

Prayer Requests - October 13, 2014 - CNH Mission Agency



Dear CNH Mission Friends,

Does your congregation engage with its neighborhood intentionally? This week's picture is a gathering of some of the willing at St. Mark's semi-annual HOP (Help Other People) day. Mary Northend from Faith, Sonoma, also joined this event to grow and learn in a "Hands-On Mission" learning experience.

At St. Mark's, HOP is one of several intentional efforts to engage its neighborhood in an ongoing manner. The emphasis in these events is to "be a neighbor," and to actively engage their neighborhood as partners in serving the community of Santa Rosa. I was struck by the response at one home we dropped by to pick up canned food. We thanked the resident for helping feed the hungry. Her response was, "Of course, we are neighbors!" Good will in your neighborhood made by ongoing friendship is necessary as the church shifts its stance from destination to God's people being His presence in their community. Here are some things I learned/relearned this Saturday about community presence and plowing the ground for effective mission:

1. Relationships and good reputation take time. Keep investing!
2. Be consistent and respectful, value and build the partnerships God gives you by going back again and saying "thank-you."
3. Keep your eyes open for what God is doing in people's lives even though it may not fit your purpose at that moment.
4. Celebrate by sharing how God was at work in you and the people you visited.
5. Pray before, during, and after, that God would be glorified and watch for that to happen.

Blessings to you, brothers and sisters!

Mike Lange — CNH Executive Director, Missions

*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*

1. Please include in your prayers **Ryan Alvey**, newly installed at Trinity, Wahiawa. Ryan is the newest member of our Mission Agency and is learning to work in God's mission in his own new context on Oahu.
2. **Mission Prayer requests** received back from our recent mailing: "That God continues to bless the District's mission to the people who don't yet know Jesus."
3. Pray for safe travel during a very busy month for **Mike Lange**, visiting a variety of people and locations in and for mission.

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4. **For overseas missionaries:** Debra Boelk, (Bethany Vacaville): POGP@pearlofthegospel.net; for Rev. Dan Conrad, former pastor in Terra Bella: email: daniel.conrad@lcmsintl.org, web address: www.lcms.org/conrad; blog address: intlblog.lcms.org/author/daniel-conrad; and for Pastor Herb Burch, former pastor in Santa Maria as they begin overseas work in Hong Kong, Mexico City, 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 the positive effective of the October 25th Outreach event at Holy Spirit in San Francisco and its speaker. Pray for many who do not know Jesus would attend and that the speaker's message would be clear.
 - b. Pray for St. Mark's in Santa Rosa that their efforts to reach into their community would bear the fruit of good relationship and opportunity to share the Gospel.
 - c. For William Pierce, Timmy Hamilton, and the leaders of the worshipping group in Kauai as they consider their next steps, "being God's church" and their intended partnership with the CNH.
 - d. Pray for the Oromo language group as they consider their next steps in God's mission in the Bay Area. Pray that God would open doors as they identify and confirm their missionary leader.
 - e. For Behranu Didanu, EIIT vicar, as he considers a shift in emphasis, spending less time at his paying job and more time planting the evangelistic ministry in Davis.
 - f. For renewed energy for Zabdi, Elizabeth, and Blanca Lopez, as they re-direct more energy towards the Latino church planting work in Gridley.
 - g. Pray for David Wilson, Ben Johnson, and the "heart to be in Mission" in the Fremont area that is found at Prince of Peace, Fremont.
 - h. For Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sparks, as it focuses on "Joining Jesus on His Mission" (by Greg Finke) for the next two months through a sermon series, reading the book and Growth Groups (small groups).
 - i. For Clarence DeLude, who officially begins his CMC vicarage under Mitch Gowen in the effort to plant a mission ministry in Waianae, Oahu.
 - j. Pray for St. John's Valley of Faith, the newly re-planted ministry in Arvin, sponsored by St. John's in Bakersfield, as they have called Trinidad Castenada to be their missionary leader.
 - k. Pray also for our EIIT and Hispanic Center for Theological Study students: Dawit Bokre, Didanu Behranu, Moises Morales, and Juan Vallejo.

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 Tesfai Tesema and Addis Kidan, that God might open doors for an after-school program in their Haight location. Pray that God might also provide the people and the means that they might start English language ministry for the community in and around their Bethel location.