

## Prayer Requests – March 14, 2016 - CNH Mission Agency



### Pointing to Jesus

*“He must increase, I must decrease.”* This simple statement by John about Jesus should not be short-changed, especially as we continue our journey through Christ’s passion and to the resurrection. I find that this time of year is a wonderful opportunity to assist the seeker in “putting the pieces” together. My ongoing “pointing” is towards Jesus. His sufficiency, his message, his sacrifice all culminate wonderfully in his Resurrection.

Why is this important? Have you ever heard and taken too much pride in a comment like this: *Thanks for coming and sharing, my dad/friend/wife really appreciated you!* Honestly, I have taken way too much pleasure in statements like this. While I rejoice that God uses me as his evangelist, ultimately the subject of my witness is the anointed one of God. I must boldly, proudly, and, yes, humbly point towards Jesus.

Our message and our importance will continue to decrease while simultaneously we elevate the WORD. Like John, I want to say and unpack this truth for those who look too insistently for answers from me and who desire my opinion, “Behold, the lamb of God!”

*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*



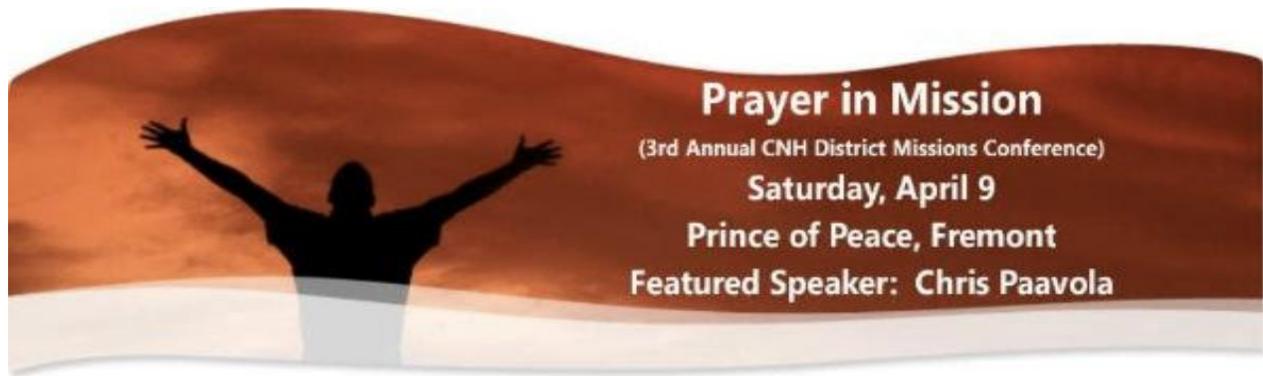
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*Our mission prayer newsletter rotates through prayers for each of our CNH over-seas missionaries as well as a prayer for staff CNH leaders in the first section. We share 5-7 prayer requests monthly from the CNH mission field in each newsletter. (Archives on website).*



1. Pray for Chuck and Jean Hoffman in Seoul, Korea. Ask that God would grow their Christian witness directly and indirectly through their people into the greater city of Seoul to the glory of God. Chuck and Jean formerly served in Elko, NV at St. Mark’s Lutheran.

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2. Pray for safety and clarity of message for all our speakers at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual CNH Mission's conference. Pray by name for Dawit Bokre, Alan Tong, Ashley Wong, Aaron Putnam, Michael Lange, Heather Davis, Tom Zelt, Dominic Rivkin, Robert Newton, Chris and Ashley Paavola. Pray also for those who will attend, be encouraged and equipped.

### CNH Regional Missions

1. Join us in thanking God for the ordination celebration of Gary Gerloff. Gary will be installed as the missionary leader at First Lutheran in Hanford next Sunday. Gary is a graduate of the CMC program, an alternate route distance learning program out of Concordia University in Irvine, CA.
2. Ask that God would continue to shower his mercy and grace upon the bi-lingual ministry of San Juan Valle de Fe in Arvin, CA. Pray for the leaders as they grow in grace and Christian maturity and for their spiritual protection and health.
3. Ask that God would grant wisdom to the leaders of Addis Kidan in the Bay Area as they strive to stay focused on God's mission, reaching the lost and discipling the found. Pray specifically for Pastor Tesfai Tesema, Muluneh Taye, and Joseph Ruiz.
4. Ask that God would open doors for the people at Chester and Greenville, CA, as they discern God's will regarding their next pastoral leader who will guide them as they grow as "everyday missionaries" in their context.
5. Ask God to open doors for witness in San Pablo for Vicar Moises Morales and for partnerships that will advance the Gospel in that community.



**Featured Mission Prayer:** Pray for God's spirit to work mightily in the valley of California among the populations of Hmong and Lahu people living there. Pray for clear witness, humility, and the release from the bondage of sin and fear for many people. Pray for leaders: Soun See, Khai Lee, Doua Xiong, Michael Lo, and Thao Lee.