

Prayer Requests – August 20 - CNH Mission Agency

“Stub ... Perseverance towards Hope”

Dear CNH friends,

A couple of days ago, I was reflecting with President Newton about “life in the middle.” This refers to the stage in a plan or venture where you are no longer at the launch point and yet not near enough to the end point to anticipate it accurately. You are set on a course and committed to the trip; however, your “bearings” are not as clear as they were, and “storms” have thrown you about, leaving you beleaguered. Perhaps the estimate of supplies needed look to be inadequate and the fellow crew-members are less than motivated, perhaps even surly. (Maybe you yourself have become surly?) **Perseverance is what’s called for but stubbornness threatens to take over.** Hope in what’s certain is the desired focus, (*Romans 5:1-5*), but temporary satisfaction threatens to become the commodity of choice.

So, if you find yourself in the middle again (the frustrating, tiring, confusing, and sometimes overwhelming middle), I would like to commend these words to you that are truly about hope, and that hope in the glory of God to Joshua when he was in “the middle” between 40 years of wandering and the conquest he could not fully envision. Three times God says, “be strong and courageous” to Joshua. The last time this imperative is given, a promise with hope undergirds the command, “for I the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua knew from experience that God had gone before and come after his people. That promise and truth is there for you and I as well.

*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” Isaiah 52:7*

Mike Lange — CNH Executive Director, Missions



Our mission prayer newsletter rotates through prayers for each of our CNH over-seas missionaries as well as a prayer for staff CNH leaders in the first section. We also share 5-7 prayer requests from the regional CNH mission field in each newsletter. Our website will continue to hold a complete archive of prayers for all our missionaries.

1. Remember Ashley Wong, working in Cambodia and mainland China as she completes here missionary assignment with LCMS’s Concordia Welfare and Education Fund. Ask for God’s guidance as he provides the next steps of guidance.
2. Thank God for an encouraging Bay Area Mission View Tour that highlighted the partnership between the



the middle.

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CNH Mission Agency and the newly formed LINC Bay Area. Ask that God would raise up more opportunities in the city and provide people and resources to support these ministries.

CNH Regional Missions

1. Pray for our churches (our people) that are “footholds” for Jesus’ mission in lonely places where they feel isolated and alone. Pray that they would boldly proclaim that message where God has placed them.



2. Pray for Faith Lutheran Church in South San Francisco. Officially organized in 2014, as they work intentionally to train and activate leaders on their mission field. (Faith was one of the featured ministries for the Bay Area Mission View Tour.)

3. Intercede for Clarence DeLude as he balances the challenges of coursework, ministry, and church planting cultivation on Oahu. Pray for clarity, humility, and perseverance.

4. Pray for Doua Xiong and other Hmong leaders in Fresno, Clovis, Merced, Sacramento, and Stockton as they find a “new normal” and strive to do so together after the departure of Hmong missionary leader Kou Seying.

5. Pray for God’s providing of missionary leaders in our mission revitalization work in Chester and Greenville, CA.

6. Pray for God’s protection and guidance upon Prince of Peace Fremont which serves as a congregation that is a missionary leader in the Bay Area.

Featured Mission Prayer -- *Please share this with your pastor and/or include in your regular church prayers. You are welcome to include it in your Sunday bulletin or monthly church newsletter.*

Join the people of San Juan De Fe (St. John’s Valley of Faith), a bilingual plant in Arvin and its missionary leader, Pastor Trinidad Cas-



taneda, as they celebrate and build on this summer’s ministry forays, including a first VBS, tutoring club, and support of the Arvin police department. Ask that God would encourage, protect and equip his people there.