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March/April
2024



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

PRAY

- 1) We have our first organized outreach event coming up on May 17. We have invited Dr. Bruce Baugus to give a talk and answer questions on the question "Who Is God?" We are inviting the community and hosting the event on the campus of Utah Tech. Please pray that people come, that minds are opened, and that hearts are changed! Pray also for our church that we will galvanize around this event and be encouraged by it.
- 2) Someone here has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. Please pray for healing.
- 3) Our most recent membership class will be concluding in two weeks. Pray that it goes well and that the Lord keeps building His church in Saint George.

Steven and Natalie Serving in Restricted Area

PRAY

- 1) For safe travels to our conference and that Joseph would do well on his first flights.
- 2) For a good, refreshing time at our conference in Greece.
- 3) That the beginning of our teaching session would go well and that some of the students who were interested in understanding deeper things would register for classes again.

PRAY

- 1) That more of our folks would be able to come to church on Sundays (esp. our younger folks).
- 2) For more gospel workers so we can share the load of ministry and expand what we can do.
- 3) Renewed vision and vigor for our folks about our church plant as we celebrate our 15th anniversary in a few weeks.
- 4) God's preparation in each of our 3 summer interns who are preparing to serve with us this summer.



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

1 Peter 1:3

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. . . .”



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

PRAY

- 1) Please pray for us as Jordan transitions back into full time work.
- 2) Pray for Lauren to have a safe rest of her pregnancy delivery as baby is coming soon.

David and Aliece
Serving in Restricted Area

PRAY

- 1) David is safe back in the field and is teaching and preaching. Please pray for his recovery from jet-lag and safety as he starts to travel around the country teaching and preaching.
- 2) Aliece is out-of-town for the week teaching Biblical Counseling for an underground Reformed Seminary. She will be in silent-mode for a week, please pray for her wisdom, strength and safety.
- 3) Please pray for Zebadiah as he is being evaluated by musicians in the field on whether or not they would recommend him to pursue a music career or not. Zebadiah is practicing hard (they asked him to practice 3 hours a day until the evaluation). Please pray for Zebadiah.
- 4) David will also be taking care of the 4 children while Aliece is not home, please pray for David to have both fatherly wisdom and love to teach and care for the children as he teach and care for the churches.

PRAISE

- 1) YoungLives had our winter camp on February and 4 girls made professions of faith and 3 made a recommitment of faith. It was a beautiful weekend. The Holy Spirit was very present.

PRAY

- 2) April 25th is our annual fundraiser. Please pray for new donors and partners in our mission to share Jesus with teen parents.
- 3) Please pray for mentors for our dad's ministry. We do not have any active mentors.



Rachel and David Baxter
Charlotte YoungLives Eastside
Coordinator
Charlotte, NC

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. . . .’”

Mike and Stephanie **Serving in Restricted Area**

PRAY

- 1) We give thanks for a very fruitful teaching trip to Ethiopia. Mike taught the history of Muslim-Christian relations. My students are involved in mission to Muslims all around the horn of Africa, so the class was rich. Mike's visa came through at the very last minute which was a little stressful and caused me to change my ticket twice.
- 2) Pray for my ongoing interaction with students as I grade their work and correspond with them. Their questions remind me of myself when I was a younger missionary. Ask God to give me wisdom and love for these as I interact.
- 3) Mike and Steph will travel to France and Kazakhstan in April. Kazakhstan is where one of our ITEN couples is based. Mike will do some teaching there. Ask that we would bring encouragement and hope to this very experienced couple in their ministry in Central Asia.
- 4) Continue to pray with us for wisdom and clear direction in leadership of ITEN.



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

PRAY

- 1) Praise God for Kelly's healing from the car accident. She is still having some pain in her sternum and ribs but she is able to do most normal activity now.
- 2) Pray for our students who have come to faith or already followers of Jesus to be moved with compassion for the unbelievers around them.
- 3) Pray for Lindsay & Morgan; our existing interns, as they begin the process of trying to discern if they will commit to a long term tenure in South Africa or return to the USA in 2025. Pray also for Paige Livingston who is raising support to move to Cape Town and for the Connor and Maddie Holladay for their visa to be approved for South Africa. Their appointment is on the 16th of April.

PRAY

- 1) We are beginning to restructure the leadership of City to City Europe. Please pray for the process. It may be disconcerting for the staff and other leaders.
- 2) Please pray for the start of a new church planting network in Israel. We have established two churches there and there is growing interest in creating a network.
- 3) Please pray for the church in Istanbul. Opposition against all churches from the government is increasing.
- 4) Please pray for the launch of a new church in Hamburg led by Daniel Bartz.
- 5) Please pray for a fundraising event in the UK May 18th. We are attempting to raise funding for the London Project.



Al and Rene Barth
Redeemer City-to-City - Vice
President - Global Catalyst
New York City, NY

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.”



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

PRAY

- 1) For me (Charles), as I continue to travel to spread the vision of African American Ministries.
- 2) That our next season of our *Between the Pew* podcast (set to release late spring) will be an encouragement to our audience.
- 3) That we can recruit 25 new individuals and 10 new church partners by the end of 2024.

Allen **Serving in Restricted Area**

PRAY

- 1) As we are approaching Easter, it happens to be our 6th anniversary since we launched our church in 2018. We plan to have a celebration that day. Please pray that the worship and celebration will go well, the Gospel will be boldly preached and testified to the unbelievers, and our church friends will be encouraged!

PRAY

- 1) Pray for Pat Baucome as she lost her husband last week. She volunteers with us.
- 2) Pray for volunteers in Caleb Ministries whose husbands have dementia or bodies are not doing well physically. This has been a challenge for some of our volunteers
- 3) Pray specifically for Kimberly Malik who underwent surgery a few months ago but had complications during surgery but is slowly recouping at home. I know this has been a lot for her and Todd.
- 4) Pray for the families that have lost babies or who are unable to conceive that have contacted us and received our resources. Pray for those who do not know Christ.



Craig and Sandy Day
Caleb Ministries Founders
Matthews, NC

5) Pray for a family in TX that has a baby at home that has no brain waves and is blind that they will come to know Christ through these circumstances. We have sent a P.A.T. Memory Box to them for pics and burial.



1 Corinthians 15:21

“For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.”

Tim and Jenn
Serving in Restricted Area

PRAY

- 1) Praise God that Tim has his visa and was able to spend time with the church in the UAE during a quick trip to work on logistics.
- 2) Please pray for us as we pack and prepare to move on May 6.
- 3) Please also pray for the visa process for Jenn and the kids, enrolling the kids in school, finding a house and purchasing a vehicle.
- 4) Pray for our holiness—that we’d love one another well during this busy season.!



Jonty and Georgina Rhodes
Church Planter - Christ Church
Central Leeds
Leeds, England

PRAY

- 1) Pray for our first ever IPC Spring Getaway. I'm running this, the idea being to run a three day event open to anyone in the denomination. We've over 300 coming, which is massive for us! Sermons, seminars, children's work - all the usual things!
- 2) New preaching series beginning: The God of Golgotha. On understanding the cross in light of who God is. Feels exciting but somewhat intimidating.
- 3) We really need a new place to hire on Sundays, or somewhere to buy. A great venue has come on the market, but we've next to no money. Church has grown to 160 but lots of children, students, low earners.

PRAY

- 1) We would appreciate prayer for our church's search for a new place to worship. We are outgrowing the location we currently rent (that's something to praise God for!) and it is difficult to find places to rent for religious purposes in Brussels.
- 2) More personally, we'd appreciate prayer for our daughter Sophia's starting school for the first time later this week - that'll be quite a little transition for our family! Please also pray for physical and emotional health as we balance family and ministry commitments. Thank you!



Julian and Rachel Bacon
Church Planters - Hope
International Church
Brussels, Belgium

Acts 4:12

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”



Michael and Linda-Lee Wadhams
Ministry to the Nooksack and
Lummi Indians - West Coast
Indigenous Team Leader
Bellingham, WA

PRAY

- 1) We just returned from Tohono O’odham, AZ where we had a hugely successful Spring ministry. Local churches want to move forward with this ministry and invest long term. This will require oversight from us and regular trips to establish a permanent ministry. We would need to raise funds to make that a reality.
- 2) We are starting to cost the Nooksack church building in the Rutsatz community. We need professional guidance, finances, and builders.
- 3) We are going on HMA (different for us in the U.S.) and we need wisdom in planning our schedule. We need to visit churches in the USA, UK, and South Africa where we are from. The years 2024 - 2025 will be extremely busy, and we need rest as a family and to strengthen our marriage for the next phase of our ministry.

Chris and Savanna **Serving in Restricted Area**

PRAY

- 1) We are asking people to pray about financially supporting a Persian family with one-time financial gifts. This particular family is part of our core group of the Persian fellowship at our church and have been attending ever since they entered the country a little over two years ago. They have finally made it through the whole asylum seeking process and have been granted their 'leave to remain' papers so that they can stay and live and work in the country! It's a huge blessing. We've spent the last month working with them and they finally have found a home in the area to rent and are just getting set up for the first time as a family not as asylum seekers. They are working on getting jobs now since they weren't allowed to do this until they received their 'leave to remain papers'. They have been 'on the run' from their home country for a little over 6 years now and now they can finally start their lives. They have a 10 year old daughter. We are asking for people to pray about supporting this family and sending in monetary gifts so that we can help them get established in their new house and furnish it and assist with their rent and utilities at the start of this season of their lives while they are working hard to find jobs. We are asking people to pray about joining us in loving on this family in this way and by praying for them. They are dear friends and followers of Christ.

PRAY

- 1) Please pray for upcoming travel:
- 2) April 4-5 to spend time with Washington DC Women's Director Sarah
- 3) April 9-11 to Dallas for Constitution Meeting
- 4) April 23-25 to Birmingham to onboard a new staff member
- 5) Praise God that we have hired someone to help with administrative work for our team. Pray for me as I take on the role of supervising and onboarding this new employee!



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

Matthew 28:6

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



Dariusz and Brooke Bryćko
Church Planter - Evangelical-
Reformed Church of Lithuania
Warsaw, Poland

PRAY

- 1) Pray for Ukraine's victory and the restraining of evil.
- 2) Pray for healthy growth of our Warsaw-church plant.
- 3) Pray for basic financial stability to operate the ministry.
- 4) Pray for the Bryćko family as we approach 12 years (9 in Poland) of continual service.
- 5) Pray for our publications to build a solid foundation for future church growth.
- 6) Pray for our online students to grow in spiritual maturity.
- 7) Pray for the Evangelical-Reformed Church of Lithuania with whom we serve and their faithfulness to the Word of God and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Saleem and Joy **Serving in Restricted Area**

PRAY

- 1) Pray for: Saleem is hoping to get the three new believers together for a joint Bible study after Ramadan. This month wouldn't work for two of them as they said their families would be too suspicious of their going out regularly during Ramadan.
- 2) Pray that Saleem can introduce a fourth new believer to these guys this coming month and that they would get along well so that he can also join us for the Bible study.
- 3) Pray for faith for another atheist that is now praying and studying with Saleem. Pray for his wife to also be eager to study and for God to work in both of their hearts.

PRAY

- 1) Praise that I passed my evaluations and have been accepted as an MTW missionary.
- 2) Praise that the Lord has provided me with housing for the coming year through one of our church families.
- 3) Pray for my field invitation to arrive in the MTW office by May 13.
- 4) Pray that the Lord would provide me with a job, and more specifically one that will be manageable alongside support raising.
- 5) Pray for my trust in the Lord through this challenging season of in-betweens.



Kelsey Cawthorn
Mission to the World
In transition

Philippians 2:8

“And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

PRAISE

- 1) We have had an evening potluck/ Psalm Sing/ Sunday School which has been well received at the church.
- 2) We are looking to add two new families to the church in the coming month.

PRAY

- 1) Of course, above all that the Lord would continue to grow his people in holiness here at Christ Covenant in Fargo.
- 2) He would give us zeal in the work of church planting
- 3) He would continue to provide the finances and resources for the church



Brock and Katie Larson
Church Planters - Christ Covenant
Church
Fargo, North Dakota

Frank and Sheree **Serving in Restricted Area**

PRAY

- 1) Please pray for a young man (we'll call him Philip) who been arrested for sharing the gospel with his colleagues. Pray that he would be strong in the Lord and a light to those around him. Pray for his family to be strong and for our fellowship to be comforted in this and challenged by the example of this young man.
- 2) Please pray for our residency renewal. Please pray for the seminary here who are asking if we can get the 1 year multi-entry visa we want. Having this helps with Frank's ability to travel in the region for his responsibilities. Please pray for favor with government officials that they would approve this type of residency. We sent our initial papers to the seminary so that they could ask.
- 3) Please pray for Frank as he prepares to travel to lead a vision trip. There are 8 people from churches in NY and NJ coming to see how they can share in supporting the work there. Pray for all the details to come together.
- 4) Praise God for a blessed Mother's Day celebration (March 21 in Egypt). We had 60+ mothers and children. The children sang some songs for their moms and gave them gifts. Sheree was able to give a talk on Deuteronomy 6:1-9. The mothers had VERY positive comments.

PRAY

- 1) Pray for government permission for our services in the new building.
- 2) The remaining renovations in the new building.
- 3) That God meets us as a church and each individually during Lent in a strong way, that we would experience him stronger than ever before.
- 4) That God would call people who want to invest in his Kingdom with their whole hearts. In particular, that we would identify those who have a calling to start churches in Leipzig or other cities in the East.



André and Larissa Meyer
Church Planter - Leipzigprojekt
Church
Leipzig, Germany

1 John 4:16

“So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”



Cynthia Ruble
Life Hope Network
Founder and Director
Nagoya, Aichi, Japan

PRAY

- 1) Praise the Lord for the accountant who finished a Bible study, made a clear profession of faith, and came to church! Pray for her new faith.
- 2) Pray for a current homestay who wants to study about why Jesus had to die. Pray for a former homestay who was previously in baptism classes, but has slowed down due to a new relationship. She is also doing the same Bible study. Pray for these two young women and the boyfriend to receive the gift of faith and move forward.
- 3) Pray for Keiko and her family, particularly her son who is still recovering from Covid. Pray for this family as they continue the Bible study together.
- 4) Pray for us to abide in Christ.

Shane and Krista Serving in Restricted Area

PRAY

- 1) Last week we interviewed a national to join our team as a program assistant. Ask for discernment for both us AND her about if she's who the Father wants to fit that role. She has a real heart for reaching the lost here and we think she would be a great fit but ultimately we want HIS will to be done.
- 2) Lift up the short term teams that as they process their time here that the Father might stir some of their hearts to come and labor among the harvest.

PRAY

- 1) Praise God for enabling COR to acquire property - a plot of land in the same community where it has been meeting. This is a huge step for the church plant to become established and more recognized/respected in the community.
- 2) Pray for the Lord to provide the resources needed to construct a building and prepare the location for the church to begin meeting there in October.
- 3) Praise God that the Uganda Presbytery of the RCEA has approved its first two Ugandan pastors for ordination. The first was ordained in March and the second will be ordained in April. Both are church planting in northern and north eastern Uganda.
- 4) Praise God for 13 young people in COR who have been approved to take membership vows and begin taking communion on Easter Sunday. Two will be baptized. Many of these young people first heard and began believing the gospel through the ministry of COR.



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

Zephaniah 3:17

“The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love. . . .”



Jack and Pamela Sielaff
Supported Worker/Pastor
In transition to Glasgow, Scotland

PRAY

- 1) The Chinese population is increasing in Scotland. They are the fastest growing ethnic group in the UK needing the gospel! But in order get there and begin our work, we must reach our monthly support goal and work out some Visa issues. If we can't obtain a good visa, it creates a challenge for long term housing.
- 2) We praise the Lord for our newest supporters! Please pray for God's favor and His timing.

PRAY

- 1) In April, our family will be traveling to Florida to visit family, partner churches, and ministry partners. Pray for a good time of connection. While there I will attend a gathering for internal audit directors of Christian organizations. Pray that we will connect, learn from each other, and come away with new ideas and encouragement.
- 2) I will travel to Panama at the end of the month for an audit. Please pray that the audit will bless the ministry there.
- 3) For wisdom and margin in navigating the many projects I am involved with.



Emily and Timothy Bantola
CRU-USA Global Finance - Internal Audit Lead
Abington, PA



Cliff and Rose Chin
Charlotte Chinese Baptist Church
Charlotte, NC

PRAY

1) Our endeavors with the local refugee community continues... There is no doubt that God is on the move. Pray specifically that the leadership that is forming at our church would continue to have hearts that would be inclined to the soft promptings of the Holy Spirit... that we would walk by faith, trusting and relying upon God's strength. Pray for unity and humility as we seek to reach out to our surrounding neighbors in love... that God would grant us the ability to be like "Jesus", pointing and directing their attention to Him and Him alone.

2) We had our first "Worship night" event at our church in March. Over 75 young people with various ethnic backgrounds attended. It was a sweet time of worship, praise, and fellowship as we gathered together on a Friday night to worship Him. The event was well received, and we hope to do them regularly (once a month) if possible. Our next "Worship night" is planned for Friday, April 12th. Be in pray that God would enable us to "pull" together this event again on short notice.

Pray that God would even now be working in the hearts of the people who He desires to attend.

3) Please continue to pray for our pastor search committee. We are actively searching and praying for a pastor for our Chinese congregation as well as a replacement for me. Please pray specifically that our committee would be not seeking a "Saul" but rather a "David"... a man after God's own heart, who will care for the flock well. Pray also in the days ahead that as these new men come on board that they would have a common vision for our work at CCBC and would partner together in serving God's people.

Romans 15:4

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

PRAY

- 1) Praise God for the security and safety He has provided for our pastors and leaders as they delivered the food. Continued prayers for their safety in the relief effort.
- 2) With over one million Haitians leaving Port-au-Prince and moving into the different departments, we are faced once again with a housing issue. Pray that God will provide for these communities.
- 3) Wisdom for the new provisional government to organize and execute the next presidential election soon.
- 4) Due to the closure of the Dominican Republic borders, the country is now in great need of medical supplies.
- 5) Salvation for the different prominent gang-leaders and for the much needed security in the island.
- 6) Continued funding for the food drive as we estimate the ongoing need for another month.
- 7) ESMI's four containers with about 1,200,000 meals to be safely released soon and transported to the different departments.



Dony and Sharon St. Germain
Mission to North America (MNA)
El Shaddai Ministries Int'l (ESMI)
Winter Haven, FL & Haiti

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Hebrews 10:23

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”

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