

Prayer Requests - January 20, 2015 - CNH Mission Agency



Dear CNH Mission Friends,

Doesn't seem like much of a mission picture, does it? Obviously this is a his and her set (a couple of comfortable pairs of walking and exercise shoes used by me and ... my partner). I re-learned an important lesson this weekend. Christ's great commission is about making disciples, and one of the means we do this is "by going." Jesus sent his disciples two by two. So often I have headed off into the fray singularly, even though God has blessed me with a very able and capable partner. What

have I re-learned this weekend? Solomon had it right: *"two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work."* Brothers and sisters, engage the partners God has placed you near. It may not be a spouse, but rather a friend. Who has God provided by whom you might encourage, made accountable, and give and receive hope? As you prepare to be going into His mission, seek and praise God for a partner.

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

You will notice a new format for our mission prayers beginning this week. We will be rotating through prayers for each of our CNH over-seas missionaries as well as a prayer for staff CNH leaders in the first section. We will also be sharing in each prayer newsletter 5-7 prayer requests from the regional CNH mission field. Our website will continue to hold a complete archive of prayers for all our missionaries.



1. *Pray for the participants in this coming weekend (Jan. 23-24) mission strategy summit, that they might be filled by the spirit of our missionary God and respond to His leading. Pray also for our facilitator, Les Stroh, that he use his gifts with wisdom and skill.*

2. *Debra Boelk, formerly of Vacaville, recounted in her last newsletter a trip to mainland China where she had several unexpected opportunities to discuss Jesus. Pray that God would give Debra the wisdom and the courage to continue to seize these "divine appointments" which God supplies. Debra's blog: <http://PEARLOFTHEGOSPEL.NET>*



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1. Pray for Trinidad Castaneda and the leaders at newly planted St. John's Valley of Faith in Arvin. Pastor Trini and leaders from Bakersfield and Arvin are prayerfully setting the DNA of this newly planted mission.
2. Pray for guidance for Enrique Vallejo as he follows up on and encourages existing Latino/Hispanic work in our District and seeks to enable and encourage new work. (Enrique is working part-time as the Hispanic mission coordinator for the CNH).
3. Pray for the work of Pastor Jon Oetting and the Disabilities Task force as they seek to raise awareness of the mission opportunities in each of our communities to reach and connect the disabled with the power of the Gospel.
4. Pray for the efforts of Addis Kidan as they strive to open up new opportunities to connect with families in their location off Haight Avenue.
5. Ask that God would open doors for even more connections as Berhanu Didanu in Davis pursues opportunities to reach the immigrant Ethiopian populations there.
6. Pray for guidance for Zabdi, Elizabeth, and Blanca Lopez (trained as lay-deaconess in the PSW District), as they continue to pursue ministry to the Latino populations in Gridley.

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.*

Pray for inspiration and wisdom for the LINC Bay Area task force as they officially begin ministry under the part-time leadership of Aaron Putnam. LINC is a national Lutheran coalition based in cities of the US. The three pillars of LINC activity are: community development, theological/missiological education; and most importantly, indigenous church planting.