

Prayer Requests January 6, 2015 - CNH Mission Agency



Dear CNH Mission Friends,

Christian didn't fully realize what she was getting when she married into the Richter family. In addition to her groom Michael's extensive biological family, she also married into deep friendships and family of faith connections with the Langes. Our picture this week is of the Lange and Richter families celebrating and loving on Michael and Christian at their wedding on December 27th. The important missional truth that this picture demonstrates is the power and blessing of the body of Christ.

Just like Christian is welcomed into a new family, (and Michael is welcomed into her family),

a new believer is intended by God to be welcomed into a body that will love, accept, bless and be blessed by her. The body embraces the new believer and recognizes and expects to be enhanced by the new "part" of the body. I have to tell you, Christian "brings it" and is a blessing to the Richter family. Ask that God will give us wisdom in how we love and allow ourselves to be loved by those God intends to bring into His family of grace. *(By the way, expect God to add to His family. It is His heartfelt desire!)*

"Now you are the body of Christ and EACH ONE of you is a part of it!" 1 Cor. 12:27

Mike Lange — CNH Executive Director, Missions

1. Ask God to provide wisdom, leadership, and clarity through our Mission strategy summit on January 23-24, 2015.
2. Thank God for a blessed time of recreation for Mike Lange and family and for the inspiration He has provided in wise counsel these past two weeks as we follow God's leading into His Mission in 2015.
3. Thank God for Mission Agency Board members and staff: Bill Swift, John Wagenbach, Marla Kuefner, Mark Kliewer, Ryan Alvey, Lisa Mancini, Holly Anderson, and Glenna Sanlis.
4. For overseas missionaries: Debra Boelk (Bethany Vacaville); Pastor Dan Conrad (Terra Bella); for Pastor and Mrs. Charles Froh, and for Pastor Herb Burch (Santa Maria), as they begin overseas work in Hong Kong, Mexico City, Kenya, and Peru respectively.
5. Missionary circumstances: *(These are "actively engaged" people in mission in your local congregations and those involved under the Mission Agency's supervision). PLEASE SUBMIT MISSION PRAYER REQUESTS OF YOUR OWN to glenna@cnhcef.org.*
 - a. Pray for Pastor Tyrel Bramwell's wife Jessica, for health and for full healing as she undergoes surgery to remove painful tumors in early February. Pray that God would give them strength and His healing embrace.

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- b. Ask for God's blessings on the faithful group at St. Matthew's in Koloa town in Kauai as they seek to follow Jesus in His mission on the island of Kauai.
- c. Praise God for four years of planning coming to fruition in the beginning of work in Arvin on July 1st. Trinidad Casteneda was installed as missionary leader of St. John's Valley of Faith in Arvin on December 22.
- d. Pray for a fruitful first worship experience for the Hmong ministry plant in South Sacramento coming early this year. Ask for strength and guidance for Kou Seying and Vicar Doua Xiong.
- e. Pray for many of our brothers in the Sacramento, Fresno, and Hawaii Circuits who are studying and working to practice and plant missional communities as evangelistic expressions in their neighborhoods.
- f. Pray for wisdom and special measure of God's missionary spirit for lay leaders Belay, Dufero, Leelo, Ammanuel, Fekkadu, and others among the Oromo people who are considering God's missionary call to them.
- g. For Behranu Didanu, EIIT vicar, who is now working two days a week in Davis with a core group and individuals in the Ethiopian community there. (Berhanu is under the tutelage of Russ Hess, Town and Country.)
- h. Remember Allan Tong, Pastor Chris Ng, and other leaders at Holy Spirit as they plan for a variety of "Global Experiences" offering mission opportunities for their congregation and others this summer.
- i. Praise God for the work of Juan Vallejo at Trinity in Watsonville as he completes his vicarage year. Ask that God would lead him in the missionary task as pastor and missionary leader in Watsonville.
- j. Pray for provision, wisdom, and protection for Temesgen, pastoral and missionary leader of the Oromo group in Hayward.
- k. Praise God for the 8 baptismal candidates (10 total Baptisms) on Christmas Day at Faith Lutheran in South San Francisco.
- l. For Clarence DeLude, wife Kauri and family and their plans and activities surrounding Henani Pu Aloha, indigenous Hawaiian ministry on Oahu. (Henanu Pu Aloha means: *Welcome at the Gate Beautiful*, Acts 3.)

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 guidance for Aaron Putnam, Tom Zelt, and lay leaders as they consider and plan for a LINC: (Lutheran Inner-City Network Coalition), to be birthed in the Bay area. This network would include mission education, community development, and church-planting as its three foundations.

The Link to CNH Mission Agency or to give an offering: <http://cnh-lcms.org/missions>