

Prayer Requests – January 11 - CNH Mission Agency

Learning to Enjoy God

Kristi and I have very much enjoyed and been challenged by our journey through John F. DeVries devotional book, *Why Pray?* DeVries thoughts are challenging, encouraging, and “prayer-altering.” DeVries encourages and instructs his readers on being a H.O.P.E. (Home of Prayer Everyday). As we read and reflected through one of the final devotions, I couldn’t help but be tantalized by the encouragement to “enjoy” God. In my life of prayer, I have been taught and practiced reverence, honor, love, etc. However, never had “enjoy” taken on the meaning it did for me that night.



I was challenged to consider what it was that I enjoyed about God. I must say that what gives me an utter sense of peace and enjoyment about God is rolled up in three truths. (He is all-knowing, always present, and Savior of the world.) For many years, the first two of these truths caused me discomfort. Today these attributes give me only joy. God sees Christ in His children (that includes me). As his redeemed child, this gives me complete peace and a sense of joy.

He sees all of me... nothing to hide, no games to play, no lies to tell! He sees it and he sees Jesus alive (because grace’s gift and faith that apprehends) and me forgiven. He is always present with me, not leaving disgustedly at my misbehavior, or gone missing at times of deepest need. His promised presence is true and faithful. He is the personal yet all inclusive answer for all sin for all time. And ... he takes pleasure in his people.

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

Zeph. 3:17

Enjoy God as you begin, during the opportunity, after all is finished, and throughout. He sees, he is present, he redeems. He delights in us and frees our hearts of fear. We enjoy him ...

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

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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 share 5-7 prayer requests monthly from the CNH mission field in each newsletter. (Archives on website.)



1. Please remember Pastor Charles and Janice Froh as they continue their work as theological educators at our partner seminary in Kenya.
2. Keep Mission Agency Administrative Assistant Glenna Sanlis and Communications Assistant Doug Benton in prayer. Both of them offer part-time assistance to the Mission Agency and are valued partners. Pray for health, spiritual strength and praise God for the new daughter Doug and his wife Colby will welcome soon.

CNH Regional Missions

1. Thank God for the presence of Dan Truesdell at Messiah Lutheran in Ewa Beach. Messiah is experiencing a resurgence of vitality and purpose. Dan and his young family have moved into the Ewa Beach community and are beginning ministry there. Dan is a former member of St. Mark's, Kaneohe. Pray for a smooth transition mission fervor for Messiah and the Truesdell family.
2. Thank God for the new work beginning at Addis Kidan in the English language. Pray for those leading this work and for God to continue to grant open doors into the community.
3. Thank God for mission outreach into our communities by our congregations like St. Philip in Dublin, who operate a Christian Kid's Club at Dougherty Elementary School.
4. Pray for presenter, Dr. David Kim, who will conduct the Catalyst Disciples workshop on February 4-6 in Livermore. Ask that God would move mightily in him and in those who participate as we seek to multiply disciples.

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.*

We remember the work of Trinidad Casteneda, his family, and the newly developing leaders at San Juan Valle de Fe in Arvin, CA. Pray for strength and endurance for Pastor Trini and family. Ask that God would grant joy in the midst of their service and that new believers would "grow up" in their faith and walk with their Lord Jesus.

