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## Supported Workers and Ministry Partners

# Prayer Requests

### January/February 2024



**Jordan and Lauren Keyton**  
Wycliffe, JAARS, & SIL  
Electrician & Solar Power  
Systems CRM  
Waxhaw, NC

#### PRAY

- 1) Jordan electrically maintains the 60+ buildings at the JAARS center, allowing Bible translations, video and audio translations, and much more to continue running smoothly. Pray for him in this position.
- 2) Pray for God to complete our partnership development goal of raising \$1,269 in monthly or regular financial giving before our deadline of March 1st 2024. This will allow Lauren and I to serve together as Wycliffe members. If we do not reach this goal, Lauren will need to resign from Wycliffe (I'll still be working full time), and we'll need to find a way to make up these finances outside of Wycliffe.
- 3) Pray for the facilities electrical team as we are rewiring "Elim House" here at the JAARS center. This house is used by missionaries coming in and out of the country as they are working.

#### **Shane and Krista** **Serving in Restricted Area**

#### PRAY

- 1) Pray for T & L. Ask for the Father to strengthen them daily and give them His eyes to see where He's at work.
- 2) Pray over Billy and ask for the Father to spark something in his heart, a thirst that only the One who made him can quench.
- 3) Pray over Shane and I for wisdom to know where to invest our time each day, and for more opportunities to speak of who He is.

## PRAY

- 1) I would love prayer for travel and work conducting assessments in Augusta February 6th-8th.
- 2) Please pray for the 8 women on my leadership team. Pray that God would equip them for the work that they are doing as they shepherd Campus Outreach (CO) staff women in their regions.
- 3) Pray that I would serve this team well and be a resource and encouragement for them. Please pray for safety in travels and that I would continue to grow in my walk with God so that I can be helpful to those I serve.



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

## *Philippians 4:6-7*

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

## PRAISE

- 1) Please pray for New City Fellowship kids & youth.
- 2) That God would bring them to saving faith and that they would be discipled in the faith.
- 3) That God would make our Presbytery Youth Retreat (March 1-3) at Harvey Cedars a helpful experience in their walk with Christ.
- 4) That God would continue to provide help and opportunities to do more outreach to the kids of our City
- 5) Also please pray for God to provide us our own space as a church (rental or own)
- 6) Pray for a space that has a dedicated space for kid's ministry, an office for me and a worship space at a price we can afford and a strategic place for ministry in the city.
- 7) Pray for housing and meeting needs for our UMT program in the summer.
- 8) Also pray for meaningful connections with folks in the city during the winter months with are typically harder since most folks are sick inside.



**Peter and Katie Eck**  
Church Planter - New City  
Fellowship  
Atlantic City, NJ



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

### PRAY

1) Pray for physical healing for Kelly Broadaway, and our two US interns Morgan and Lindsay who were involved in a car accident. Kelly's recovery will take some time as she has a fractured sternum. Lindsay and Morgan have symptoms resulting from whiplash.

2) Pray for the start of the academic year that we'd be able to execute good plans for discipling and evangelizing the university students we are connected to. There are 25 students we are trying to move into various bible studies with different goals and also trying to create an evangelistic movement around these students.

3) Pray for new staff; Connor & Maddie Holladay, and Paige Livingston who are raising support and applying for Vlsa's to join us in South Africa.

*John 16:33*

*"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

### PRAY

- 1) Pray for Susan as she shares her testimony at CAJ's MS and HS chapels, that all praise and glory will go to God. Pray that the gospel be shared clearly and that some would answer the call to commit to missions.
- 2) Pray for Praise and Worship Night in our home. Pray that it would be a time of worshiping God in spirit and in truth. Pray that more worship of the one and only true God would take place in the land of Japan.
- 3) Praise God for healing my (Susan) shoulder. Pray that it would continue to heal well and that I would be able to gain full mobility with the rehab that will start this Friday and will continue for the next 3-5 months. Praise God also for the community of believers that have been blessing us with meals and groceries. Pray for Rich and the kids as the step up and do all my chores and help me over the next few months.
- 4) Praise God for the revival taking place at Christian Academy in Japan (CAJ), HiBA(HS youth group) and Jesus & Ramen (MS youth group).
- 5) Pray for salvation to come to those students that don't know Jesus personally. Pray for those that recently became Christians to keep growing in Christ. Pray for God's blessings upon the prayer meetings, Bible study, weekly chapel times, weekly HiBA youth group meetings, and monthly (soon to be biweekly) MS youth group meetings.



**Richard and Susan Bae**  
SIM/MTW Language and  
culture acquisition phase  
Tokyo, Japan

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

**PRAY**

- 1) Please pray for Arab believers to more and more imbibe the gospel.
- 2) Pray for Arab believers to grow in Biblical character and knowledge to grow to lead churches.
- 3) Pray for our teaching and training in the region to be culturally and contextually effective.

**Nisin and Joanna**  
**Serving in Restricted Area**

**PRAY**

- 1) Pray that we will bold and clear with the gospel and be faithfully teaching God's Word to students. Col 4:3-4
- 2) Pray for external challenges. Pray that we would enjoy safety and protection while doing ministry at great risk. Pray for favor with university and government authorities.
- 3) Pray for our team to grow in holiness, service in our churches, conviction of sin and growth in love for believers.

*Romans 5:1*

*"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*



**Ben and Kim Church**  
Church Planters - Christ Our Refuge  
Church  
Kampala, Uganda

**PRAISE**

- 1) Praise God for the funds He's provided for COR to acquire property. Pray for enough donations to receive the remaining matching funds. Pray for leading and protection for the committee conducting the land search process.
- 2) Praise God for the new members He has added to the church in the last year. Pray for their growth in grace and that they use their spiritual gifts to build up the body.
- 3) Pray for the continual discipleship and training of potential elders and deacons for COR.
- 4) Pray for wisdom for Ben as he shepherds the flock that is under his care.

- 5) COR's pastoral intern, John, who has served for several years is stepping out of that role as he finishes his master's degree. Pray for the Lord to provide another Ugandan intern who can assist Ben, work towards ordination, and possibly become the next lead pastor of COR.
- 6) Pray for our family to meet and start building relationships with people in our new neighborhood.
- 7) Pray for Kim as she begins a new homeschooling year with our kids (Asher is in 8th grade, Elias is in 6th, Eva is in 4th, and Ames is in 1st. Gabe is still enjoying babyhood at 10 months.). Praise God for a great homeschool co-op that we are part of.



## PRAY

1) I would ask for your prayers for our ten-person team doing exegetical research for Bible translation; nine of them are doing the research, and I am editing their finished work, plus doing my own project in the book of Numbers when time allows. Our team includes one German, one Finn, and one Korean. Our oldest member is 93 years old, and still going strong, updating Exegetical Summaries that were done several decades ago with more recent scholarly commentaries. Several of our team are volunteers, and have trouble devoting time to the task because of the pressures of earning a living. Three also have young children, or children on the way, who need time and attention. You could pray that we could all be able to devote sufficient time and energy to this task, so we can make progress and also do it well.

2) We ask for your prayers for our son Michael, who lives near Arlington, Va., and is in a doctoral study program in music at George Mason University. He also teaches a few classes there. His car has had ongoing transmission problems, and is now in the process of having a fourth replacement transmission in the last three years installed. It has been a struggle to get repair shops to honor warranties and also do quality work, and it has been very costly. He, and we, need for that car to be working reliably.



**David and Estelle Abernathy**  
JAARS and Wycliffe Bible Translators -  
Biblical Researcher  
Waxhaw, NC

## *Isaiah 54:10*

*“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.*”



**Rachel and David Baxter**  
Charlotte YoungLives Eastside  
Coordinator  
Charlotte, NC

## PRAY

1) Pray for Charlotte YoungLives, an evangelistic and discipleship ministry to pregnant and parenting teens. YoungLives provides mentorships and community while sharing the gospel with teen moms and dads.

2) On February 23-25 Charlotte YoungLives will take 25-30 teen moms and their babies to camp where they will be loved on and the gospel clearly shared! Please pray for soft hearts to the gospel and all the logistics to go well for a great camp weekend.

3) Please pray for new believers among our teen parents. Pray for spiritual growth and maturity for those who are following Jesus. Pray for more male mentors for our dads' ministry.

4) Pray for my family as they partner with me in loving these teens and babies.

## PRAY

- 1) The Lord has recently doubled the amount of people who are regularly attending and involved with All Saints. Praise the Lord!
- 2) He has also given us many opportunities to share the gospel and some people are currently very interested in Christ. Pray for conversions, discipleship opportunities, and continued church growth.



**Ben and Melanie Kappers**  
Church Planters - All Saints  
Reformed Church  
St. George, UT

## 2 Corinthians 13:11

*“Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”*

## David and Aliece Serving in Restricted Area

### PRAY

- 1) Prayers for Persecution - our country has ramped up persecutions and all of the churches I serve with have been persecuted. Please pray for them.
- 2) Pray for our children as a missionary life can be tough for them. Pray that they will continue to grow in grace and get to know the Lord as their personal savior.
- 3) As our country ramps up persecution please pray for the safety of our family as we continue to do the Lord's work here.
- 4) Please pray for fund raising for both personal and ministry funds.



**Craig and Sandy Day**  
Caleb Ministries Founders  
Matthews, NC

### PRAY

1) Pray for the families that receive our P.A.T. Memory Boxes and all of our resources that the hope of the gospel is evident as they read and hearts will be open to God's Truth.

2) So very thankful for the ladies who volunteer from Christ Covenant Church who desire to use their talents and gifts for His glory!

3) Very thankful for the life changing resources we have that change lives of those who have lost a baby due to Miscarriage, stillbirth, and early infant death or those who have dealt with infertility and/or those who have had an abortion in their past.





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

### PRAY

1) Please pray for Vaughn as his seminary classes start back up. Pray for his wisdom in managing his time week-by-week, and pray he learns and grows in such significant ways this semester--that it would only deepen his own walk with God and enrich his work further on the campus.

2) Please pray for 8-10 key students leaders at Benedict to take ownership of the movement and to begin multiplying their lives (aka sharing their faith and thinking for the spiritual growth of others). This is a crucial turn in a new movement that has to happen for our work to build, just like in the ministry of Jesus! So pray God might even call Jaedin, Rob, Femi, and others to take the lead!

3) Please pray for Joni's discipleship of our 14 staff women to be effective and Christ-centered! Pray for her wisdom in majorly planning for the development of each of our female staff, so that each of our campus movements grows even healthier and stronger, as the Lord's wills!

- 4) Please pray for Vaughn's connections on Benedict's football team--pray God would continue to open doors there for even more personal ministry, if it's His will, and that Draper might become a believer this semester!
- 5) Please pray for God to give Joni favor as she begins networking in Greek Life at UofSC to start some personal ministry there in the next year. Pray God opens doors and provides at least one major place for her to pioneer some Greek ministry in the fall, Lord-willing.

### *Isaiah 52:7*

*"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation..."*

### **Chris and Savanna** **Serving in Restricted Area**

### PRAY

- 1) Please pray for our ministry partnerships with churches and families and individuals in the US. Savanna and I are constantly praying for all of our partners (financial and prayer) and we ask that you would join us in asking for God's continued blessings on our relationships with every one of you who encourages and supports our family. We ask that God would bless our relationships for years and years into the future and that He would continue to knit us together from a distance and use us each as iron sharpening iron.
- 2) Please continue to pray that God would bless our relationships that we're developing with Persians and non-Persians in our community. We feel our family's roots sinking further into this place and are excited at the many open doors He has been providing for us to share the story of Jesus with people in our lives. Pray that we would look for more of these opportunities with boldness and trust more and more in the Holy Spirit's movement in and through our lives.
- 3) Please don't stop praying for our Farsi language learning! It's been about a year of study now and we have grown SO MUCH! It's wildly encouraging for us. Our comprehension and speaking are slowly progressing. We are hoping to make 2024 a year of monumental growth in regard to learning this language. We very much value your prayers here!



**PRAY**

- 1) Please pray for new believers to be free on Sundays to meet for a joint Bible study.
- 2) Please pray for the Lord's grace in introducing new Muslim-background believers to one another into this joint Bible study. Pray that trust, instead of suspicion, would fill their relationships.
- 3) Please pray that we would meet new seekers (specifically women and families) that the Lord is drawing to Himself and that we would faithfully minister the Gospel to them.

*John 14:1-3*

*“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”*



**Bud and Barbara Speck**  
Wycliffe Bible Translators  
Communications Consultant  
Charlotte, NC

**PRAY**

- 1) On January 23rd Bud and I flew out to Fresno CA to assist Sonja and Matt with the care of their boys while they attend a Chick Fil A yearly event in Orlando FL. While in Fresno, we will be able to spend time with Olivia who lives just 10 minutes from Sonja. Bud and I appreciate your prayers that we can serve them well.
- 2) Bud asks prayer for the planning of the June European Churches and Bibleless Consultation in Bucharest Romania. The focus will be on the Roma and Deaf Sign languages in Europe. Invitations have gone out and Bud and Ruben have begun planning in earnest.
- 3) Please continue to pray for God to raise up new team members for the Europe Area Team. At present, it is only Bud and Ruben (the Director). Ruben is in discussion with several individuals. May God raise up those who He has already prepared to serve in this capacity (Ephesians 2:10).

4) Bud and I have had frequent sickness since arriving home. This is VERY unusual for us. The last cold or flu we had in Europe was in January 2020. I think our immune system may be down because of all we have experienced and gone through the last 6 months. So much has changed in our life as we packed up our home in Holzhausen and moved back. Bud and I would sure appreciate your prayer for our full recovery from a recent chest cold and God's help in building up our immune system.

5) When we arrive back from CA on February 13, we have less than a month before our travels begin up north. We will be speaking at a mission conference and visiting many extended family and friends that we have not seen in years. Again, we look to the Lord to strengthen our immune system and help us to be a channel of blessing to others we meet and visit.



## **PRAY**

- 1) Sibulele is pregnant with our first child. We are deeply grateful to God for the gift that this child is. Please pray for mother and baby.
- 2) Please also pray for us as a ministry couple to wisely commit and be faithful both to our growing family and the establishment of the new church plant.
- 3) Please also continue to pray thanking God for all those who are stepping out of the comfort of an established church to establish a new church as a core group.
- 4) Pray for our spiritual health that God would use this season to help all of us bear fruit.



**Bongo and Sibulele Mkiva**  
Union Chapel - Church Planting  
Resident  
Cape Town, South Africa

*Colossians 3:15*

*“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. . .”*

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

### **PRAY**

- 1) For us to continue to adjust to life and work as a family of three (especially because it feels like Joseph changes and grows everyday!).
- 2) For more teachers to come work and serve with us.
- 3) For the Word studies that our teachers are involved in to continue and bear fruit, both for the new brothers and sisters and those who are investigating.
- 4) For more opportunities to share the Good News with those who have never heard it.

## **Mike and Stephanie** **Serving in Restricted Area**

### **PRAY**

- 1) Pray for 22 new church plants in W. Africa in majority Muslim villages.
- 2) Pray for the handoff of ITEN training curriculum to eight indigenous trainers in SE Asia.
- 3) The ongoing impact of ITEN partners in Ukraine and Belarus who serve Christ in a war zone.
- 4) An ITEN team member who leads a seminary in Guatemala city, sending Spanish speakers to unreached peoples.
- 5) Expansion of an ITEN team member's training in Central Asian republics (majority Muslim).
- 6) Health and safety in travel.
- 7) Writing of curricula that is accessible and well-grounded in Biblical orthodoxy.
- 8) The Spirit's leading to new fields for ITEN.

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### *Lamentations 3:24*

*“The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’”*

#### 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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