

Prayer Requests - September 15, 2014 - CNH Mission Agency



Dear CNH Mission Friends,

Does your prayer life have healthy doses of celebration? I have noticed that this is an area in which I have been historically deficient. A trip through the book of Psalms show large sections devoted to songs and prayers of praise, thanksgiving and adoration.

Consider with me on this: Praise directs our celebration towards the one deserving our adoration. Praise is most enjoyed in a full assembly where we are witnesses of God at work in the larger body. Praise is a witness of faith and faithfulness. It finds expression in lips, body, soul, and spirit. Praise is catching. Our Lord Jesus taught his disciples to praise as He taught them to pray. Our pictures this week are of the 60th anniversary celebration of Good Shepherd in Hayward. Join with them in praising God for past, present, and future ministry and mission. One of our two pictures is of Sophie Putnam in cultural dress. Four distinct language groups worship at Good Shepherd. Bethlehem in Carson City also celebrated 50 years this past Sunday. Take time to celebrate what He has done!

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. Praise God for the work and willing hearts on the CNH Mission Agency Board. May God give them wisdom, and a heart that sees and beats for the lost.**
- 2. Prayers of wisdom for Executive Director Mike Lange, as he visits with several missionary sites in the next two months to assist in missionary plans and strategies for the upcoming year.**
- 3. Pray for a fruitful beginning and a calm heart for Debra Boelk in Hong Kong. Debra can be reached at POGP@pearlofthegospel.net.**
- 4. For Rev. Dan Conrad, former pastor at Terra Bella as he begins the process of gaining missionary support as theological educator in Mexico City. Should you desire to support Dan and family his contact information is: *web address: www.lcms.org/conrad; blog address: intlblog.lcms.org/author/daniel-conrad; phone: 559-535-4147 cell: 586-344-5468; email: daniel.conrad@lcmsintl.org***

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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. Messiah, Santa Cruz annually reaches out to neighbors by hosting an Oktoberfest (October 12). Pray that we can meet neighbors and hear what Jesus is doing in their lives already, that we may have the privilege of coming alongside them. Pray for encouragement for our servants.
- b. Praise for Bethlehem in Carson City, celebrating 50 years in ministry this past Sunday. Bethlehem is engaged in S. Lake Tahoe outreach.
- c. Pray for those gathering to grow as "Everyday Missionaries" this week together with Greg Finke in Sacramento, Fresno, and Hayward.
- d. Praise for 60 years of active congregational and mission ministry for Good Shepherd in Hayward and for its present mosaic of mission ministry.
- e. Pray for St. John's Valley of Faith, the newly re-planted ministry in Arvin, sponsored by St. John's in Bakersfield as they call their missionary leader.
- f. Pray for David Wilson, Ben Johnson, and the considerable heart to be in mission in the Fremont area that is found at Prince of Peace, Fremont.
- g. For Clarence DeLude, who officially begins his CMC vicarage under Mitch Gowen in the effort to plant a church in Waianae, Oahu.
- h. For William Pierce and Tim Hamilton who are continuing their theological studies and mission leadership in their small congregation in Kauai. Will and Timmy are training as deacons under two of our pastors in Hawaii.
- i. Ask that God would provide for Vicar Gary Gerloff, Allen Schoonover, and Emmanuel in Clovis a vision for where He would have them plant a church in their area.
- j. Pray for Fikir Dadi who is beginning work to enroll in the EIIT training towards ordination at Concordia seminary, St. Louis. Pray also for our other EIIT and Hispanic Center for Theological Study students and workers, Dawit Bokre, Didanu Behranu, Moises Morales, and Juan Vallejo.
- k. Pray for the Oromo language group under the leadership of Temesgen Mengesha who are looking for God's leading in mission. This group also meets at Good Shepherd in Hayward.

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 that God would grant us hearts of praise and celebration as we see the doors that He is opening in and around our CNH District for ministry in so many language groups, for hearts to plant new English-speaking ministries, for willing partners, donors, and friends of mission work, and for the transforming power of the Gospel that is powerful even when we believe others are not receptive.

(Your personal prayers for health and healing sent to our mission agency are passed on and remembered in our weekly staff Bible studies and prayer time.)