



**MISSIONARY  
PRAYER & PRAISE  
JUNE 2026**



SHADOW MOUNTAIN  
**MISSIONS**



□ **Dan & Claudia Aanderud, WDO, Germany**

The Aanderuds share encouragement from their church planting ministry in Hamburg, Germany. Alex, a young man attending their Bible study, recently accepted Christ and is now being discipled after recognizing the emptiness of life without God. Luka continues attending Bible study but has not yet made a decision for Christ. They also ask prayer for an 18-year-old young woman who is showing renewed interest in church and faith.

- Praise – Alex gave his life to Christ and is now being discipled.
- Praise – the Bible study continues reaching non-Christians and drawing people toward the Lord.
- Pray – for Luka to come to repentance and faith in Christ.
- Pray – for Alex to grow in his faith and for “E” to fully respond to God’s drawing in her life.

□ **Dan & Tonita Aceves, WBT, PNG**

The Aceves family has safely returned to Papua New Guinea and is settling back into ministry. They were encouraged by a recent regional conference celebrating 70 years of Bible translation in PNG and shared updates on ongoing translation projects bringing God's Word to more language groups. Dan's maintenance team has also grown, helping support the aviation ministry that serves remote communities.

- Praise – safe travels back to Papua New Guinea and a smooth transition into a new ministry term.
- Praise – continued progress in Bible translation work, including recent Scripture dedications and growing ministry opportunities.
- Pray – for translation teams as they continue the work of bringing God's Word to every language and community.
- Pray – for Dan and his team as they support the ministry through aviation maintenance and training.

□ **Konrad & Betty Binder, Ethnos360, Germany**

The Binders share updates from recent Global Partners meetings in the U.S. focused on long-term mission strategy and communication across partner organizations. They are now traveling to the Philippines with Noa and Simeon to support church strengthening through chronological Bible teaching and outreach. They also celebrated 25 years of marriage and God's continued faithfulness.

- Praise – productive meetings in the U.S. helping shape long-term mission strategy and global communication efforts.
- Praise – God's faithfulness in Konrad and Betty's 25 years of marriage and ongoing family and ministry opportunities.
- Pray – safe and smooth travel to the Philippines, including flights, logistics, and protection during the trip.
- Pray – fruitful ministry time in Baranganon, that Bible teaching would deepen faith and bring many to Christ.

□ **Tessa Blackstad, Ethnos360, PNG**

Tessa share updates as she has been helping students with learning challenges through testing and tutoring, as well as supporting parents preparing to homeschool due to teacher shortages. Looking ahead, she plans to remain on the mainland through December 2026 before returning to Hoskins. She is grateful for God's direction and looks forward to reconnecting with supporters during her summer visit to the U.S.

- Praise – standardized testing sessions for homeschool students went smoothly.
- Praise – God provided clarity and direction for Tessa's ministry plans for the coming year.
- Pray – for stamina, health, and wisdom as Tessa administers individualized testing and supports students, parents, and teachers.
- Pray – for additional ministry staff in PNG, especially teachers, educational therapists, maintenance and construction workers.

### □ **RJ & Janessa Borja, Ethnos360, Brazil**

The Borjas share updates from Brazil, celebrating the birth of their daughter Jubilee and God's protection over their family during several busy and challenging weeks. They were encouraged by visits from family, ministry opportunities with indigenous believers, and the baptisms of Ronilson and Tainá in the Javaé River. They are now preparing for travel, paperwork, and their return to jungle ministry and language learning in June.

- Praise – Jubilee was born safely, and Rozaiel is recovering well after surgery on his injured hand.
- Praise – Ronilson and Tainá publicly declared their faith through baptism, and the AMI group was able to serve and encourage the Javaé community.
- Pray – for continued healing for Rozaiel and for safe travels and smooth processing of passports and documents.
- Pray – for the Javaé believers to grow in their faith and for provision and strength as the Borjas prepare to return to jungle ministry and construction work.

### □ **Tom & Danielle Brendle, Ethnos360, Florida**

The Brendle share updates from their member care ministry with Ethnos360, which has included workshops, curriculum development, mentoring, and connecting missionaries with care providers. They have also been encouraged by opportunities to train new member care workers and meet with couples interested in joining the ministry.

- Praise – the Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills workshop and other training opportunities have gone well and encouraged new member care providers.
- Praise – God continues to provide opportunities for ministry growth, curriculum development, and mentoring future workers.
- Pray – for wisdom and success as the team prepares to beta test new coaching workshop material later this year.

- Pray – for more laborers to join the member care ministry and for direction for Jacob and Kristy as they pursue missions in Japan.

#### □ **Jon Breuninger, SEND, Alaska**

Jon Breuninger shared ministry updates from Kodiak, Alaska, highlighting student discipleship and upcoming summer camp preparations. He expressed gratitude for ministry partners and ongoing outreach efforts, including student fellowship and foster care ministry involvement, and requested prayer for staffing and summer planning needs.

- Praise – God continues to work through ministry partners and student fellowship opportunities in Kodiak.
- Praise – registration for Camp Woody is opening, and preparations for summer ministry are moving forward.
- Pray – for additional camp counselors and wisdom for summer youth ministry planning.
- Pray – for students, especially the Filipino Fellowship and graduating seniors, to grow in their faith and follow Christ wholeheartedly.

#### □ **Ben & Kristiana Buckman, PSS, Brazil**

The Buckmans share updates from their new ministry location in Pimenta Bueno, Brazil, where they are restoring a large property called the “Chácara” to serve indigenous missionary families, ministry teams, and traveling missionaries. Alongside extensive renovation work, they have already started discipleship groups.

- Praise – the family’s move to Brazil went well, and two discipleship groups have already begun with plans for a third.
- Praise – Alice was baptized, and the children are adjusting well to their new home and ministry environment.
- Pray – for provision, workers, and finances needed to restore the Chácara and prepare it for ministry use.

- Pray – for wisdom and strength as Ben and Kristiana disciple, counsel, and minister to indigenous families and local communities.

#### □ **Glenn & Dorothy Budd, ABWE, Peru**

The Budds share updates from their ministry in Chiclayo, Peru. They praised God for the successful sale of their airplane, which will help fund local church construction projects, and for opportunities to strengthen relationships and ministries in local churches. They are also continuing the work of the New Hope Pregnancy Care & Counseling Center while downsizing after nearly 40 years in Peru. They asked for prayer regarding the sale of their property, the health of ministry leaders, upcoming ministry planning, and the political situation in Peru.

- Praise – God for the successful sale of the airplane and that the funds can now support church building projects in Chiclayo.
- Praise – God for new ministry opportunities and young women stepping up to serve at the New Hope Pregnancy Care & Counseling Center.
- Pray – for the sale of their home and property in Peru, that the legal and inspection processes would move forward smoothly.
- Pray – for Betsy’s health and strength for Dorothy and the ministry team as they carry extra responsibilities at the Counseling Center.

#### □ **CAPS, San Diego**

CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics shares current prayer requests for women and families they are ministering to. They ask prayers for emotional healing after miscarriages, healthy pregnancies and babies, support for mothers choosing life, salvation, and healing from past abortions.

- Praise – God for the opportunity CAPS has to support women, families, and unborn children through counseling, medical care, and prayer.
- Praise – God for the many people partnering together in prayer and support for the ministry and its patients.

- Pray – for women currently facing difficult pregnancies, miscarriages, or pressure to choose abortion, that they would experience healing, peace, and support.
- Pray – for CAPS staff, volunteers, and upcoming events like the Walk for Life, that God would use them to encourage and help more families.

#### □ **Ed & Dana Dickinson, OM, Israel**

The Dickinson share plans for their upcoming summer visit to the San Diego area from July 2 through August 3. During their time in the U.S., they hope to connect with ministry partners, churches, and supporters through meetings and church visits.

- Praise – the Dickinsons are able to return to the San Diego area this summer to reconnect with ministry partners and churches.
- Praise – their schedule is filling with opportunities for fellowship and ministry connections.
- Pray – for safe travels and meaningful encouragement during their summer visit.
- Pray – for fruitful meetings, church connections, and opportunities to strengthen ministry partnerships.

#### □ **Rodney & Tammi Dyrud, MAF, Idaho**

The Dyruds share an update highlighting how Mission Aviation Fellowship provided critical disaster response in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea, after Cyclone Maila caused severe flooding, infrastructure damage, and displacement. MAF aircraft supported relief efforts by delivering supplies, transporting people, and assisting with aerial assessments and rescues. They also shared a personal family update about a recent educational trip to Washington, DC.

- Praise – MAF's effective response in Bougainville, bringing urgent aid and rescue support in a crisis.
- Praise – a meaningful family trip to Washington, DC, with opportunities to learn and visit historic sites.
- Pray – continued need for aviation personnel such as pilots and mechanics to support global MAF operations.

- Pray – for a family member’s mental health and for continued spiritual focus on seeking the Lord.

□ **Jasson & Kim Farmer, UIM, Mexico**

The Farmers share about their international move from Mexico to the United States with their belongings. Despite challenges and uncertainty during travel, they experienced God’s protection and provision, arriving safely in Tucson. They are now adjusting to life in the U.S., finding housing, transportation, and settling into a new role in aviation ministry while continuing to trust God through the transition.

- Praise – safe travel out of Mexico and arrival in the U.S. with all belongings.
- Praise – provision of a home and vehicle during their transition.
- Pray – smooth adjustment as they unpack, settle, and build a new routine.
- Pray – wisdom and strength for Jasson in his new responsibilities and for the family’s transition into a new community.

□ **Simon & Annika Flanagan, Ethnos360, PNG**

The Flanagans share that their team safely returned to the Mengen church after delays caused by cyclones and flooding, and are continuing ministry through teaching and discipleship. At the same time, they are navigating ongoing health concerns for their son Noah, who had abnormal EKG results after an illness but has improved and still needs further cardiology testing in Australia.

- Praise – God for the team’s safe return to the Mengen church despite difficult weather, flooding, and travel conditions.
- Praise – God for improvement in Noah’s health and recovery from recent illnesses within the team and community, as well as the support of doctors and ministry partners.
- Pray – for Noah’s upcoming cardiology evaluations in Australia and for continued healing, strength, and peace for the Flanagan family.

- Pray – for wisdom, protection, provision, and endurance as the team manages ministry responsibilities, family challenges, leadership needs, and upcoming travel expenses.

#### □ **Cori Gervasi, Ethnos360, US**

Cori Gervasi shares updates from a challenging cross-cultural training experience where her team has been living simply outdoors for 16 days. The experience has led to meaningful spiritual conversations, teamwork growth, and opportunities to trust God through discomfort. She also shared about a difficult ministry decision regarding one of her mentees and asked for continued prayer as she and Gus navigate uncertainty surrounding their DACA situation.

- Praise – the training team is working well together and having meaningful spiritual growth and conversations.
- Praise – Cori was able to complete all of her classwork before heading into the training experience.
- Pray – for unity, grace, and endurance for the team during the remainder of the training, including rest for the babies and adults.
- Pray – for wisdom, peace, and God’s provision regarding Cori and Gus’s DACA situation and for Cori’s mentee as she processes difficult news about ministry direction.

#### □ **Bryan & Renee Gibbs, Oaks International, Japan**

The Gibbs shares about their upcoming trip to a sensitive area in South Asia to encourage and support a missionary family serving among a hard-to-reach people group. They also gave updates on ministry opportunities in Japan, including new connections at a local university and an upcoming summer missions team serving in Oyama. Additionally, they shared about their daughter Katie’s missions opportunities this summer.

- Praise – God for the open doors and growing ministry opportunities with university students in Japan.
- Praise – God for the faithful missionary family serving in South Asia despite challenges and opposition.

- Pray – for protection, encouragement, and fruitful ministry for the Gibbs family and the missionaries in South Asia.
- Pray – that the summer missions team and Katie’s upcoming trips would lead to meaningful gospel conversations and spiritual growth.

#### □ **Chris & Mihi Guess, ABWE, Romania**

The Guess’ share updates from Romania as they continue balancing family caregiving, housing decisions, and ministry opportunities throughout the Balkans. Mihi’s mother is recovering steadily after surgery and receiving rehabilitation care, while the family prepares to move into a new home later this summer. At the same time, Chris is traveling to explore opportunities for church planting and gospel outreach alongside trusted ministry partners.

- Praise – God for the safe arrival in Romania, progress in recovery for Mihi’s mother, and the care she is now receiving through rehabilitation.
- Praise – God for open doors for ministry, church planting partnerships, and growing opportunities for gospel outreach in the Balkans.
- Pray – for continued healing, strength, and encouragement for Mihi’s mother and for the entire family during this demanding season.
- Pray – for wisdom, discernment, safe travel, and clear direction as Chris and ministry partners explore future church planting opportunities in Montenegro, Kosovo, and Albania.

#### □ **Jeff HAuse, SAM, Bolivia**

Jeff Hause shares an update from his ongoing ministry in Bolivia, reflecting on God’s faithfulness in the seven years since his wife Beth passed away after many years of serving together in ministry. He also shared about opportunities to encourage churches going through transition and preparations for an upcoming Christian high school missions team visit later this summer.

- Praise – God for His faithfulness and sustaining grace in Jeff’s life and ministry over the past seven years since Beth’s passing.
- Praise – God for opportunities to minister to churches in transition and provide wisdom and encouragement during difficult seasons.
- Pray – for renewed energy, wisdom, and effectiveness as Jeff continues helping churches through the ReFocus process.
- Pray – for safe travel and successful preparations for the Christian high school team visiting Puerto Suárez and Chochís this summer.

#### □ **Phil & Elin Henderson, Ethnos360, Mozambique/Int’l**

The Hendersons share updates from ministry travels across Tanzania and Mozambique, including encouraging field conferences, reconnecting with believers in the village, and welcoming new Mozambican missionaries into ministry. They also shared personal updates regarding Elin’s medical evaluations in the U.S., ongoing discipleship and church development work.

- Praise – God for safety during extensive travels, encouraging fellowship at the Tanzania and Mozambique conferences, and the addition of new Mozambican laborers for ministry.
- Praise – God for positive medical reports for Elin so far, meaningful time with family and supporting churches, and continued opportunities for discipleship and church development.
- Pray – for Elin’s upcoming scans and continued health and strength as she prepares to return to Mozambique for ministry in early June.
- Pray – for wisdom and discernment as Phil and Elin prioritize ministry needs among the Mwinika people, including discipleship, leadership development, literacy, translation work, and outreach to women and children.

### ☐ **Jon & Tammy Junker, TEAM, Japan**

The Junkers are in a season of transition as they conclude teaching responsibilities, say goodbyes, and begin several months of ministry-related travel across different locations. They also shared a prayer request for a hospitalized pastor in Japan with pneumonia and for church leadership stepping in to help during his recovery. In the midst of transition, they are continuing ministry on the road while cherishing meaningful connections with friends and family.

- Praise – God that Jon’s teaching responsibilities were completed successfully.
- Praise – God for meaningful goodbyes and time spent with friends as they finished their season in Japan well.
- Pray – for healing and recovery for the pastor in Japan who is hospitalized with pneumonia.
- Pray – for safety, strength, peace, and encouragement for the Junker family as they travel extensively and navigate ongoing transitions.

### ☐ **Daniel & Mary Kapitaniuk, Tecate Mission, US**

The Kapitaniuks share an update from their teaching ministry in Tecate, highlighting a lively school year with field trips and hands-on learning for their second-grade students. This will be their final year teaching second grade as they transition into new roles within the mission. They also experienced a car accident but are thankful for God’s protection and ask for prayer as they finish the school year and continue serving.

- Praise – God provided a safe outcome and protection during a recent car accident.
- Praise – the school year has been full of meaningful learning experiences and opportunities with students.
- Pray – for strength and focus to finish the school year well.
- Pray – for wisdom and provision regarding staffing needs, including principal and teachers.

□ **John & Linda Kislewski, Ethnos360, US**

The Kislewskis share an update highlighting ongoing Bible translation work and the continued global need for Scripture in thousands of languages. They note encouraging growth in their Global Equip training program, with many international applicants preparing for ministry. They emphasize the importance of raising up new Bible translators and seek wisdom as they select and disciple future workers.

- Praise – strong interest in the Global Equip program with over 80 applicants from 19 countries
- Praise – ongoing progress in Bible translation work and God’s faithfulness in advancing it worldwide
- Pray – that God would raise up more Bible translators for unreached language groups
- Pray – wisdom and discernment in selecting and discipling applicants for the training program

□ **Dan & Sharon Leatherwood, TBM, Spain**

The Leatherwoods share an encouraging update from Spain about continued church growth, strong community, and expanding gospel opportunities. Visiting university students helped lead worship and ministry in Sunday services, contributing to increased attendance and visible spiritual openness. They ask for prayer for continued growth and wisdom in church leadership.

- Praise – God for evident church growth, increased attendance, and deepening community within the congregation.
- Praise – God for open doors to share the gospel through worship services, Bible studies, and English conversation classes.
- Pray – for continued opportunities to share Christ and for spiritual growth within the church in Spain.
- Pray – for God’s guidance in providing the right person to assist in church development, including a potential worship pastor.

□ **Richard & Karen Lee, IMB, Tanzania**

The Lees share ministry updates celebrating ongoing discipleship growth, including a new believer who is now beginning to disciple others. He also reported encouragement from recent ministry training, partnerships, and outreach efforts in Kenya and thanked God for his daughter completing her school year. Prayer requests include family needs, summer ministry teams, and continued health for their mother.

- Praise – faithful disciple has led another person to Christ, who is now beginning discipleship training.
- Praise – God provided encouragement, growth, and fruitful ministry through the Iron-on-Iron conference and outreach in Kenya.
- Pray – for Rebecca to find summer employment and successfully complete her remaining coursework.
- Pray – for Christian’s spiritual growth and for strong Christian influences in his life, as well as for health and upcoming ministry teams in Dar e Salaam.

□ **Walter & Susan Ludwick, NAMB, US**

The Ludwicks share about their engagement with international communities in South Carolina, including opportunities to connect with people from India, the Middle East, and Haiti. They highlight ongoing growth in Arabic and Iranian house churches, as well as efforts to support a Haitian church plant. They emphasize the need for more gospel workers and prayer for unreached immigrant communities in their area.

- Praise – steady spiritual growth in the Arabic and Iranian house churches
- Praise – new opportunities to support church planting among Haitian believers
- Pray – that the Gospel would reach the large unreached Indian Hindu and Muslim communities in their region
- Pray – that God would raise up more laborers willing to serve among international and immigrant populations

### □ **Trevor & Aeryn McGee, SEND Int'l, Alaska**

The McGees share updates from ministry in Dillingham, Alaska, highlighting seasonal transitions as snow begins to melt and ministry activities ramp up for summer. He described youth group discipleship in Proverbs, outreach opportunities in nearby villages, and growing church partnerships, including visits from supporting churches and teams. He also noted ongoing community engagement in Manokotak and upcoming travel and ministry events.

- Praise – a safe and encouraging visit to Manokotak with opportunities for connection and outreach.
- Praise – strong support and partnership growth, including encouraging visits from supporting churches and ministry teams.
- Pray – for wisdom and spiritual growth for youth wrestling with deep questions about faith and salvation.
- Pray – for fruitful summer ministries, safe travel, good weather, and rest For their family during a busy season.

### □ **Josh & Emily Merchant, WBT, Mexico**

The Merchants share an urgent prayer request for a family in their church in Oaxaca. An 18-year-old named Rafa, born with a severe cleft palate and multiple past surgeries, has been offered reconstructive surgery at a specialist clinic in Ghana. A medical mission connection helped open this door. The key challenge is securing visas and completing all required documentation in time for the scheduled surgery.

- Praise – a free opportunity for advanced reconstructive surgery has been opened for Rafa through international medical partnerships.
- Praise – church and medical partners are actively supporting the family with travel and coordination needs.
- Pray – that visas would be approved quickly for Rafa, his mother, and their travel companion.
- Pray – that all paperwork and international logistics would be completed in time for the surgery.

### □ **Jason & Jodi Olver, Ethnos360, US/Int'l**

The Olveras share an update about their ministry focused on training and equipping missionaries for overseas service, including teaching safety awareness, crisis response, and communication planning. Jason also traveled to strengthen partnerships with other mission organizations and government officials. In family news, they celebrated their son Dylan's baptism, shared updates on his schooling and job search, and reflected gratefully on nearly 30 years of marriage.

- Praise – God for Dylan's baptism and his growing faith in Christ.
- Praise – God for opportunities to train and equip missionaries and strengthen global ministry partnerships.
- Pray – for Dylan as he finishes school and looks for a summer job.
- Pray – for wisdom, safety, and effectiveness as Jason continues ministry travel and partnership building.

### □ **Kennedy & Wendy Paizs, TEAM, Thailand**

The Paizs' share updates from ministry across Thailand and along the Myanmar border. They highlight ongoing transitions for workers, expanding gospel opportunities in Thai public schools, and efforts to mobilize more missionaries to reach Thailand's largely unreached population. They also continue encouraging Thai believers and developing Bible storytelling and discipleship resources.

- Praise – growth and continued impact of ministries in Thailand, including Kids Club, schools, and church partnerships.
- Praise – progress in leadership development, training, and Bible storytelling resources in Thai and English.
- Pray – wisdom and adjustment for missionaries transitioning into new schools and ministry contexts.
- Pray – more workers and partnerships to reach Thailand's unreached population and strengthen local churches.

### □ **Santiago & Marilyn Perez, SMCC, Spain**

The Perezs share an update from Zamora, Spain, noting Santiago's recent diagnosis of early-stage prostate cancer, which is being treated and monitored, with a follow-up scheduled in August. He is currently experiencing some fatigue but remains active in limited ministry involvement. They also shared encouragement about ongoing women's ministry meetings and asked for prayer as their rural church faces membership decline and the need for renewed growth and families.

- Praise – God that Santiago's cancer was detected early and treatment is underway.
- Praise – God for encouraging women's ministry gatherings with both believers and non-believers attending.
- Pray – for Santiago's healing, strength, and upcoming medical follow-up in August.
- Pray – for church growth, especially for new families and believers in their rural ministry context.

### □ **Charity Shambaugh, BMM, France**

Charity Shambaugh shares that God has provided all necessary funds to purchase the church building in France, and the project is moving forward. Permits have been approved by the mayor's office and are awaiting final signatures, which is delayed due to holidays in France. After signing, there will be a two-month public review period. Additionally, a foundation is offering a matching gift up to \$40,000 for donations given between June 1 and August 23, which will significantly help complete renovation funding.

- Praise – God for providing all the funds needed for the purchase of the church building and for the progress made with permit approval from the mayor's office.
- Praise – God for the matching gift opportunity that will significantly help meet the remaining renovation needs.
- Pray – that the final permit signatures and the two-month public feedback period will proceed smoothly without delays or complications.

- Pray – that the matching gift opportunity will encourage generous giving and that all remaining renovation needs will be fully provided.

#### □ **Burton & Kathryn Sue, TEAM, Japan**

The Sues share an update from Japan about strong interest in their upcoming English Camp, which quickly filled all 130 spots and will involve many children, families, and international volunteers. They ask for prayer as they prepare for camp, need additional leaders, and continue ministry and family responsibilities.

- Praise – God that English Camp filled up so quickly, showing strong interest and opportunity for ministry.
- Praise – God for the large team of volunteers coming from the U.S. and the growing impact of the camp outreach.
- Pray – for Burton’s health, especially relief from severe seasonal allergies.
- Pray – for provision of staff and volunteers, wisdom in planning, and for God to work through English Camp to draw children and families to Christ.

#### □ **Dan & Laura Swanson, Ethnos360, Moody Aviation**

The Swanson family shares updates from a busy season of ministry, including missions conferences, program meetings, aviation training involvement, and outreach events. They are preparing for several major upcoming transitions, including high school and college graduations, as well as moving Anna and Ben to Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. They also share prayer needs related to health, finances, and family transition.

- Praise – God for a full season of ministry opportunities, including conferences, training events, and meaningful connections with students and missionary families.
- Praise – God for the encouragement of students expressing interest in Ethnos360 Aviation and overseas missions service.
- Pray – for healing and a good outcome from Dan’s sleep, study and related health concerns.

- Pray – for peace, strength, and unity for the family as they prepare for graduations, college transitions, and time apart from Anna and Ben.

#### □ **Dan & Na Tisdale, GRN, Thailand**

The Tisdales share that the family will be traveling to Thailand for about a month to reconnect with friends and continue several ministry projects with Global Recordings Network. Their work includes reviewing the “Life of Jesus” series before printing, visiting a daughter church in Phrae to discuss a building project, and meeting with colleagues to plan future recording and training efforts.

- Praise – opportunity to return to Thailand and reconnect with partners and friends in ministry.
- Praise – progress on the “Life of Jesus” series and continued collaboration with local churches and teams.
- Pray – wisdom and grace in relationships and ministry planning during their time in Thailand.
- Pray – fruitfulness and clarity in all projects, including publishing, church partnership, and training efforts.

#### □ **Myles & Patty Toews, OMI, Int’l**

The Toews share an update about the operational challenges facing their ministry ships due to limited and more expensive fuel availability, which has affected travel routes and schedules. They also noted recent maintenance work on one of their ships and expressed gratitude for Myles’ recovery from a recent infection. They ask for continued prayer regarding fuel supply, rising costs, and ongoing ministry operations.

- Praise – God that Myles has recovered after a period of illness and that antibiotics were effective.
- Praise – God for successful maintenance work and continued operation of the ministry ships.
- Pray – for God’s provision of fuel needed to keep the ships operating and continuing ministry routes.
- Pray – for financial provision and wisdom as they navigate increased operational costs and logistical challenges.

### □ **Richard & Sandra van Dillen, Christar, Holland**

The Van Dillen update highlights long-term church planting in the Netherlands among Muslim and Hindu communities, celebrating spiritual conversations, new openness to Scripture, and ongoing relational ministry. It also shares deep personal burdens, ministry challenges, and continued reliance on God's strength and freedom in Christ.

- Praise – thankful that Abdul, a Berber Muslim friend, is able to read his Berber New Testament and is engaging with Scripture.
- Praise – gratitude for continued freedom to minister in Europe and share the gospel across diverse communities for nearly 37 years.
- Praise – salvation and spiritual breakthrough for Abdul and many Muslim, Hindu, and secular contacts.
- Praise – strength, protection, and perseverance for the van Dillen family and new believers facing ongoing spiritual and personal battles.

### □ **Aaron & Elise Varela, UIM, Candidates to Mexico**

The Varela family shared an update from Mexico highlighting a busy season of aviation ministry, teaching, and family life amid regional instability and logistical challenges. They reported ongoing aviation safety oversight, supply delays, and security concerns in Mexico, along with Elise finishing her school year and continuing to teach and homeschool. The family is also engaged in church worship, home projects, and training, while asking for prayer for safety, provision, and ministry opportunities.

- Praise – God for Elise's successful teaching year and her continued joy in working with students.
- Praise – God for safe aviation operations and successful safety audits and staff meetings within their ministry.
- Pray – for wisdom, safety, and discernment as they navigate security challenges and instability in Mexico.

- Pray – for continued financial provision, strength for Elise as she finishes the school year, and new ministry opportunities and aviation families joining their work.

#### □ **Alan & Sandy White, ROCK Int'l, US**

The Whites share an update highlighting progress in translating and preparing the Italian edition of the *KING of GLORY* film, which is nearing completion with help from additional language reviewers. They also noted ongoing international ministry impact through distribution of Christian materials in Lebanon and encouraging testimonies of salvation from radio broadcasts in Afghanistan. They request prayer for upcoming ministry projects.

- Praise – God for progress toward completing the Italian *KING of GLORY* film and provision of additional language support.
- Praise – God for salvations and encouraging testimonies coming from radio ministry in Afghanistan and outreach efforts in Lebanon.
- Pray – for accuracy and completion of the Italian film translation and its future impact in evangelism and discipleship.
- Pray – for wisdom, provision, and favor in upcoming ministry projects, community outreach efforts, and local civic responsibilities.

#### □ **Bret & Christy Zimmerman, SEND North, Alaska**

The Zimmermans share an update from Alaska as they celebrate the completion and dedication of an expanded main building at Tanalian Bible Camp, which came together through many months of construction and community support. They highlight a powerful spring conference, village outreach efforts, and leadership training that continues to disciple young people. As they transition into a busy summer season of camps and events, they ask for prayer for strength and coordination.

- Praise – God's provision and unity in completing and dedicating the expanded camp building.
- Praise – a meaningful spring conference and leadership program that included baptisms and spiritual growth among students.

- Pray – for strength, rest, and wisdom for staff as they enter a very full summer ministry season.
- Pray – for effective training, safety, and spiritual impact during upcoming camps and outreach events.

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### □ JD & Sara

JD and Sara share ministry updates describing both difficult and encouraging moments during a challenging season. They have experienced loss and hardship due to the ongoing conflict, while also seeing people come to faith in Christ and witnessing baptisms. They expressed gratitude for continued prayers and a desire to stay connected with and support their sending churches.

- Praise – individuals have come to faith in Christ, and baptisms have taken place despite difficult circumstances.
- Praise – God has continued to sustain and protect the ministry team during a season of conflict and uncertainty.
- Pray – for peace, comfort, and strength for those affected by war, grief, and hardship in Israel.
- Pray – for continued Gospel opportunities, spiritual growth, and endurance for the ministry team as they serve

### □ Tezcan

Tezcan shared the joyful news that Ati, a university student, recently placed his faith in Jesus after years of Bible reading, conversations, and discipleship. Ati testified to how God used Scripture and consistent encouragement to soften his heart, bring forgiveness, and reveal his need for Christ. Tezcan continues faithfully meeting one-on-one with others as he ministers in a spiritually difficult environment.

- Praise – Ati trusted in Jesus Christ as his Savior after a long discipleship journey.
- Praise – God continues to give Tezcan patience, strength, and opportunities to share the Gospel.
- Pray – for Ati to grow deeply in his faith and relationship with Christ.

- Pray – for the other individuals Tezcan is discipling and sharing the Gospel with one-on-one.

#### □ **Fernando & Monse**

Fer and Monse share updates from their ministry, including work in a rehabilitation center where they are discipling a young man from North Africa (“Pablito”) who is increasingly open to the Gospel. They are also heavily engaged in Bible translation work, theological training, and ministry across regions facing political instability. Despite challenges, they remain committed to their calling.

- Praise – “Pablito” is showing openness to the Gospel and growing in understanding of Jesus through Bible teaching.
- Praise – God has provided stability, health, and encouragement in the midst of demanding translation and ministry work.
- Pray – for salvation and continued spiritual growth for “Pablito” and others being discipled.
- Pray – for strength, provision, wisdom, and success in residency renewal and ongoing ministry responsibilities.

#### □ **Tyler & Heidi**

Tyler & Heidi share how God has been working through unexpected connections to provide discipleship resources in their local language. After months of concern about the lack of materials, her family was provided with translated discipleship tools that are now being used in weekly Bible studies with new seekers. Their ministry is also seeing growth through gatherings, including a large Baptist Union meeting and ongoing internship involvement, as they prepare for an upcoming busy season of camps and outreach.

- Praise – God’s provision of discipleship materials in the local language at just the right time for ongoing Bible study and growth.
- Praise – strong community engagement through a large regional gathering and fruitful relationships with interns and church partners.

- Pray – for those studying Scripture, that they would understand God’s Word deeply and be transformed by it.
- Pray – for protection, strength, and unity as they enter a busy season of camps and ministry outreach.

#### **W & J**

W & J shared an update after their first few weeks of transition into a new country and home. They are settling into daily life, building new rhythms as a family, and beginning language learning with local tutors. They also shared prayer needs for upcoming cultural and religious holiday interactions, visa processes, financial provision, and opportunities to build relationships and share the gospel in their new context.

- Praise – God for a safe arrival and smooth transition into their new home and environment.
- Praise – God for the opportunity to begin language learning and for relationships forming with local tutors and neighbors, including believers and seekers.
- Pray – for strength, perseverance, and quick learning as the family begins language study and adapts to a new culture.
- Pray – for visa provision, financial needs (including unexpected costs), and for open doors to share Christ during cultural and holiday interactions.

#### **Bethany**

Bethany shares a brief update from Oregon, where she is spending time connecting with churches and supporters before returning to ministry in the Mediterranean. She reflects on encouragement received through relationships and support while scheduling opportunities to meet with individuals and churches during her final weeks in the U.S.

- Praise – encouraging time reconnecting with churches and supporters in Oregon
- Praise – opportunities to share about ministry and strengthen relationships before returning overseas

- Pray – for fruitful remaining meetings and gatherings during her time in the U.S.
- Pray – for continued provision for financial and ministry support needs as she prepares to return overseas

### □ **Tony & May**

The Lasavath family shares updates as they prepare for summer travel to Laos and Thailand for ministry meetings, training, and encouragement of local leaders. They continue developing a missionary training residency in the Dallas–Fort Worth area called “Sent Ones,” focused on equipping churches in evangelism and discipleship. Their work includes gospel training, outreach events with churches and media ministries, and supporting emerging leaders in Southeast Asia. They also recently participated in global training and encouragement gatherings in Greece.

- Praise – God’s provision of a training base in Arlington, TX, and growing opportunities through the “Sent Ones” residency program.
- Praise – fruitful gospel outreach and discipleship efforts, including many gospel conversations and new believers and leaders in Laos and the U.S.
- Pray – safe and effective travel and ministry in Laos and Thailand as they encourage and train local leaders.
- Pray – strength, wisdom, and protection as they equip churches and leaders amid ongoing spiritual challenges and expansion of gospel work.

### □ **Youssef & Marina**

Youssef shares a personal update of both joy and hardship as he and Marina prepare for their first child while his mother battles stage four lung cancer in Cairo. He is currently caring for his mother while continuing ministry across the Middle East, where many are seeking hope and faith amid instability. Despite emotional and financial strain, he sees clear signs of God at work through growing spiritual interest in the region.

- Praise – the upcoming birth of their first child is a joyful gift in a difficult season.
- Praise – many across the region are reaching out for spiritual truth and encouragement.
- Pray – strength, comfort, and healing for his mother during cancer treatment.
- Pray – provision, wisdom, and safety for their family and ministry responsibilities.

#### **PN**

PN shares an update covering ongoing ministry and a recent crisis. She continues outreach through business partnerships, workshops, and community engagement amid regional instability and health challenges. She was also involved in a serious traffic incident where a bicyclist was struck, leaving the man with a concussion, and she is now helping navigate a difficult and unpredictable police process while supporting the injured man and his family.

- Praise – ongoing ministry opportunities through outreach, business partnerships, and community engagement despite challenges.
- Praise – the injured man has received care, and Pauline’s team has been able to respond and support the situation.
- Pray – wisdom, safety, and favor in navigating the legal and police process.
- Pray – recovery for the injured man and peace and provision for his family.

#### **Yuko**

Yuko shares an update from Japan where she is caring for her mother following major stomach cancer surgery. Her mother’s cancer was caught early and is healing, though recovery is still complicated by gallbladder issues, so Yuko has been spending much of her time visiting the hospital, helping at home, and supporting her local church. She is also reconnecting with her home church and friends in her ministry field, where she plans to return in mid-June.

- Praise – her mother’s stomach cancer was detected at stage IA with no spread and is healing after surgery.
- Praise – yuko has been able to spend meaningful time serving her home church and encouraging fellowship during her visit in Japan.
- Pray – for continued healing and strength for Yuko’s mother during recovery, including resolution of gallbladder complications.
- Pray – for wisdom, fruitful time, and emotional strength as Yuko prepares to leave Japan and return to ministry.

### □ Daniel & AJ

Daniel and AJ share updates from their life and ministry in South Asia as they continue language study, cultural engagement, and relationship building. They are forming deep friendships with local Hindu and Buddhist individuals through university, music, and everyday interactions while exploring future ministry direction and possible long-term opportunities. They also share personal reflections on the challenges of cross-cultural life, including missing home and ongoing language and cultural adjustment.

- Praise – growing relationships and meaningful gospel opportunities with local friends and university connections.
- Praise – progress in language, culture study, and stable living conditions, including time with family and encouraging church involvement.
- Pray – salvation for friends and their families as they continue hearing and observing the gospel through relationships.
- Pray – strength, encouragement, and clarity as they navigate language learning, cultural adjustment, and future direction.

### □ Denis & Diane

Denis & Diane shared a prayer update highlighting the launch of *The Chosen* Season 2 in local language and the spiritual impact it may have. They request prayer for several believers and seekers facing persecution, fear, and practical challenges as they follow Christ in a

difficult environment. The update emphasizes ongoing suffering among new believers and the need for courage, protection, and provision.

- Praise – God for the launch of *The Chosen* Season 2 in local language, opening new opportunities for gospel outreach.
- Praise – God for new believers and seekers in Pakistan who are engaging with Jesus despite opposition.
- Pray – for protection, peace, and perseverance for persecuted believers facing family rejection, danger, and hardship.
- Pray – for seekers and new believers to be strengthened in faith and for practical provision in their needs (safety, relocation, and resources).



## Mission Organization Names and Initials

- ABC**-African Bible Colleges, Inc.
- ABWE**-Association of Baptists for World Evangelism
- AWANA Clubs International**
- BMM**-Baptist Mid-Missions
- BMW**-Biblical Ministries Worldwide
- BWMOM**-Baptist World Missionary Outreach Ministries, Inc
- Biblical Byways**
- CAPS**-College Area Pregnancy Services
- CEF**-Child Evangelism Fellowship
- CHRISTAR**
- Converge**
- Crossworld**
- CURE**- Community Upliftment Reformation and Empowerment
- Ethnos360**- (was New Tribes Mission)
- FCA**-Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- GRN**-Global Recordings Network
- IMB**-International Mission Board
- Iranian Christian Church of San Diego**
- JAARS**, Jungle Aviation & Relay Service
- JETS**-Jordan Evangelical Theological Seminary
- MAF**-Mission Aviation Fellowship
- MCM**-Missionary Companion Ministries
- Mesa Global**
- MRM**-Mormonism Research Ministry
- NAMB**-North American Mission Board
- OAC**-Open Air Campaigners
- Oaks, International**
- OC International**-One Challenge International
- OM**-Operation Mobilization
- PGO**-Pacesetter Global Outreach
- PSS**-Pastoral Support Service
- People International**
- Pioneers International**
- PCC**- Pregnancy Care Clinic
- Radius International**
- RGBI**-Rio Grande Bible Institute
- ROCK International**- Relief, Opportunity & Care for Kids
- SAM**-South America Mission
- SDSBA**-San Diego Southern Baptist Association
- SEND International**
- SEND North**
- SMCC Missions**-Shadow Mountain Community Church
- Sonshine Haven**
- TEAM**-The Evangelical Alliance Mission
- Tecate Mission International**
- TBM**-Tentmakers Bible Mission
- Vianova**
- White Fields**
- WIXIM Ministries, Inc.**
- WOL**-Word of Life
- WDO**-World Discipleship Outreach
- WBT**-Wycliffe Bible Translators