in AC.
- 4) Pray also that God provides the help we need for our summer UMT season, looks like it is going to be a busy one.

Stephen and Natalie **Serving in Restricted Area**

- 1) That Ramadan would lead to good conversations and opportunities to share with friends and students, and that the Father would reveal Himself to people here.
- 2) That our team would get good rest during our Ramadan break.
- 3. We have our organizational conference at the end of April. Please ask for safe travels and good times of fellowship with one another.

- 1) Pray for the upcoming season of our <u>Between the Pew podcast</u> (click on the link to listen).
- 2) Pray for our upcoming MNA staff retreat.
- 3) Pray for more African American church plant recruits.
- 4) Pray for more financial partners.



Charles and Charlotte McKnight Mission to North America's African American Ministries Coordinator Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Romans 5:8

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."



David and Celia YoranChurch Planting
West Charlotte Church at Freedom

PRAY

- 1) Lament Sermon Series: For two months, we are preaching a sermon series based upon selected Psalms of lament, and also using the book of Lamentations as a guide. There has already been a strong, positive, response from our congregation. Please pray that by studying these passages, we will grow closer to God and learn how to be more faithful, content, and even joyful in our pain.
- 2) Financial Analysis and Planning: After a tumultuous year with the merger, we are now at a point where our leadership can begin to better analyze and plan regarding church finances. Please pray for wisdom, good stewardship, and the right mix of a desire to save and a desire to invest strategically for the future.
- 3) Outreach & Evangelism: We are doing a better job of focusing our efforts on a few select ministries, trying to do only a few things,

but do them better. Please pray for our outreach through our community garden and college outreach as Johnson C Smith university. Please pray specifically that we will see men, women, and children come to saving faith in Jesus Christ through these ministries.

4) Shepherding: Please pray for continued faithfulness and growth as our elders shepherd our congregation.

Tim and Jenn Serving in Restricted Area

- 1) Praise God for an incredible trip Tim had to the UAE. Please pray for an Ethiopian pastor he met there who will be planting a church in Addis Ababa. This church could, in turn, support gospel ministry among Somalis.
- 2) Please pray for the salvation of Tim's friend, Aamiin, and that Tim's friend, Ahmed, would join a local church.
- 3) Please pray for faithfulness in godliness, evangelism, and discipleship.



David and Estelle AbernathyJAARS and Wycliffe Bible Translators
Waxhaw, NC

1) Our daughter Emily (42 years old) lives with us. Because of long-term declining health she will probably never be able to live independently again unless God intervenes to change things. But that is exactly what we are asking him for. We are asking him to reverse the downward spiral of fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, allergies, and high sensitivities to environmental stimuli – smells, sounds, light, etc. Right now she has an unusual amount of fatigue, both physical and mental, and that burden really needs to change. In other words, we and she would like for her to have her life back.

There are some ways in which life has become better for her. She now gets paid for her work, and she has a lot less commuting time because she can work in Waxhaw, not in Charlotte. But we still want to see a major turnaround in her physical health, so please pray.

1 Peter 1:3

"... According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ..."

PRAY

- 1) Praise God for a very successful season of support raising! I am currently fully funded.
- 2) Please pray for upcoming work trips. I will be traveling to Greensboro and Charlotte to do Women's Coordinator training and connect with staff. In May, I will travel to Orlando for a set up trip in preparation for our staff conference in July.
- 3) Pray that we would finish the school year well and get some much needed reprieve from sicknesses.



Brandi and Jay Rawls
Campus Outreach - East Coast Network
Development Team
Newport News, VA



Jonty and Georgina Rhodes Church Planting Leeds, England

- 1) Student retreat: Assistant Minister Nick Algeo will take the undergrad students away for a week. Teaching on marriage, sex and sexuality. 30 or so students going which is a real encouragement!
- 2) Thanks for new people joining: church has continued to grow this last month or two, with new people almost every week.
- 3) We could therefore do with a larger venue to hire: this is very hard to find, please pray the Lord provides!

- 1) Pray for my parents that they will come to know Christ as Lord and Savior.
- 2) Pray for the Sproull's and the Jesus Quest Bible Camp.
- 3) Pray for Summer in Lummi and Nooksack as we place teams strategically in ministry areas.
- 4) Pray for the "prayer houses" in Rutsatz that will reach the Nooksack nation and in Lummi.
- 5) Pray for the efforts in Lummi to strengthen the work of the Christian leaders in their ministries to reach their tribe and establish a generational ministry.



Michael and Linda-Lee Wadhams Ministry to the Nooksack and Lummi Bellingham, Washington

- 6) Pray for the Tohono o'Odham who have invited us to reach their people in 2024. We need wisdom and passionate people who will love and share Christ with them.
- 7) Praise the Lord for all the good things He brings to the First Nations!

John 11:25

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live..."



Ben and Kim Church Church Planting Kampala, Uganda

- 1) First, we praise God that our fifth child, Gabriel (Gabe) James Church, was born on 6 March. He and Mom are doing well. Thank you so much for those who have prayed for a fast and safe delivery and those who have helped us get some baby necessities. We feel so blessed and provided for God is good!
- 2) Pray for boldness, wisdom and love from the Holy Spirit for those who are preaching.
- 3) For softened and receptive hearts for those that we preach to.
- 4) Pray that the Lord would use these means to call to Himself those He has appointed to eternal life.
- 5) That this effort would help COR (Christ Our Refuge) Church become more recognized and familiar in the community so that more people would feel free to visit us for Sunday service
- 6) That we would follow-up well with those that we preach to, and especially those who express new faith in Christ.
- 7) That COR would develop a culture of evangelism and helping non-believers understand and embrace the gospel in everything we do.

David and Aliece Serving in Restricted Area

PRAY

- 1) The churches that we serve are under persecution again. One church has their meeting place taken over and they are forced to find another one (underground). Another church the same and all the leadership has been arrested (but have all been released), and warned never to worship again. Now they have disbursed into different family's homes and continue the worship that way. Please pray for the persecuted church.
- 2) David has been traveling from city to city to teach and serve different church groups in the field. Currently the focus is training them Doctrine of Church and help them organize their Church Polity Biblically. It is a major task and please pray for David to have wisdom to lead the Chinese churches.
- 2a) David also is preparing an annual Reformed Theological Conference in Hong Kong. 500 church leaders are expected to attend. Please pray that the conference will be held without persecution, the place of conference will be in Hong Kong. Time is towards the end of October, 2023.
- 2b) Finally, David is helping churches through preaching and train their future leaders. Currently David has 3 churches that he visits to train their future generation of church leaders. Training is once a week, please pray for David to have strength and wisdom.
- 3) Aliece is ministering through her Counseling School, teaching Counseling courses and supervising their counseling technique as well as tutoring them on a Masters Research Paper writing. Total number of students she oversees is 13. Please pray for her wisdom as well.
- 3a) Aliece also provides counseling training to local churches (in-person), and online counseling training for churches afar.
- 3b) Finally, Aliece personally home schools our children, age 16, 13, 6, and 1. Please pray for her time, wisdom, and strength to do all that God has given us to do.
- 4) Zemirah, our 13 year old daughter, has been diagnosed with genetic disorder Diabetics. Basically her body can't breakdown glucose (sugar) properly. Doctor is giving her medication now, but if that doesn't work as well more aggressive treatment may be needed. Please pray for her health. David also has Type-II Diabetics and it's caused by eating habit and lack of exercise. Please pray for David's adjusting his diet and have more exercise routine in his life.

Romans 10:9

"Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Frank and Sheree Serving in Restricted Area

- 1) Pray for us to be able to finalize our residency here. Pray for a final and favorable decision.
- 2) Pray for Sheree as she prepares for the Easter party at the preschool. Pray that the message of the cross and resurrection would be clear and would be received in the hearts of the children.
- 3) Pray for ARTS as we look at offering our program in 2 different places. As well, pray as we start a new Certificate program in May.
- 4) Pray for our joy and rest in the Lord.

PRAISE

1) V.K. completed her GED, with honors, on her first attempt! Her goal for the remainder of her sentence is to invest in her education.



- 2) K.G. and M.S. have been promoted at their dream jobs. We are so proud of their hard work and diligence.
- 3) H.W. will be on her way to our local federal halfway house in a few months.

PRAY

- 1) S.R. was released last week, and requests continued prayers for successful re-entry and building her community of support.
- 2) A.A. is recovering from a broken foot and needs prayers for continued healing.
- 3) J.S. is requesting prayers for directions and next steps.

Mark 16:6

"And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him."



Imbumi and Martha Makuku Church Planting Kibera, Kenya

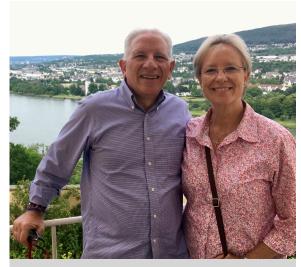
PRAISE

- 1) Pray for the rains that have started to continue on well into May.
- 2) Pray for the ministry to continue to be God-centered and glorifying.
- 3) Pray for peace even in the midst of demonstrations, high inflation and under-employment.
- 4) Pray for our VBS outreach in April.
- 5) Pray for construction work to finish well.
- 6) Pray for Christ Covenant as they plan to come.

Shane and Krista Serving in Restricted Area

- 1) Pray that our organization's MOU with the government will get signed so that our teachers can begin teaching. We go through this process once every 5 years and it's what allows us to teach at government universities, but has been delayed quite a bit this time around.
- 2) Ask for wisdom for our family as we plan the remainder of our time in the States. We'll head back to Laos on August 10th. Praise Him for the healing and refreshment He's provided after a difficult season.
- 3) Praise that He has provided funds for our friend, Andrew, a young father and brother in the Son who is experiencing double kidney failure, to receive a year of dialysis. Ask for provision as he looks towards a kidney transplant.

- 1) Praise that Wycliffe was able to pay for Bud's new computer and praise that a gift of a dear supporter/friend was able to provide a computer case and some accessories. Thank you for praying!
- 2) Praise for a good trip to Israel for Barb.
- 3) Bud has had his 5 week visit with the vocal cord surgeon (after his 4th surgery) and even though his voice is not any better at present, the surgeon said the cords look good and to give it more time. Thank you for your continued prayers. We have not lost hope for God certainly is able to heal and restore. One specific request is Bud needs to work on lowering his voice. This needs to be a daily focus which is not so easy to do. Most of us respond by talking without first thinking and working at how we say it.
- 4) Bud also is scheduled for carpal tunnel surgery on his right wrist March 27th. It will be an "in and out" procedure that day. Thank you for your prayers for its success as well as Bud's healing and good use of his right hand once again.



Bud and Barbara Speck Wycliffe Bible Translators Communications Consultant Burbach, Germany

- 5) Bud presently is helping the America's area of Wycliffe (which covers North, Central and South America) with their preparations of the booklet he designed for the Global People Conversation. He is helping them to personalize it. He is under a time constraint presently and needs to complete edits and translation in Spanish. The America's Global People Conversation will be April 18-21 in Bogota Colombia.
- 6) In a few weeks I (Barb) will be flying out to Fresno California to help Sonja, Matt, Luke and Colin move into their newly renovated home. I will help them in the final packing and the initial move. Bud cannot get away at this time, but sure wishes he could come and be of service! He will be with us though in spirit and prayer. Please pray for daily strength and good night's sleep for all of us, safety during the move, last minute touches/details on the renovations, God's intervention to help with various challenges/problems (such as all the rain in CA!).

Zechariah 9:9

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he..."



Mitch and Jessica Spence Church Planting Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

PRAY

- 1) Give thanks for God's faithfulness to Living Hope Church as we just passed the three year mark since our first service, just a snippet of God's faithfulness across the ages. We still stand amazed at the family in Christ that God is bringing together, a family we could neither have imagined nor brought together had we tried.
- 2) Give thanks for last Friday's 'Engage' night hosted by the Evangelical Student Network (ESN), in which 130 NUST students turned up to a talk on God's goodness in the face of pain and suffering. Please pray for gospel fruit as a result of God's word going out in the power of the Spirit. Please pray that the many follow up conversations would all point to the goodness of God in Christ Jesus.
- 3) Please pray for good health as we head towards the April holidays. Finn has had a case of Mumps and we're expecting Nathi to follow suit

shortly. Harriet (the privileged one) was vaccinated during our time in Australia but the vaccination is not administered in Zimbabwe where both the boys have spent the bulk of their young lives. Please pray we'd be able to get a few days rest in April, and not rest plagued by illness.

- 1) Pray as we help women and families who have had a miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant death or those who struggle with infertility and/or a past abortion. Pray for the ladies who will receive the eNews on Good Friday featuring testimonies from women who just finished our post-abortive Bible study, particularly if there are any ladies who have never come to terms with their own abortion in the past.
- 2) Pray for Bereaved Mom's Day on May 7th. We send out blankets to the moms that contact us who have lost a baby. The blankets are so special and include a patch on them that says "You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:13-14.
- 3) Pray for the table that Caleb Ministries will have set up at CCC on May 7th and May 14th and the women who are hurting on these days as it can be difficult for the woman who has lost a baby, struggles with infertility, and/or who is post-abortive. Our desire is to give them hope.



Craig and Sandy Day
Caleb Ministries Founders
Matthews. NC

PRAISE

- 1) Marlene, women's ministry leader in a church in CA, just finished teaching our Living in His Forgiveness study and her story will be the first to go out in our eNews on Good Friday. So touching to see what all God has done as she lead 4 ladies from her church through the study.
- 2) In March we gave 12 P.A.T. Memory Boxes to CaroMont in Gastonia, NC. Included in the memory box is a burial gown or keepsake, blanket, booties, heart shaped pillow, baby hair envelope (size appropriate), and an Especially for you booklet with similar stories to give hope. We gave 19 to Novant Main NICU and L&D to give to women and families who loose a baby. The staff is always so grateful to have something to give those who loose a baby. So thankful for the ladies who serve in Caleb Ministries at Christ Covenant by making many of these treasures.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures..."

Micah and Blair Serving in Restricted Area

- 1) The training of two new workers arriving on the field along with another family next month. Pray specifically for their family's adjustment to life here. I have some some responsibility in assisting them in the transition. I have also been tasked to help them grow in evangelism in the coming months. Pray that God would open doors for us to co-labor in this way together.
- 2) The Christian holidays are some of the best times for Christians to make Christ known to their friends here. Pray the church will invite their friends to our Easter program and service that Sunday. Pray lost sheep will be brought back into the fold through this season. You can pray specifically that our neighbor will join and follow Christ.
- 3) Pray for a Japanese family and a Middle Eastern family who I have a developing relationship with.



James and Kelly Broadaway
Campus Outreach - South Africa
Cape Town Team Leaders
Cape Town, South Africa

PRAY

- 1) After a month on Campus (with 32,000 students) we have relationships in 17 different affinity groups. These mostly consist of residence halls and sports teams. This is far too broad for our team to maintain but this initial phase of ministry is focused on investigation and over the coming months we will narrow down and select just a few affinity groups to focus on building relationships with. This is one very obvious thing you can pray for us, that God would give us wisdom and discernment concerning where to focus our efforts.
- 2) Pray for the team, pictured From left to right: Luke, Nathan, James, Kelly, Samuel Broadaway; Olivia, Fhumulani & Josiah Kamanga, Lindsay Kent, & Morgan Atchison.
- 3) Cape Town is still a new location for 4 of our 6 team members. Pray they would begin to feel more settled and connected to our church.
- 4) Pray that we would be a ministry deeply connected to the Lord and ministering out of an overflow from our relationship with Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

Nisin and Joanna Serving in Restricted Area

- 1) **Conference follow-up:** We had a successful conference with many non-Christian students in attendance. The theme was on the doctrine of union with Christ, and we heard talks on Galatians 3 and 4, Colossians 2, and John 17. Please pray for MsIm students like Hussein, as well as C and others who were impacted by the talks. Pray that they would experience conversion and bear fruit in their lives.
- 2) **Internship:** Please pray for the selection and confirmation of new interns for next year. Pray for F, a student from Syria who is having difficulties renewing his passport due to the Syrian government. Also, pray for J, who is at risk of her family finding out about her ministry and faith. Pray for T, who needs to care for his family before starting the internship. Additionally, pray for funding for the first two interns who cannot publicly share about their ministry.
- 3) **University of Birmingham in Dubai:** Please pray for Christian students who are being refused permission to meet for Bible study on campus. Pray for student leaders to be able to start a group before they graduate and for the university to be favorable to Christian students.
- 4) **Family:** Please pray for God's favor with the Indian government as we begin the adoption process, which may take 3-4 years. We pray that we can be matched with a child before then, but we also trust in God's timing and plan.
- 5) **Funding:** Our ministry's budget has increased over the past year due to growing needs. Please pray for the Lord to provide us with funding to meet these needs, as we have been grateful to serve for 17 years.

1) Please pray for continued healing for Charlotte and for energy for Kent as he cares for her. On Sunday, March 5, Charlotte suffered an aortic dissection. The dramatic circumstances surrounding her dissection are too much to share in writing; though to share more would be to pile up reason upon reason to praise the goodness and power of our God. It will suffice to say that people simply do not survive what she endured. There is no earthly reason she is alive. But, she is! We are grateful for an extremely gifted heart surgeon and his team, and we are grateful for speedy and skilled medical personnel in the helicopter. All that being said, the most brilliant and best doctors in the world could not have saved Charlotte apart from the miraculous intervention of our good and kind God.

2) We continue to have interactions with people in our community and have had some new people attending regularly. Pray that we continue to be given and take advantage of these kinds of opportunities.



Ben and Melanie Kappers Church Planting St. George, UT

Matthew 28:6

"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."



Ralph and Lisa Johnston Church Planting Sanford, NC

PRAISE

- 1) God provided \$2500 from an outside donor to pay for new and much nicer stackable chairs for our temporary sanctuary. In addition to that, God also provided a mom who is really good on social media and who found 110 beautiful, clean chairs for us to purchase. We will celebrate Easter in comfort and style...rather than on crusty folding chairs.
- 2) We currently have 24 adults in our 15 week leadership training. Most have stayed with it, and foundations are being laid for the next layer of theologically trained and prepared leadership.

PRAY

- 1) We are asking God for our first class of 3 elders and 3 deacons so that we can become a self-governed particular church by May of 2024. We need wisdom and discernment for the right leaders as we move into the future.
- 2) We are asking God for a 24/7 location in Lee County, NC for God's glory and our enjoyment!
- 3) We are asking God for new strategies on how to reach the new families who are moving into Sanford each month. We would love to see many of these new families come to Christ and join us at Christ Church Sanford.

Mike and Stephanie Serving in Restricted Area

- 1) Preparation for the May training event in Hanoi Vietnam. Ed McCallum will teach through 1 Corinthians with an emphasis on how the church responds to conflict. I (Mike) will facilitate a spiritual formation course derived from Jesus' discipleship of Peter.
- 2) Pray for the Hmong people group of N. Vietnam (also China, Cambodia and Laos). A few leaders from the ITEN training will be selected to carry on a future training of Hmong leaders.
- 3) I (Mike) have made connections recently with several other ministries involved in global pastoral training. Pray for wisdom to partner with others for the pressing needs of training the global church.

- 1) As an update, our daughter Tiffany, will need to extend her leave from work as she continues to recover. She is making great strides, but it is a long and slow process. We are so thankful for the community of physicians and Christian friends that she is surrounded with who have been ministering to her along the way. God continues to provide. Please continue to pray for her. Baby Zara is doing well and is a blessing and joy to all!
- 2) Please be in prayer, asking God for wisdom and discernment as the leaders of the church contemplate a major shift in ministry direction for our church. Much has happened with respect to our outreach efforts to the local refugee community near our church. We are very excited at the response of the congregation as we have begun to inform them of the new direction. Doors continue to open, and we are at a critical juncture as we begin to layout specific plans for implementation. Key to much of the effort lies in available resources/people. We are in discussion with several individuals & other churches. God



Clifford and Rose Chin Charlotte Chinese Baptist Church English Ministry Pastor

has His plan and pray that He will faithfully guide us along the way as we seek to follow Him.

3) This coming Sunday we will be having an evangelical outreach weekend, inviting nonbelievers to our church. It will begin on Friday evening and last through Sunday. Please be in prayer that many will bring their unchurched friends and neighbors. May many come to know Jesus through this event!

1 Peter 2:21-24

"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps... He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed."



Tom and Sharlene Muir Church Planting Midlothian, Scotland

PRAY

- 1) Esk Valley are thankful for recent non-Christian visitors. These are people with distant church connections- sometimes from childhood- who have been coming along. They don't necessarily come all the time- some have health issues- but we're praying the Lord Jesus will draw them to Himself.
- 2) We also look forward to our Vision Day for the congregation on the 23rd April. We want to lay out the vision & strategy for the church for the next 12-18 months, & enthuse & include the congregation in this.

Pray for clarity, unity & capacity to do what God is calling us to pursue in the name of His kingdom here.

3) Finally, please pray for a number of our core members who are wrestling with health struggles themselves, or with care for dependent family members. For some it has been a season of unusual burden, & we seek God's care for them, & grace in the trials of life.

- 1) Pray for Grace Community Church of Cherokee as we have moved to a new location and we are now meeting at the Yellowhill Activity Center Building on Acquoni Road. Pray that God would provide a permanent home for Grace Community Church.
- 2) Pray for God to grow His Church and to raise up men to serve as leaders in the church.
- 3) Pray for wisdom for Scott as he seeks to provide leadership to the small group of believers that meet each week for worship and for Bible study.
- 4) Pray for Tom and Mylicah Smith who have finished the final step with MTW and are now able to begin raising support to join us here in Cherokee.
- 5) Pray for continued strength and health for Scott and Ruth.



Scott and Ruth Hill Church Planting - Native American Ministry Cherokee, NC

- 6) Pray for tribal elections that will be taking place this year. The primary will be held in June and the winners of the primary will face off in the general election in September. Principal Chief, Vice Chief, and all Tribal Council seats are up for election. Pray for men and women of integrity to be elected.
- 7) Pray for Katie as she finishes up her final semester at Appalachian State University and for wisdom for the future.

PRAISE

- 1) Praise God for His continued provision for our needs.
- 2) Praise God that our family will be growing this year! Scott and Rebekah will welcome child #2 in late June or early July.
- 3) Praise God for His continued provision for and watchcare over Grace Community Church.
- 4) Praise God for the faithful folks who continue to attend worship service and Bible study each week.
- 5) Praise for safety in all the traveling we have done recently.

Romans 12:10

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."



Russell and Latoya McCutcheon Church Planting Knightdale/Southeast Raleigh, NC

- 1) Pray that the Lord would bless our elder process. Three men will be going through the steps and training of becoming an elder.
- 2) Pray that the Lord will allow us to grow numerically.

- 1) Pray for St. Thomas Lutheran church, their pastor, their council members, and their congregation. Pray that God would guide them, that He would continue to guide us, that we would be able to serve and care for them well. The majority of the small congregation is in their 70's, and they truly love St. Thomas. Pray for our people at Vive Charlotte, our community, and outreach, and our faithfulness to God.
- 2) We will suspend our service this coming March 26th to join their service where we will be introduced to their community before we start worshiping in the chapel starting this April, 2023. Join us if you are in town.

3) Pray for wisdom, as I patiently and prayerfully guide both congregations to become one over the next many months or years (or not, as God would guide!). But pray that we would grow strong in the

Lord and boldly proclaim to our neighbor that because Jesus lives, we live, and there is life available for them and their community.



José and Anna Portillo Church Planting Vive Charlotte Church

Matthew 28:5-6

"But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said."



PRAISE

- 1) Shelly will continue to be on staff with Metanoia, though with a much more limited role. Shelly is undergoing new treatment in her battle with cancer.
- 2) Please join us in thanking God for a smooth transition of the Correspondence office.

Give Thanks for God providing everything we have need of, including Raylene, who is excited about the ministry!

3) We have seen a great deal of Student Enrollment Forms this year. Praise God for those who want to study God's Word.

- 1) Please continue to pray for Shelly Marshall and her battle with cancer. Shelly has not felt well in recent weeks and her strength has been diminished. May the Lord be merciful to her in this battle.
- 2) Please pray for all the new students. May God bless them in their studies and may they grow in their knowledge and faith in Him.
- 3) Please continue to pray for the transition of the Correspondence Ministry. While I have been able to learn most of it, there are still some aspects I don't know. Pray that the ministry will continue to serve the prisoners with excellence.
- 4) Please pray for the up-coming changes to our family as my wife transitions from Teacher to Ministry Facilitator with Metanoia.
- 5) Please pray for God to continue to provide the financial partners we need to do the ministry.

- 1) Vaughn has started seminary at RTS. Please pray for him as he figures out how best to balance work, seminary, and home life in this season. Life is full, but it's a sweet season!
- 2) Pray for our family as we continue raising support for Joni to return to staff to help train and develop our regional staff women. Pray we would reach our goal by summertime and she could fully start her role in the fall, if it's the Lord's will!
- 3) Pray for God to continue his work in Elijah's life and that his testimony would be the catalyst for others to come to faith who have been coming to our Bible study all semester! We really would love to see a core group of students begin to be discipled and become student leaders who would want to share their faith and train other leaders on the campus!



Vaughn and Joni Volious Campus Outreach - Area Director Columbia, SC

4) Please pray for Benedict's Spring Break Trip--that the Lord would continue to forge deep friendships and stir up great spiritual conversations as we are away.



FAITH PROMISE

Matthew 9:37b-38: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

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