



**MISSIONARY
PRAYER & PRAISE
MARCH 2026**



SHADOW MOUNTAIN
MISSIONS

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

Dan and Claudia Aanderud continue faithfully investing in their church plant in Hamburg, meeting weekly to encourage believers to live boldly for Christ. Despite opposition and ridicule from non-believers, they are seeing God at work and remain prayerful for repentance and new faith in their city.

- Praise – God for believers who are courageously sharing their faith, even when it’s difficult.
- Praise – God for the ongoing growth and faithfulness of the church plant in Hamburg.
- Pray – that God would open many opportunities to witness and draw new believers to Himself in Hamburg.
- Pray – for their daughter Carli as she prepares to welcome her baby this February, for a safe delivery and healthy baby.

□ **Henry & Lorna Amarila, Cruise Ship Ministry, US**

Henry and Lorna Amarila continue their Cruise Ministry, recently boarding the Holland America Nieuw Statendam to minister to crew members. Several crew have come to faith in Christ, and they are encouraging believers on board to share their testimony with others. They are also grateful for personal family blessings, including a new job opportunity for Christine with the County of San Diego.

- Praise – God for the opportunity to minister aboard the Nieuw Statendam and for John and Paul accepting Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- Praise – God for Christine’s new job with the County of San Diego and for His continued provision for the Amarila family.
- Pray – for the spiritual growth of new believers and for the 613 crew believers to boldly and lovingly share their faith with fellow crew members and loved ones.
- Pray – for salvation among the named officers and crew members, and for good health and strength for the entire Amarila family.

□ **Tessa Blackstad, Ethnos360, PNG**

Tessa Blackstad is preparing to travel to Hoskins in two weeks for standardized testing and a conference. As she prepares, she has several important tasks to complete, including recording a demo educational therapy lesson to officially finish her Level 1 training. She is feeling somewhat overwhelmed and is asking for prayer during this busy season.

- Praise – Tessa is nearing the completion of her Level 1 educational therapy training.
- Praise – She has the opportunity to attend standardized testing and a conference in Hoskins.
- Pray – that she would complete all her preparations without overlooking anything and that her demo lesson recording (including technology and student participation) would go smoothly.
- Pray – that she would experience the Lord’s peace and rest instead of feeling overwhelmed and as she prepares to visit USA for 7 weeks over the summer.

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

RJ and Janessa Borja share how God is faithfully at work during the flood season as they build relationships, serve practical needs, and live out the Gospel among the people. Despite challenges, the Lord has provided in tangible ways, including transportation, housing progress, and resources as they prepare for the arrival of their baby and a temporary move to Tocantins.

- Praise – God for meaningful opportunities to build relationships and demonstrate Christ’s love through hospitality and practical help.
- Praise – God for His provision, including a rental car, new solar panels, and steady progress on their home.
- Pray – for wisdom and peace as they prepare for the baby’s arrival in April and plan their time in Tocantins.
- Pray – for continued growth in their children’s faith and for lasting spiritual fruit among the people they are serving.

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

Tom and Danielle Brendle continue serving faithfully through Ethnos360's Member Care ministry, equipping and supporting missionaries and leaders around the world. Their work includes training Bible Institute leaders, developing new member care staff, and facilitating relational skills workshops, while also caring for Danielle's parents at home.

- Praise – God for the impact of the Member Care training and workshops, especially seeing practical reconciliation take place.
- Praise – God for the provision and growth of the Ethnos360 Member Care Team and the opportunity to invest in future missionaries.
- Pray – for wisdom, strength, and safe travel as Tom ministers at the Ethnos360 Bible Institute in Wisconsin.
- Pray – for Danielle's parents' medical needs and for grace and endurance for the whole family as they care for them.

□ **Jon Breuninger, SEND, Alaska**

Jon Breuninger recently returned from a meaningful trip to San Diego, where God provided rich relational and discipleship opportunities. He was in California sharing at churches, recovering from dental procedures, connecting with family, and encouraging others through shared testimony, while continuing to support ministry and students back in Kodiak.

- Praise – God for a successful and encouraging trip to San Diego, filled with meaningful relationships, joy, and opportunities to share His love.
- Praise – God for the work in Kodiak *Night to Shine* and youth events where students and friends with special needs are experiencing Christ's love.
- Pray – For Jon's continued healing and full recovery from his dental procedure, with no complications and his upcoming dental visit.

- Pray – For Kodiak ministry leaders and students that hearts would be drawn to Christ, and leaders would have wisdom in guiding and discipling them.

□ **Les & Kathy Bruce, Biblical Byways, US**

Les Bruce is working on a book about the origin of language, aimed at professional linguists. The book explores arguments for the Divine origin of language in contrast to the evolutionary view of language development. He plans to finish it this year, though it will require extensive reading and research.

- Praise – God for Les’s dedication and scholarship in pursuing this important work on the origin of language.
- Praise – God for the opportunity to contribute to a project that bridges faith and academic study.
- Pray – for wisdom, insight, and clarity as Les continues his research and writing.
- Pray – for endurance, focus, and fruitful engagement with the linguistic community as he prepares to complete the book this year.

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

The Buckman family has safely arrived at their new home in western Brazil. This marks an important transition as they settle into a new place of ministry and begin this next chapter of serving the Lord.

- Praise – God for their safe arrival and smooth transition to their new home.
- Praise – the Lord for this new opportunity to serve and minister in western Brazil.
- Pray – for a smooth adjustment as they settle into their home, community, and ministry responsibilities.
- Pray – for strong relationships, good health, and wisdom as they begin this new season of ministry.

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

Glenn and Dorothy are finishing their U.S. visit before returning to Peru in mid-March. They are thankful for meaningful time with family and churches and for good medical reports, including negative biopsy results for Dorothy. As they prepare to return, they ask prayer for Peru's political stability, the Pregnancy Care Center's need for a new facility, grieving families they are counseling, and progress in selling their home.

- Praise – God for good medical reports, continued healing, and sustained health and energy.
- Praise – God for encouraging times with family, churches, and supporters during their U.S. visit.
- Pray – for political stability in Peru and for God's provision of a new venue for the New Hope Pregnancy Care and Counseling Center in Chiclayo.
- Pray – for comfort and salvation for grieving families, wisdom for counselors, and smooth progress in selling their home as they continue ministry in Peru.

□ **Jim & Judy Burdett, Ethnos360, US**

Jim and Judy Burdett recently returned from PNG after an encouraging yet challenging time with the Dom people, including strengthening churches and distributing newly reprinted Dom New Testaments. As they return to the U.S., they are entering a major season of transition, stepping away from Ethnos360 after over 40 years of ministry and seeking God's direction for work, housing, and financial provision.

- Praise – God for the arrival and distribution of the Dom New Testaments and the hunger of the people for God's Word.
- Praise – God for continued spiritual fruit, including new believers and outreach in a related language group.
- Pray – for wisdom, peace, and provision as Jim and Judy navigate this unexpected transition, including employment, finances, and housing decisions.
- Pray – for the Dom churches to grow in unity, strong biblical leadership, and continued faithfulness to Christ.

□ **CAPS, San Diego**

CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics continues to minister to women and families facing difficult pregnancies, offering emotional, spiritual, and practical support. The team asks for prayer as they care for patients experiencing miscarriage, considering abortion, or seeking healing from past experiences, while also advocating for unborn life in their community.

- Praise – God for the dedicated staff and volunteers at CAPS who faithfully support patients in crisis with care, hope, and the love of Christ.
- Praise – God for the many women and families who have been reached and encouraged to choose life and experience His healing.
- Pray – for emotional healing, protection, and healthy pregnancies for all patients under CAPS' care.
- Pray – for wisdom, spiritual guidance, and opportunities for the staff to share God's love, as well as for local officials to support policies that protect unborn life.

□ **Brian & Julie Coombs, Ethnos360, US**

Brian and Julie Coombs reflect on the example of Nehemiah, emphasizing teamwork in building God's kingdom. In Papua New Guinea, a newly planted church is now reaching neighboring villages after over a year of prayer. The Coombs continue mentoring training teams, equipping students to serve unreached people groups as they prepare for future field placement.

- Praise – God for the open door in Papua New Guinea and the new church reaching nearby villages.
- Praise – the Lord that Julie's next phase of dental treatment begins in April and for those who gave toward this need.
- Pray – for safety in upcoming travels to Florida and for wisdom in leadership decisions.
- Pray – for final semester students seeking God's direction as they decide where to serve.

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

Simon and Annika Flanagan continue their ministry in PNG, focusing on teaching, discipleship, literacy, and church outreach. They are encouraging new Bible teacher trainees, leading studies in 1 Timothy and marriage, and preparing literacy kits for the Savena outreach, while also caring for older church members and supporting those facing severe health challenges like Maui.

- Praise – God for the growth and faithfulness of the church members, including new Bible teacher trainees and those returning to fellowship.
- Praise – God for the successful preparation of literacy kits and progress in outreach efforts in Savena and other villages.
- Pray – for strength, wisdom, and protection for the Flanagan family as they continue teaching, discipling, and supporting their church in remote areas.
- Pray – for health, comfort, and hope in Christ for Maui and other older or suffering church members, as well as for the church’s encouragement and care for them.

□ **Jesus & Maria Gonzalez, Avant Ministries, Spain**

Jesús and María González recently moved to Santiponce, Seville, where Jesús serves as Academic Dean at the Seville Theological Seminary. They are settling in as a family and engaging in local ministry by visiting churches, preaching, and preparing to lead worship at a retreat. María is completing her psychology internship while building relationships and sharing Christ with the community.

- Praise – God for the González family’s smooth transition to Santiponce and their ability to begin ministering in the community.
- Praise – God for the growth and blessing of the seminary, including new students, professors, and volunteers.
- Pray – for the children as they continue adjusting to the new environment and grow in faith and courage.

- Pray – for Jesús as he leads the seminary, fosters in-person learning, and builds a strong sense of community among students and staff.

□ **Juvenal & Maria Gonzalez, SDSBA, Baja CA**

Juvenal and María Gonzalez are leading the Baja California Ministry, continuing Hispanic church services in North Carolina despite cold weather by meeting in homes. They are discipling 25 people in Lumberton, training new leaders. They are preparing for outreach trips to Tijuana with mission teams and Bibles to distribute during Easter week, while also working to finalize church property under the name Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor.

- Praise – God for the dedication of the congregation to continue meeting in homes, for the growing discipleship efforts, and for new ministry opportunities with children and families.
- Praise – God for María’s improved health, enabling her to actively participate in ministry.
- Pray – for the 25 disciples being trained to grow and multiply in Lumberton, and for leaders planting churches in the area to be guided and empowered.
- Pray – for successful outreach and logistics for mission teams traveling to Tijuana, for the distribution of over 1,000 Bibles, and for completion of church property paperwork and construction funding.

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

Chris and Mihi Guess serve in Romania through UBC’22, a humanitarian arm of their local church in Bucharest. They support churches and families affected by the war in Ukraine by delivering food, generators, and other essential aid. Their work helps meet immediate needs while opening doors for the gospel and strengthening the local church.

- Praise – God for the faithful men courageously delivering aid in challenging circumstances.
- Praise – God for the opportunity to serve both the church and the local communities through UBC’22.

- Pray – that the Lord would protect the team as they travel and serve.
- Pray – that the food and generators would arrive safely and effectively meet the pressing needs of those they serve.

☐ **Jeff HAuse, SAM, Bolivia**

Jeff Hause is midway through his February trip, visiting churches and schools in Arizona and California, reconnecting with ministry contacts, and making progress toward his Master’s program. In March, he will return to Bolivia to continue ReFocus sessions, lead chapels, take his next seminary course, and complete medical exams.

- Praise – God for fruitful visits, encouragement, and mentorship during Jeff’s U.S. trip.
- Praise – God for clarity and progress toward completing his Master’s program in 2027.
- Pray – that Jeff’s upcoming medical tests show no concerns and that he stays healthy for ministry.
- Pray – for wisdom, energy, and smooth coordination as he leads ReFocus sessions and prepares for ministry travels in Bolivia.

☐ **Robert & Souad Helou, Arabic Ministry**

Robert and Souad Helou are leading a growing ministry among Arabic-speaking people in El Cajon, providing food and essential items and hosting a Sunday service that continues to welcome new attendees. They also oversee the FUEL Ministry, serving over 20 students ages 11–16, while remaining connected to Arabic-speaking believers facing persecution abroad.

- Praise – God for the growth of the Arabic ministry at SMCC and for the Sunday service that brings new people together in worship.
- Praise – God for the impact of their outreach through the FUEL Ministry, providing spiritual guidance and care to young students.
- Pray – for a dedicated Christian couple to lead the FUEL Ministry effectively and shepherd its students.

- Pray – for revival among Arabic-speaking believers in 2026, for protection and encouragement for those facing persecution, and for peace and wisdom in Lebanon.

□ **Jon & Tammy Junker, TEAM, Japan**

Jon and Tammy Junker are preparing to return to the U.S. for their son's graduation and potential Army commissioning in May, while also beginning ministry with a church that needs revitalization, a process they have been preparing for over the past two years. They hope to visit supporting churches and manage family transitions before their daughter starts school.

- Praise – God for Jon and Tammy's faithful service and dedication to revitalizing a church for His glory.
- Praise – God for their family and the joy of celebrating together despite busy ministry responsibilities.
- Pray – for God's guidance, wisdom, and favor as they begin ministry with the church in need of revitalization.
- Pray – for smooth travel, arrangements, and ministry leave, including their son's graduation, commissioning, and visits to supporting churches.

□ **Luke & Jaalah Kanagy, MAF, Ecuador**

Luke and Jaalah Kanagy have faithfully served with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) since 2019, serving in Brazil and Ecuador, where Luke piloted flights to remote communities and Jaalah taught English and Bible study methods. As they conclude their service with MAF on March 1st, they are preparing for a new opportunity with Missão do Céu in Manaus, Brazil, providing aviation support to local churches and missionaries. The transition has involved logistical challenges and emotional adjustment, and they are seeking God's guidance in this next season.

- Praise – God for six-plus years of faithful ministry in Brazil and Ecuador, including effective aviation and teaching work.

- Praise – God for the smooth support and assistance received during their transition, including help from family and the local community.
- Pray – for wisdom, discernment, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as Luke and Jaalah prepare for their new ministry in Manaus, Brazil.
- Pray – for smooth preparations, logistics, and emotional healing as they leave Ecuador and establish their new ministry, including Jaalah’s preparation of lessons in Portuguese.

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

Dan and Sharon Leatherwood share about growth and engagement in the church plant in Tafalla. Bible studies are deepening understanding, new volunteers are stepping into children’s ministry, and men’s and outreach groups are active. The congregation is also enjoying creative outreach activities, including hikes, picnics, and film nights, while studying the book of Acts to live out and reflect God’s grace.

- Praise – God for the growth and dedication of the Tafalla congregation in studying Scripture and serving in ministry.
- Praise – God for the enthusiasm of new volunteers stepping into children’s ministry and for creative outreach activities that engage the wider community.
- Pray – for the Tafalla Bible study and church groups to continue growing in understanding, faith, and application of God’s Word.
- Pray – for unity, encouragement, and effectiveness as the congregation reaches out to the community and reflects God’s grace in daily life.

□ **John & Kim Marselus, JAARS, PNG**

John and Kim Marselus have been in Ukarumpa, Papua New Guinea, for two months, engaging in cultural and language immersion while serving with JAARS. They are involved in aviation support, community relationships, and Bible translation efforts, including celebrating a recent 30-year translation project. They are also preparing for village living as part of their cultural training.

- Praise – God for the meaningful relationships John and Kim are building within their community and workplace.
- Praise – God for the spiritual vibrancy seen among the people reached through Bible translation and ministry in PNG.
- Pray – for their continued progress in learning Tok Pisin and navigating cultural immersion.
- Pray – for John as he completes all necessary aviation certifications and for more workers to answer the call for Bible translation in PNG.

Trevor & Aeryn McGee, SEND Int'l, Alaska

Trevor and Aeryn McGee share about their daughters thriving developmentally and spiritually. Trevor emphasizes pointing people to God's Word amid life's "blizzards" and fostering openness to the gospel through sports and community involvement. He also serves in Dillingham, Alaska, coaching middle school boys basketball and building relationships in remote villages despite harsh winter conditions.

- Praise – God for the meaningful relationships being built through basketball and community engagement in remote villages.
- Praise – God for the health, growth, and spiritual development of the McGee children.
- Pray – for the boys Trevor coaches and their families to be drawn to the Lord through these connections.
- Pray – for continued fruitfulness in ministry, including the upcoming team retreat and outreach to those feeling isolated in their communities.

Bobby & Tiffany Mead, FCA, US

Bobby Mead shares that San Diego FCA is experiencing exciting growth through a new Spring Media Intern, a thriving Granite Hills FCA huddle reaching 100–150 students weekly, and preparations for their Sports Performance Camp (June 29–July 3), hosting 500 athletes. The upcoming Golf Classic on May 11 will help support continued ministry impact.

- Praise – God for the growth and leadership development happening through the new Media Internship and student leadership teams.
- Praise – God for the strong turnout at Granite Hills FCA and the continued opportunity to share the gospel with hundreds of students.
- Pray – for the Sports Performance Camp, that the 500 athletes attending would encounter Christ in a life-changing way and that logistics would come together smoothly.
- Pray – for continued provision and support through the Golf Classic fundraiser to sustain and expand FCA’s ministry impact in San Diego.

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

Josh and Emily Merchant are serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Oaxaca, Mexico, and are currently on furlough in the U.S. They are sharing about their ministry, visiting churches, and preparing to return to Oaxaca with new responsibilities. Their family is navigating furlough life, including children’s schooling, passports, and spiritual growth. Meanwhile, the work in Mexico continues with Bible translation efforts, student ministry, and public relations activities.

- Praise – God for the fruitful furlough, meaningful sharing opportunities, and provision for the family’s needs, including a car for their return to Mexico.
- Praise – God for the ways He continues to grow the church in Oaxaca and for new teachers and leaders interested in joining the ministry.
- Pray – for wisdom and guidance as Josh and Emily finalize their new roles, plan their return to Oaxaca, and raise additional support.
- Pray – Pray for wisdom, safety, and meaningful ministry opportunities for Caleb and Ryan as they serve in Bolivia and Zambia.

□ **David & Jena Mough, Ethnos360, Missionary Training Center, US**

Dave and Jena Mough serve with Ethnos360 Training Center, mentoring students, teaching courses, and preparing graduates for cross-cultural ministry. They support Bible translation efforts and missionaries in Alaska. At home, their family faces challenges and joys, including their grandson Nehemiah recovering from an allergic reaction, all while experiencing God's guidance and grace.

- Praise – God for the training and equipping of missionaries, preparing them for effective cross-cultural ministry and faithful service.
- Praise – God for His love and provision, seen in the students' growth, graduates' readiness, and the Moughs' faithful mentoring and leadership.
- Pray – for safe delivery of Bibles to the Lamogai people, continued accuracy and fervor for Bible translators, and fruitful ministry among graduates entering the field.
- Pray – for wisdom, guidance, and cultural understanding for missionaries serving in challenging contexts, including the Underwoods in Alaska, and for strong relationships with local churches and communities.

□ **Chuck & Helen Price, WIXIM, US**

Chuck Price serves by providing spiritual support and prayer to law enforcement officers and their families. This month included praying over exhumations for DNA retrieval, officiating memorials for retired officers and their loved ones, and leading ceremonies honoring officers with life-saving awards. In all these encounters, God's presence and guidance were evident, offering hope, comfort, and encouragement in challenging circumstances.

- Praise – God for using Chuck to bring encouragement, hope, and life to law enforcement officers and their families in both ordinary and extraordinary moments.
- Praise – God for His faithfulness in providing opportunities for ministry and meaningful connections, even in difficult circumstances.

- Pray – for continued wisdom, sensitivity, and strength for Chuck as he ministers to officers, families, and communities in high-pressure and emotional situations.
- Pray – for protection, peace, and spiritual encouragement for law enforcement officers and their families as they face personal and professional challenges.

Steffan & Julie Pyle, Ethnos360, PNG

Steffan and Julie Pyle are serving in Papua New Guinea. Steffan recently passed his helicopter commercial pilot Air-Law test and received his permit within two days, allowing him to begin training flights with an instructor. Julie continues formal language study to prepare for teaching the Bible locally. They are also engaging with the local church community through service projects, such as helping with gardens, and building relationships with neighbors.

1. Praise – God for Steffan passing the Air-Law test and receiving his permit so quickly, answering many prayers.
2. Praise – God for opportunities to serve in the local community and grow in their involvement with the national church.
1. Pray – for Steffan as he begins flying helicopters and learns all the local routes safely and effectively.
2. Pray – for Julie’s continued language study, that she would have perseverance, focus, and ability to teach the Bible to locals.

Sohrab & Mitra Ramtin, Iranian Christian Church of SD

Sohrab and Mitra Ramtin are serving in the Iranian Ministry, leading outreach, Bible studies, and online connections with believers in Iran despite internet restrictions and political unrest. Their ministry includes a Monthly Breakfast Bible study, outreach at ministry fairs, and discipleship of new believers, including Sohrab Shahkamrani, whose baptism is rescheduled for March 28.

- Praise – God for successful ministry outreach in Vancouver and reconnecting with contacts in Iran despite internet restrictions.

- Praise – God for meaningful connections made at the ministry fair, including Afghan and Iranian families attending their church.
- Pray – for Sohrab’s health as doctors address a complex kidney cyst, and for strength and clarity for both Sohrab and Mitra in ministry.
- Pray – for the people of Iran, especially those affected by violence and unrest, and for God’s protection, provision, and spiritual freedom for believers there.

Andrew & Sarah Royer, Ethnos360, Ethnos360 Bible Institute

Andrew and Sara Royer continue training missionaries at Ethnos360 Bible Institute. Sara nurtures community through small groups, retreats, hospitality, and communications, while Andrew teaches, mentors, and leads campus improvements, serving as the President of Ethnos360 Bible Institute. Their sons are growing in Christ and making an impact in school and ministry.

- Praise – God for the spiritual growth of students and the faithful guidance Andrew and Sara provide in teaching, mentoring, and leading campus ministries.
- Praise – God for the personal and family growth of the Royers’ sons, as they walk in Christ and influence peers in school and ministry.
- Pray – for God’s Spirit to impact the hearts of students, staff, and future missionaries, ensuring their learning and service bear lasting fruit.
- Pray – for provision of additional staff and financial partners to fully support the Royers’ ministry, so they can continue leading and serving without hindrance.

Dawson & Kayla Schoening, Baptist Bible Fellowship International, South Africa

Dawson and Kayla Schoening are preparing to serve in Cape Town, sharing the Gospel and building ministry partnerships. Over the past months, they have connected with churches in Texas, New Mexico, and

California that are joining them in ministry support. They are nearing the end of their deputation, applying for visas, and preparing for the arrival of their baby, Selah.

- Praise – God for new ministry partners and financial supporters, now surpassing 50% of their monthly support goal.
- Praise – God for safe travels, meaningful church connections, and the encouragement of seeing His provision during deputation.
- Pray – for smooth processing of their visas and safe travel for Dawson as he visits churches before Selah’s birth.
- Pray – for a healthy pregnancy and safe delivery for Kayla and Selah, and for strength and protection as they transition to full-time ministry in Cape Town.

□ **Jim & Esther Shankula, Border Ministry, SMCC, Mexico & CA**

Jim and Esther Shankula continue serving with the Border Ministry in Tecate, Mexico, carrying out practical and spiritual work. They are planting gardens, maintaining facilities at the Bible Institute, and leading children’s programs. Recent volunteer efforts included repairs at the institute and outdoor activities with children, many of whom expressed interest in trusting Christ.

- Praise – God for the dedicated volunteers helping with garden work, facility improvements, and children’s programs.
- Praise – God for the opportunities to reach children with the gospel and plant seeds of faith despite seasonal challenges.
- Pray – for a spiritual harvest among the children and families reached, that many would come to know Christ as Savior.
- Pray – for the Bible Institute in Tecate, that more students would be drawn to prepare for ministry and serve effectively.

□ **Sonshine Haven, El Cajon**

Sonshine Haven shares that Hill Creek’s Higher Ground Club has seen great growth this year. Starting with 12 kids, most not attending church, within two months five joined Youth Venture and nearly all committed to Christ. Several children and families have been baptized, and one girl

is now a Bible Club leader. Middle schoolers are inviting friends, and new families are engaging, creating more opportunities for gospel outreach.

- Praise – God for the spiritual transformation of the children and their families.
- Praise – God for the growth of leadership among the students, including a girl becoming a Bible Club leader.
- Pray – for continued engagement and commitment from the children and their families.
- Pray – for ongoing opportunities to lead middle schoolers to Christ and for fruitful connections with new families.

☐ **Burton & Kathryn Sue, TEAM, Japan**

The Sue family is navigating Japan’s challenging “juken” entrance exams for their children while ministering to teens under academic and social pressure. Despite setbacks like illness, they continue to focus on God’s plan and are preparing for youth ministry, including a Summer English Camp.

- Praise – God for the children’s faith and perseverance during exam preparation.
- Praise – God for the family’s opportunities to reach Japanese teens with the gospel.
- Pray – for the children’s success on their entrance exams and peace amid stress.
- Pray – for smooth planning and provision for the Summer English Camp and youth programs.

☐ **Dan & Laura Swanson, Ethnos360, Moody Aviation**

Dan and Laura Swanson share updates from their ministry with Ethnos360 Aviation at Moody Aviation. Dan recently represented the ministry at Urbana 2025-2026 in Phoenix, AZ, and the Portland Mission Connexion, engaging many in conversations about Scripture access. Moody Aviation is active again, and the Swansons children, Ben and Anna, have been accepted to Moody Bible Institute for the fall.

- Praise – God for fruitful conversations and ministry opportunities at the Urbana and Portland conferences, spreading awareness of the need for Scripture in every language.
- Praise – God for Ben and Anna being accepted to Moody Bible Institute and for the family’s faithful service in aviation ministry.
- Pray – for safety, attentiveness, and wise decision-making for flight students and instructors at Moody Aviation.
- Pray – for continued guidance, provision, and effectiveness in Dan’s ministry as he trains and equips young men and women for global service.

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

Richard and Sandra van Dillen praise God for blessings in family, ministry, and travel. They enjoyed extra time with their grandsons, visited historic sites. They also celebrate new believers and ongoing church planting efforts while requesting prayer for spiritual growth, salvation of friends and family, and health recovery.

- Praise – God for the extended time with their grandsons and meaningful family experiences.
- Praise – God for new believers and opportunities to lead others to Christ.
- Pray – for the salvation and spiritual growth of friends, family, and new converts.
- Pray – for Sandra’s full recovery and continued health for blessings over ministry work.

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

Aaron and Elise share that things are mostly stable in Chihuahua. The team in Tepic is facing more challenges, and leadership is actively seeking wisdom for decision-making and contingency planning. They are navigating new aviation regulations in Mexico while continuing flight operations, safety oversight, and teaching responsibilities. Recent staff meetings and a safety audit were successfully completed.

- Praise – God for a successful Mission Safety International audit and productive UIM Aviation staff meetings.
- Praise – God for ongoing ministry opportunities through aviation and education in Mexico.
- Pray – Pray for protection and peace for the team in Tepic and for wisdom for leaders as they navigate decisions and next steps.
- Pray – for Aaron as Aviation Safety Officer and for Elise as she teaches, that both would have strength, clarity, and effectiveness in their roles.

John & Sonia Wilkinson, Brazil

John and Sonia Wilkinson continue serving the Sateré-Mawé people, focusing on Bible translation, literacy, and cultural preservation. Their work includes revising and translating Scripture, developing software for linguistics work, producing literature addressing social issues, and creating teaching resources. The family is healthy and grateful, though their sons Marcos and Kevin are seeking employment.

- Praise – God for the progress in Bible translation and literacy efforts among the Sateré-Mawé.
- Praise – God for the Wilkinson family’s health and continued dedication to serving the Sateré-Mawé.
- Pray – for more missionaries and Sateré translators to join and support this critical work.
- Pray – for employment opportunities for Marcos and Kevin and for God’s guidance in their next steps.

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Tezcan

Tezcan shares about meeting Al*, who is studying the Scriptures faithfully and experiencing powerful dreams pointing him to Jesus. Through Bible study and prayer, Al* is growing in curiosity and understanding of the gospel. Despite challenges, Tezcan joyfully teaches God’s Word and sees lives being transformed.

- Praise – God for meaningful ministry opportunities and open hearts to the gospel.
- Praise – God for Al*'s hunger for Scripture and the way the Lord is clearly at work in his life.
- Pray – that Al* would fully place his faith in Jesus Christ.
- Pray – that those who hear the gospel would experience true life transformation through Christ.

□ **Tony & May**

Tony and May have had a busy start to 2026, traveling across the U.S. and Southeast Asia for ministry. Gospel trainings in San Diego led to new believers and a growing disciple-making network. Internationally, leadership coaching, church multiplication, and visits to once-unreached villages showed God's work despite persecution. They are also launching a disciple-making residency connected to business platforms and have upcoming trainings in Texas and Malaysia.

- Praise – God for new believers, multiplying churches, and faithful leaders persevering despite persecution.
- Praise – God for growing networks, effective trainings, and open doors for Gospel conversations.
- Pray – for continued multiplication of disciples and churches in hard-to-reach areas.
- Pray – for protection, provision, and strength for leaders, trainings, and the new residency initiative.

□ **PN**

PN reports on the Jungle Tales 2026 ministry in Seven Sisters region, focusing on teaching and discussing forgiveness with various groups. Despite travel challenges, health issues, and tense conditions, the work continues with discernment, prayer, and Spirit-led storytelling. Students are excelling, leadership teams are growing, and outreach efforts address both spiritual and practical needs in the communities.

- Praise – God for protection, stamina, and discernment during challenging travel and ministry conditions.

- Praise – God for the students and communities engaging deeply with lessons on forgiveness and spiritual growth.
- Pray – for the young people struggling with purpose, addiction, and spiritual challenges, that they would turn to God and find hope.
- Pray – for leadership teams to be strengthened and guided as they discern new ministry opportunities and continue supporting students and communities.

□ **Yuko**

Yuko shares that heavy rain caused closures, but she is thankful for God’s protection and chances to share His love. The year-end agency conference went well, and her Arabic church continues encouraging members. She also updates about friends growing in faith and looks forward to outreach before Ramadan.

- Praise – God for His protection during the heavy rainfall and interruptions.
- Praise – God for the successful agency conference and fellowship with volunteers.
- Pray – for continued encouragement and spiritual growth at the women’s gatherings, especially for Z and J.
- Pray – for opportunities to witness and share the gospel with Kayla, her sister, and other contacts before and during Ramadan.

□ **Denis & Diane**

Denis and Diane share the joy of meeting Tariq and his family, who have grown in faith through online discipleship over the past three years. One of their daughters has boldly shared her faith with her Muslim cousins, showing the impact of these studies. The team continues to engage in social media ministry, addressing common objections to the Gospel and seeking to expand their responder team.

- Praise – God for the spiritual growth of Tariq’s family and their boldness in sharing their faith.

- Praise – God for the effectiveness of the online discipleship and social media ministry.
- Pray – for guidance, wisdom, and fruitful discussions in the social media ministry.
- Pray – for the health, safety, and support of the responders handling messages and comments.

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 Translator