

MISSIONARY PRAYER & PRAISE OCTOBER 2025



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MISSIONS

☐ Dan & Claudia Aanderud, WDO, Germany

Dan and Claudia Aanderud shared a praise report from a recent VBS outreach near the Baltic Sea, where a former attendee, Lars, came to faith and was baptized. They ask for prayer for his spiritual growth and for boldness among Christian youth to share the gospel.

- Praise – Many children eagerly participated in the VBS outreach at the Baltic Sea campground, hearing the gospel and learning Scripture.
- Praise – Lars, a former VBS attendee, came to faith in Jesus and was recently baptized after reflecting on what he had learned.
- Pray – for Lars to grow in his faith and stay connected to the church in his city.
- Pray – for Christian youth to boldly share the gospel with their peers.

☐ Henry & Lorna Amarila, Cruise Ship Ministry, US

The ministry team provided prayer, assistance, and transportation to the Princess Sapphire Cruise Ship crew. Seven crew members from the Hotel/Housekeeping department accepted Christ, and Christine arrived safely despite travel challenges. The team continues to support crew members in their spiritual growth and outreach efforts.

- Praise – Seven crew members prayed to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- Praise – Lorna's annual lab test showed good results.
- Pray – For boldness and confidence for the 587 crew believers to share the gospel with others.
- Pray – For Christine's online test scores and Christian's application to the police force to be successful.

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

Kony & Betty report a fruitful visit to the Philippines, where four elders and three deacons were appointed in the Baranganan church, a major spiritual milestone. They witnessed seven baptisms in Balo-Balo and growing openness to the Gospel in Calibangbangan. The team also celebrated Nuriel's engagement and shared powerful testimonies of healing and faith.

- Praise – for the appointment of four elders and three deacons in the Baranganan church, a major step in church maturity.
- Praise – Rejoice over the seven baptisms in Balo-Balo, showing the fruit of long-term Gospel ministry.
- Prayer – For the new leaders, for spiritual clarity, unity, and boldness in shepherding the church.
- Prayer – For Marisa's safety and strength as she continues ministering on the remote island of Calibangbangan.

□ **Tessa Blackstad, Ethnos360, PNG**

Tessa returned to PNG after time in California and a refresher course in Germany. She is settling into her new role as homeschool administrator as she moved to a new location, Lapilo, in PNG and continues to support students.

- Praise – Safe travels and refreshing connections with friends and co-workers in the US and Europe.
- Praise – Good health and time with family before returning to PNG.
- Prayer – For grace, discernment, and strength as she adjusts to her new role and helps students with unique challenges.

- Prayer – For provision of a new doctor for the team, as their current doctor is past retirement age.

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

The Borja family continues serving among the K-people despite challenges, including RJ's injuries and allergies and Janessa's pregnancy. Their house is progressing well, with roofs and walls up, water towers ready, and help from coworkers. Relationships with the local people are growing, RJ recently preached locally, and the family is preparing to move before a leadership visit at the end of the month.

- Praise – Major progress on both houses, including roofs, walls, and water towers.
- Praise – Expecting another baby in April!
- Pray – For RJ's healing from his injury and relief from allergies.
- Pray – For Janessa's health, strength during pregnancy, and wisdom in parenting, along with safe and fruitful relationships with the local community.

□ **Jon Breuninger, SEND, Alaska**

Jon is actively reconnecting with students, serving at Special Finds, leading the Filipino fellowship, and preparing for fall ministry in Kodiak. He is encouraged by growing relationships and support but continues to pray for health, resources, and more partners.

- Praise – Growing opportunities to connect with students through school events, church projects, and fellowship groups.
- Praise – God's work through Special Finds and the encouragement of faithful ministry partners who sustain the work.

- Prayer – For wisdom and fruitful conversations with students, Filipino fellowship members, and missionary kids, that they would grow in faith and love for God’s Word.
- Prayer – For Jon’s health, energy, and provision of resources and financial partners to strengthen both his ministry and the Special Finds outreach.

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

Les and Kathy are grateful for fellowship and support. Kathy is revising her Field Guide for tours, and Les is preparing a book on the origin of human language for a secular scientific audience. Both are in good health. Kathy is cancer-free, and Les has stabilized kidney function.

- Praise – Kathy’s cancer-free health and Les’s improved kidney stability.
- Praise – Progress in their work, Kathy’s Field Guide and Les’s upcoming book project.
- Pray – For continued physical health and protection for both Kathy and Les as they carry out their work and ministry.
- Pray – For continued guidance, wisdom, and inspiration in Kathy and Les’s work and writing.

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

Glenn and Dorothy Budd share spring greetings from Peru and updates on their ministries in Chiclayo. They continue serving at the New Hope Pregnancy Care Center, helping at their local church, and walking through health challenges, property transitions, and upcoming travel. They express gratitude for faithful supporters.

- Praise – The Pregnancy Care Center continues to see many coming for counseling, with new volunteers like Thania stepping into training.
- Praise – A joyful family visit with Audra, Harrison, and Heather brought encouragement and special memories.
- Pray – For Dorothy’s healing from foot pain and dental complications, and for wisdom in ongoing treatments.
- Pray – For the Way to Hope Church as they search for a new pastor, and for Glenn as he leads and preaches in the meantime.

☐ **Brooks & Nina Buser, Radius Int., International**

Brooks Buser shares that the 14th Radius class is off to a strong start with students settling in well and churches standing behind them. Preparations are also underway for the upcoming Radius Conference in the UAE, which will bring believers from around the world to focus on “The God Who Saves.”

- Praise – Students of the new Radius class are adjusting well with strong church support.
- Praise – The upcoming UAE conference will unite believers globally for encouragement and renewal.
- Pray – That students remain faithful and steadfast in their training.
- Pray – For safe travel and fruitful conversations for those attending the conference.

☐ **CAPS, San Diego**

CAPS Pregnancy+ Medical Clinics shares patient prayer requests, including those facing miscarriage, abortion decisions, and pregnancy challenges. They invite partners to pray, especially during urgent moments, and highlight their ongoing ministry impact and upcoming events like the Walk for Life & Fair.

- Praise – God for the women choosing life despite difficult circumstances.
- Praise – God for 25 years of CAPS’ ministry and the continued impact on families and communities.
- Pray – For healing for women who have experienced miscarriage and for protection of current pregnancies.
- Pray – For more volunteers to support the ministry and for CAPS to thrive in its 25th anniversary year.

□ **Tim & Virgie Farley, ABWE, Peru**

Tim and Virgie wrapped up their second trimester in Iquitos with full schedules of teaching, ministry events, and encouragement from team meetings in Lima.

- Praise – Fruitful ministry opportunities in August, including the ladies’ camp and the reopening of the counseling center in Lima.
- Praise – Students faithfully continuing their studies at the Bible Institute, with several preparing to graduate in December.
- Prayer – For strength and health for Tim and Virgie as they begin the third trimester and prepare for a full ministry calendar in the coming months.
- Prayer – For healing for their son-in-law Willy whose cancer has spread to his lungs, comfort for the children, and peace as they walk through this difficult season.

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

The Farmers spent the summer in the U.S. visiting churches, serving at camp, and celebrating Noah’s graduation. Now they are back in Mexico, returning to ministry and aviation work.

- Praise – Noah’s graduation and provision of both a job with American Airlines and online studies in Aviation Management.
- Praise – Safe travels across the U.S. and God’s protection during flights, including narrowly missing a twister.
- Prayer – For strength and wisdom as they return to busy ministry and flight operations in Mexico.
- Prayer – For continued encouragement and adjustment for the family as they settle back into life and ministry after time away.

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

After a busy month of transition, Simon and his team are now settling into the bush, focusing on writing lessons in 1 Corinthians, helping restore a believer to fellowship, encouraging unity among Bible teachers, exploring a new outreach location, considering two potential leaders, and seeking wisdom for challenges with the airstrip.

- Praise – God for the opportunity to return to the bush and continue ministry, including teaching from 1 Corinthians and engaging in church restoration.
- Praise – for two faithful men being considered for leadership, a sign of growth and potential within the local church and for Nya’s encouraging progress in rehab.
- Prayer – For unity and honest communication among the Bible teachers, and for wisdom as Simon works to guide them back into healthy fellowship and responsibility.
- Prayer – For wisdom and provision regarding the airstrip construction, that it would not cause issues in the community and that the right help would be available.

□ Bryan & Renee Gibbs, Oaks International, Japan

Bryan & Renee Gibbs have moved from Colorado to San Diego while preparing to return to ministry in Japan. They're grateful for God's provision during this busy season and are asking for prayer as they step into new opportunities for disciple-making.

- Praise – Safe travels from Colorado Springs to San Diego, timely move-out from their home, and the discovery of their lost wire transfer to Japan.
- Praise – Provision of housing for Katie and Ethan over the summer, completion of their “prophet’s quarters” in San Diego, and successful shipping of their household container to Japan.
- Pray - For new senders, goers, and multiplying disciples to be raised up through their ministry.
- Pray – For strength, wisdom, and provision as they reenter ministry in Japan.

□ Jesus & Maria Gonzalez, Avant Ministries, Spain

The González family is wrapping up five years of ministry in Málaga and preparing to move to Seville, where Jesús will serve as Academic Dean. They are grateful for God's work and trust Him to provide for the transition.

- Praise – Fruitful ministry in Málaga, with students and neighbors growing in faith and their children taking steps of baptism.
- Praise – Provision of an opportunity to serve as Academic Dean at the seminary in Seville.
- Pray – That God would open the doors for a suitable home in Seville and guide the moving process.
- Pray – Strength for Jesús and María as they complete their graduate studies, and peace for their children during the transition.

□ Juvenal & Maria Gonzalez, NAMB, US

Juvenal, Maria, and their team are actively reaching children and families in North Carolina and Baja California through Bible clubs, church plants, and Bible distribution. They are grateful for God's provision, partnerships with local churches, and opportunities to train leaders for ongoing discipleship and ministry.

- Praise – Over 10,000 Spanish Bibles have been distributed, with children and families receiving God's Word for the first time.
- Praise – A 15-passenger van has been donated to support church plants and ministry work in Tijuana and Chiapas.
- Pray – For guidance and strength for Herminio, Clady, and other leaders in North Carolina, Tijuana, and Baja California.
- Pray – For Maria and her family's health, future work opportunities, and protection over Ismael's life.

□ Chris & Mihi Guess, ABWE, Romania

Chris is preparing for a trip to Romania and Serbia to encourage church planters, support a Christian radio ministry, and meet with both seekers and believers. At the same time, his family is adjusting to Brianna starting college.

- Praise – The upcoming church planting gathering in Târgoviște and opportunities to partner with Romanian and Serbian ministries.
- Praise – Brianna's start to college life and the smooth transition with a supportive roommate.
- Pray – For fruitful ministry in Romania and Serbia, including open hearts among the three Gospel contacts in București.
- Pray – For Brianna and the family during this time of transition and while Chris travels.

□ Jeff HAuse, SAM, Bolivia

Jeff is currently in Puerto Suárez, Bolivia, actively serving through ReFocus and teaching for CIET, while also balancing virtual teaching for SEBITES and a master's course at Southern California Seminary. He reports encouraging progress in church revitalization efforts and seeks prayer for upcoming responsibilities and the Bolivian elections.

- Praise – The La Paz / El Alto trip was rewarding, including coordinating a training session in evangelism and seeing a former trainee become a missionary with Cru.
- Praise – The ReFocus ministry continues to advance, with positive changes in the English-speaking church in Santa Cruz and completion of the Puerto Suárez orientation.
- Pray – For time and energy to manage teaching responsibilities, SEBITES virtual classes, and SCS coursework, including a major paper.
- Pray – For preparation and effectiveness as camp speaker for the Santa Cruz Christian Learning Center high school retreat and for Bolivia during its upcoming elections.

□ Jared and Leah Haynes, Ethnos360, Canada

Jared reflected on how Bible school 17 years ago shaped his calling to missions. He and Leah now focus on training others while caring for family needs and exploring future opportunities in Latin America.

- Praise – A helpful visit to Wills Eye Institute for Shiloh (their daughter), bringing clarity and a treatment plan for her eye condition.
- Praise – Encouragement from Jared's recent trip to Colombia, seeing strong dedication to training for ministry among the unreached.

- Pray – For wisdom in caring for Shiloh’s ongoing eye condition and pursuing the right treatments.
- Pray – For guidance as Jared and Leah consider how to engage with and support training centers in Latin America.

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

- Praise – For God’s protection during the Helou’s trip to Canada, where they ministered at the annual conference of their former church.
- Praise – For the generosity and faithfulness of many members, enabling the church budget to be completed with a surplus of 23%.
- Pray – For the various ministries and activities that have resumed in September after being paused during the summer months.
- Pray – For their members and shut-ins who are unable to attend church regularly but watch online.

□ **Phil & Elin Henderson, Ethnos360, Mozambique/International**

Phil and Elin have been ministering among the Mwinika people, seeing spiritual growth, Bible study groups established, and new Scripture recordings completed. They recently traveled to Brazil for leadership meetings and are transitioning into a new house, while continuing ministry and family responsibilities.

- Praise – Safety in travels and successful leadership meetings in Brazil.
- Praise – Salvation and transformation among the Mwinika, including new Bible teachers and completed Scripture recordings.

- Pray – For continued growth and discipleship in the three ladies’ Bible study groups and new literacy classes.
- Pray – For health and wisdom for Elin’s upcoming cancer checks and Elias’ knee MRI, as well as strength for Phil in the village.

□ **Miriam Kanagy, TEAM, US**

Miriam enjoyed family time over the summer and is now leading a Portuguese Developing a Discerning Heart course, traveling for retreats and conferences, and preparing a November Soul Care session.

- Praise – Thankful for refreshing summer visits with family, including camping trips and time in Oregon, which provided rest and joy.
- Praise – Grateful for a strong start to the Portuguese training, with 10 eager participants and the support of teammates and interns.
- Prayer – Please pray for safety, strength, and fruitful ministry during upcoming trips to Indiana, Toronto, Charlotte, and Ohio.
- Prayer – For wisdom and God’s leading in preparing and teaching the Portuguese course and the November *Soul Care* session.

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

In September, the Dar es Salaam team saw many baptisms, new believers, and growing discipleship. Outreach through Beauty for Ashes and local partners is bearing fruit. They ask prayer for their adult children and upcoming ministry work.

- Praise – Over 12 young adults baptized, with several seeking discipleship.

- Praise – Four people came to faith through the Beauty for Ashes ministry.
- Pray – For new believers to grow strong in their faith and find stability in all areas of life.
- Pray – For their children, for Rebecca as she starts her senior year at CBU, and their son to find faith and provision.

☐ **Dale & Jerusha Losch, Crossworld, International**

Jerusha and Dale are thankful for ongoing support. They enjoyed a refreshing vacation in Alaska and British Columbia, followed by encouraging visits with retirees. Jerusha has resumed refugee ministry and gained a new student, while Dale continues serving retirees and planning events.

- Praise – Restful vacation and renewal in August.
- Praise – Encouraging time with retirees who are still serving faithfully.
- Pray – For wisdom and creativity for Jerusha in teaching refugees.
- Pray – For continued fruit and guidance in Dale's ministry with retirees.

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

Walter and Susan have been ministering to Iranians for 1.5 years, beginning with two young men who came to Christ. Their Iranian Upstate Fellowship has grown to about ten people, completed Discovery Bible Study, and recently welcomed another new believer, moving toward becoming a house church.

- Praise – Two young Iranian men came to faith in Christ and were baptized.
- Praise – Another woman recently placed her faith in Christ through the group's outreach.

- Pray – That the fellowship continues to grow spiritually and in number.
- Pray – That a mature Iranian believer will be raised up to lead the group.

□ Trevor & Aeryn McGee, SEND International, Alaska

The McGee family recently traveled south for a wedding and enjoyed time with family and church friends. Upon returning to Alaska, Trevor successfully hunted a moose after prayerful preparation. They are now focusing on fall ministry, including youth Bible study, Sunday school, and church services in nearby villages.

- Praise – God’s provision of a moose for their winter needs.
- Praise – A wonderful family trip and wedding celebration.
- Pray – For the church in Aleknagik as services resume.
- Pray – For wisdom and smooth logistics in planning village ministry trips.

□ Bobby & Tiffany Mead, FCA, US

Bobby Mead and the San Diego FCA team are reaching student-athletes and coaches on campuses like Grossmont College, Granite Hills, Mesa College, and SD City College. They are relaunching huddles, leading Bible studies, and equipping student leaders, while preparing for the upcoming Golf Marathon fundraiser to support their ministry.

- Praise – Over 100 students attended the Granite Hills huddle, and many are engaging with God’s Word.
- Praise – Student leaders are actively sharing Bibles and mentoring peers, demonstrating growth in leadership and faith.
- Pray – For additional ministry partners to join the support team and help sustain campus outreach.

- Pray – For Bobby, Tiffany, and baby River’s health, growth, and spiritual guidance as they serve together.

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

The Merchants are settling into furlough in San Diego after a full summer of travel. They are reconnecting with supporters, adjusting to U.S. life, and continuing to support ministry efforts in Oaxaca from afar.

- Praise – Safe travels across the U.S. and meaningful time visiting friends, churches, and family.
- Praise – A good start to the school year for both their children and OCS in Oaxaca.
- Prayer – For financial provision, especially for unexpected car expenses and the need for a vehicle in Mexico after furlough.
- Prayer – For wisdom and renewal during furlough as they adjust, make ministry decisions, and plan upcoming travel.

□ **Ron & Cheryl Myers, BWMOM, Thailand/US**

Ron & Cheryl Myers are translating the Spoken Thai New Testament after completing the Isan New Testament and parts of Genesis. Ron returns to Thailand on October 23 to continue translation, discipleship, and mentoring.

- Praise – Lives transformed as people hear the Bible in their own heart language, including families and new believers like Gui.
- Praise – Completion of key portions of Scripture in Isan, with many responding joyfully and spiritually to God’s Word.
- Pray - For accuracy, health, and provision as Ron continues translating the Thai New Testament.

- Pray – For Ron’s upcoming return to Thailand, mentoring ministry, discipleship, and approval of his one-year visa.

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

Kennedy and Wendy Paizs update their supporters about their ministry in Thailand, expressing gratitude for prayer and financial support. They continue focusing on making disciples, sharing the Gospel, and reaching people in the region with the message of Christ.

- Praise – They are able to serve in Thailand among the Buddhist people as light and salt and have opportunities to preach in Thai at their local church.
- Praise – Wendy is continuing her studies at Chiang Mai Theological Seminary, and their YouTube Bible storytelling project is going well and blessing others.
- Pray - For wisdom as they navigate multiple ministries, lead their multicultural TEAM Thailand, and disciple Thai believers.
- Pray – For health and energy as they travel, meet with people, and serve in various ministry roles.

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

Santiago and Marilyn Perez shared updates from their summer ministry, including a successful Bible Expo in Faramontanas, family gatherings, and meaningful conversations about the Lord with several people. They distributed Gospels, saw Eugenio baptized, and hope to start a new cell Bible study while continuing to reach out to friends and family.

- Praise – Eugenio’s baptism at the age of 65 and joy in receiving this.
- Praise – Successful distribution of Gospels of John and God’s provision for transportation.

- Pray – Spiritual growth for Eugenio.
- Pray – Fruit from the summer evangelistic efforts and more men stepping into church leadership.

□ **Chuck & Helen Price, WIXIM, US**

Chuck Price, a full-time chaplain with WIXIM Ministries, serves multiple San Diego police units through counseling, training, and ride-alongs. Marking 35 years in ministry, he is launching a CHP chaplain program and consulting nationwide.

- Praise – After over two decades of prayer and desire to serve CHP, Chuck has been invited to help launch a chaplain pilot program in their Border Division, clearly a door opened by God.
- Praise – Chuck continues to be sought out for his experience, recently consulting with departments in Hayward, Queen Creek, and Long Beach, and speaking at national law enforcement events and conferences.
- Prayer – For wisdom and discernment as Chuck seeks strong, spiritually mature candidates to serve as chaplains in San Diego, El Cajon, and with CHP.
- Prayer – As new responsibilities arise, pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual strength, and that Chuck is able to maintain the healthy rhythm he recently implemented.

□ **Steffan & Julie Pyle, Ethnos360, PNG**

Steffan and Julie Pyle have safely arrived in Papua New Guinea and settled at the Lapilo Center. They are starting Tok Pisin language study and preparing for ministry, while their children begin seminary, aviation training, and college.

- Praise – for their safe arrival in PNG and for being able to move into their new home quickly, allowing them to begin ministry and language preparation without delays.

- Praise – for the support and encouragement from their church and prayer community, which has strengthened them as they step into this new season of life and ministry.
- Pray – for good health and healing for Julie’s ongoing stomach issues and for Steffan’s eye, which shows early signs of iritis, so they can serve effectively.
- Pray – for rapid and effective learning of Tok Pisin, so they can engage meaningfully with the local community and begin ministry tasks, including helicopter missions, by early 2026.

□ **Sohrab & Mitra Ramtin, Iranian Christian Church of San Diego**

They celebrate new believers, including the recent baptism of Edi and the growth of house churches in Iran. They continue to disciple students in Iran and Afghanistan and engage in radio and TV ministry to share the gospel.

- Praise – The baptism of brother Edi on August 23rd.
- Praise – New believers, including a student in Kermanshah, preparing to start a house church.
- Pray – For guidance, health, and strength for Sohrab, Mitra, and their children as they minister and teach.
- Pray – For the success of Bible study meetings and ongoing radio and TV outreach to Iran and Afghanistan.

□ **Tim & Linnea Sandvall, AWANA, US**

Tim and Linnea Sandvall shared an update about their ministry with Awana. While Tim now serves as VP of US Field Operations, they remain faith-supported missionaries serving nearly 90 churches in Southern California and Yuma, Arizona.

- Praise – Grateful for the faithful support of churches and individuals who partner with them in ministry.

- Praise – Excited for the opportunity to serve nearly 90 churches more intentionally in Southern California and Yuma.
- Pray – For the Child Discipleship Forum (Sept. 25–26) in Tennessee, that it would encourage churches nationwide in discipling children and youth; and for travel to Columbus for leadership meetings and Discover Awana.
- Pray – For the upcoming Awana Ministry Conference (Oct. 11) at Shadow Mountain, that the 400–500 leaders attending would be equipped and encouraged.

☐ **Charity Shambaugh, BMM, France**

Charity has been engaged in language and cultural studies in France while preparing for the upcoming Ecclémusica Music and Missions Conference. She is also mentoring a 14-year-old from her church and looking for Gospel opportunities with classmates and neighbors.

- Praise – God provided a car to aid her ministry and travel.
- Praise – Progress in language studies and meaningful discipleship with Elise.
- Pray – Wisdom and effectiveness in planning the Ecclémusica conference.
- Pray – Continued Gospel opportunities with neighbors, classmates, and conference attendees.

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

Jim's second hip replacement surgery on August 12 was successful, and they have returned to work with minimal pain. During recovery, they focused on reading biographies that emphasized growing in a personal relationship with God and applying His Word.

- Praise – Successful recovery from the second hip replacement with minimal pain.
- Praise – The orphanage garden continues to produce, showing faithful care and dedication.
- Pray – For continued strength, healing, and wisdom as they resume ministry and office work.
- Pray – For the volunteers and Mark Lyles sustaining the orphanage garden, their efforts bear lasting fruit.

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

The 2025 English Camp in Japan brought children and families together for Bible teaching, games, and activities, creating opportunities to share Jesus and build relationships.

- Praise – God’s provision of a dedicated team of volunteers and local churches who helped run a joyful and impactful camp for over 130 children.
- Praise – The children’s engagement and enthusiasm in learning songs, participating in activities, and leading worship, reflecting the seeds of faith being planted.
- Pray – That God would continue to move in the hearts of children and families who attended, leading many to trust Jesus.
- Pray – Wisdom, strength, and healing for volunteers and local churches as they follow up, debrief, and prepare for future camps and ministry opportunities.

□ **Ty & Lysi Tartaglia, OAC, Albania**

The Tartaglias hosted a men’s retreat at Legacy Hill with 50 men attending, focusing on what it means to be a man of God. Tyler is mentoring two young men through Proverbs, helping them grow as Godly leaders. The family was blessed by a visit from Tyler’s

parents, who also contributed to both men's and women's Bible studies.

- Praise – God's work in the men's hearts at the retreat and the growing impact of Legacy Hill.
- Praise – Growth and commitment of the young men in Proverbs Bible study.
- Pray – For ongoing discipleship and impact through Legacy Hill and college ministry.
- Pray – For strength, wisdom, and encouragement for the Tartaglia family in their ministry and family life.

□ Myles & Patty Toews, OM, International

Myles and Patty Toews recently traveled for ministry in Alberta but were interrupted by the passing of their longtime friend, Rita Haywood. They returned home briefly before going to Peachtree City, GA, to celebrate her life and are grateful for the prayers and support of their partners.

- Praise – Thankful for the lifelong friendship and ministry partnership with Rita and Keith Haywood.
- Praise – Grateful for the opportunity to connect with supporters in Alberta despite changes in travel plans.
- Pray – For comfort, peace, and healing for Keith Haywood and the family as they grieve Rita's passing.
- Pray – For continued provision and guidance as Myles and Patty continue their ministry and connections with supporters.

□ Richard & Sandra van Dillen, Christar, Holland

Richard and Sandra continue their ministry in the Netherlands. They are encouraged by opportunities to share *The Chosen* with friends and family, while also carrying burdens for unsaved loved ones and their own children who have strayed from faith.

- Praise – God’s sustaining perseverance over 36 years of ministry in the Netherlands, even amid discouragement and challenges.
- Praise – Opportunities to share *The Chosen* with Hindu and Muslim friends, including Tante Lila, who is eager to watch it and share it with her family.
- Pray – For the salvation of Tante Lila’s Hindu and Muslim family members, as well as many Muslim and Hindu friends who are being introduced to *The Chosen*.
- Pray – For their children to return to the Lord, and for their five grandchildren to grow in faith and love for Jesus.

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

The Varelas completed their first home assignment, traveling through the U.S. to visit churches, supporters, and family. They are now back in Chihuahua, settling into new rhythms of ministry, school, and flying.

- Praise – Safe travels and encouraging visits with churches, supporters, and family.
- Praise – Aaron’s opportunity to represent UIM Aviation at the Oshkosh AirVenture Airshow in Wisconsin and also to join the worship team at their local church in Mexico.
- Prayer – For smooth adjustment for Elise as she balances volunteer teaching and homeschooling, and for the kids in their classes.
- Prayer – For strength and safety for Aaron as he resumes flying, begins tailwheel checkout, and continues safety officer responsibilities.

□ **Emiliano & Vanesa Vitti, Word of Life, Ecuador**

The Vitti family and Word of Life Ecuador are joyfully serving God, with 694 youth attending summer camps, many coming to Christ,

and 20 students training at the Discipleship Center for future missionary work. They are advancing plans to plant missionaries in new regions.

- Praise – 694 youth attended summer camps, with 336 coming to faith and 406 dedicating their lives to Christ.
- Praise – The Intensive Discipleship Center is training 20 students to serve the Lord and prepare the next generation of missionaries.
- Pray – For the Vitti family’s unity, faith, and continued strength as they serve together.
- Pray – For God’s guidance in placing missionaries across Ecuador and confirming the calling of those in training.

□ Bob & Dawn Wilson, PGO, International

Over 100 teacher leaders from nine Latin American countries met in Lima, Peru, for a leadership conference. They connected, shared cultural traditions, engaged in prayer and Bible study, and received interactive study Bibles, strengthening their commitment to reach teachers and students for Christ.

- Praise – For the successful gathering of teachers from multiple countries and the meaningful connections formed.
- Praise For the spiritual growth and dedication of participants to reach teachers worldwide for Christ.
- Pray – For continued fruitfulness as teacher leaders return to minister in their home communities.
- Pray – For guidance and blessing over upcoming trips, Zoom conferences, and future teacher conferences, including Cuba and Egypt.

□ Aylwin & Abeni Woleng, CURE, India

The Woleng family shared updates on their ministry and family. Their children are doing well in school, the Resource Centre is nearly complete, and they plan a Health Care training and a MicroSchool. Aylwin and Abeni continue mentoring students and speaking at retreats while balancing family life.

- Praise – Progress on the Resource Centre and Health Care training facility.
- Praise – Opportunities to mentor students and engage in retreats.
- Pray – Wisdom and provision for completing the Resource Centre.
- Pray – Continued spiritual growth for the family and guidance in ministry.

□ Bret & Christy Zimmerman, SEND North, Alaska

The Zimmermans concluded the 2025 Tanalian Bible Camp with 378 campers from 34 villages, centered on the theme “The Truth Changes Everything.” The camp included Bible lessons, skits, and mentoring for both short-term and summer-long staff, while construction continues on new facilities.

- Praise – A successful camp season impacting hundreds of campers and volunteers.
- Praise – God’s provision of over 200 volunteers and dedicated young adult staff.
- Pray – Wisdom and safety as construction on the new chapel, dining hall, and kitchen continues.
- Pray – Guidance for young adult staff as they consider future ministry and life decisions.

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□ Paul & Abi

Paul and Abi faced extreme heat and the loss of their bees this summer. Paul also faced some health issues but is almost recovered now. However, they continue making progress in language learning and relationships with their language teachers.

- Praise – Progress in language learning, moving into Phase 2 of their curriculum.
- Praise – Hope has more students now and can provide well for herself and her daughter.
- Pray – for Paul's lingering sinus issues and overall health.
- Pray – for wisdom on when and how to restart beekeeping after their loss.

□ Jay & Nikki

Jay and Nikki summer was filled with medical camps in Bumamu and Kendu Bay, where over 1,000 patients were treated and many heard the Gospel. They also began outreach to the Padhola people in Uganda and helped strengthen local churches through training and discipleship.

- Praise – Grateful for fruitful medical camps in Bumamu Village and Kendu Bay where hundreds received medical care and heard the Gospel, with many responding in faith.
- Praise – Thankful for new partnerships, including open doors with the Padhola people in Uganda and continued growth in local churches and schools.
- Pray – For wisdom and strength for national pastors and churches as they disciple new believers.
- Pray – for health and protection for the family so they can continue serving effectively.

□ Tezcan

Tezcan is faithfully studying Scripture with students Ati, Ah, and Az. Ati and Ah are still exploring faith, with Ah already showing positive life changes. Az is deeply engaged, asking meaningful questions. These discipleship efforts are bearing fruit.

- Praise – For Az’s hunger for truth, thoughtful questions, and growing understanding of Scripture.
- Praise – For the positive impact Bible study is having on Ah’s life and the opportunity to disciple others.
- Pray – That Az, Ah, and Ati would fully trust in Jesus and experience His grace.
- Pray – For boldness and continued fruitfulness in sharing the gospel.

□ Fernando & Monse

Fer & Monse share how the Gospel is reaching a new generation across North Africa and Spain, despite opposition and logistical challenges. They continue sowing the Word, translating Scripture, and teaching theology. They express deep gratitude for God’s provision through prayer and support.

- Praise – The Gospel is being shared with a new, eager generation, young people excited to follow Christ and learn the gospel in their own language.
- Praise – Ongoing progress in ministry work, including Old Testament translation (currently Isaiah 40) and teaching in both North Africa and Spain.
- Prayer – For spiritual fruit and continued strength, for the seed sown through teaching and translation efforts.
- Prayer – For family and preparation for ministry, especially for upcoming fieldwork and the educational and ministry paths of their children.

☐ Tyler & Heidi

This summer brought encouraging conversations about faith, fellowship at camp, and opportunities for Tyler to share the hope of Christ. The family is preparing to travel back to Canada soon for home ministry assignment and support raising.

- Praise – A new missionary family has joined them, and their boys are excited to have more friends.
- Praise – The children had a smooth and enjoyable start to the school year.
- Prayer – For the Spirit’s continued work in the hearts of those asking deep spiritual questions.
- Prayer – For strength and encouragement for local believers and leaders as they face challenges and remain faithful.

☐ Tony & May

Tony and May joined 200 Asian American believers at Lao Baptist Youth Camp, leading sessions and building new friendships with Lao leaders. The kids are settling into their new school in Texas. This month, Tony will travel to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos to equip church planters and leaders.

- Praise – Powerful time at Lao Baptist Youth Camp with new connections.
- Praise – Kids adjusting well and shining for Christ in their new school.
- Pray – For Tony’s Southeast Asia trip—wisdom, protection, and lasting fruit.
- Pray – For new Lao leader relationships to grow strong and impact God’s Kingdom.

□ R & F

R & F are serving in the Middle East. They baptized their teenage neighbor, Vera, who had been discipled through OM's TeenStreet camp. They have witnessed spiritual growth in former students and women they disciple, and have begun engaging new students with the gospel.

- Praise – The successful baptism of Vera in Sweden and Faisal in the Middle East, celebrating their public declarations of faith.
- Praise – God's provision in Middle East, including a smoothly furnished apartment and the family's ability to settle in quickly.
- Pray – For F's serious sinus infection, that antibiotics or treatment would fully heal her without surgery.
- Pray – For the students R is discipling and the wisdom to navigate complex church dynamics in the Middle East.

□ J & Dot

J & Dot returned to Vietnam with a renewed visa after overcoming complex document challenges in the U.S., thanks to God's guidance. They ask for prayers for provision. Survey trips have begun despite new government changes making travel difficult. Please pray for wisdom, safety, and support.

- Praise – for a timely miracle in authenticating the family's documents, enabling their return with a one-year visa.
- Praise – for the faithful support and encouragement they received from fellowships and friends during their time in the U.S.
- Pray – for provision and wisdom as they address urgent financial needs and seek additional supporters.

- Pray – for safety, guidance, and local connections as the team begins survey trips amid challenging administrative changes.

□ Yuko

Yuko has resumed her study gatherings, providing opportunities to encourage and share with motivated students. She is also preparing for a women's prayer and craft meeting on October 11 and balancing a busy schedule with language and calligraphy lessons.

- Praise – Successful restart of study meetings and meaningful interactions with students.
- Praise – Opportunities to host community gatherings like the women's prayer and craft meeting.
- Pray – For Yuko's friend Z and her family, that they would be encouraged and supported.
- Pray – For safe travel and God's blessings during Yuko's upcoming trip to Japan.

□ Denis & Diane

Denise and Diane recently began their annual three-month media training program with 12 students from across the country. The program focuses on professional development and faith growth.

- Praise – The students' dedication and eagerness to learn, even amidst challenges like severe flooding.
- Praise – The ongoing collaboration and support from producers for media translation and the local team.
- Pray – For safety, good health, and smooth logistics for students and staff during the program.
- Pray – For successful progress in finalizing The Chosen contract and further outreach opportunities.

Mission Organization Names and Initials

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