

ALLIANCE PRAYER REQUESTS

July 26, 2010

JULY PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for wisdom, protection, and perseverance for Alliance workers serving in difficult places.

CREATIVE-ACCESS COUNTRIES

Remember creative-access workers around the world. Pray for protection, good health, and opportunities to share the good news. Pray that contacts will be drawn to Jesus. Pray that God will break down strongholds and give courage and boldness to national believers.

Praise God for the recovery of an Alliance worker who had malaria. Thanks to all who prayed!

AFRICA

Burkina Faso

Pray for complete healing for Toby Hull, who is suffering from low energy, fatigue, and a possible blood clot. Pray for him as he undergoes tests this week. Also, pray against discouragement, as this has hit so soon upon his return to Burkina.

Dakar Academy

Thanks to all who prayed for Judy Schultz's mother, who had a pacemaker inserted last week. The procedure went well, and the doctors are pleased. Continue to pray for a full recovery and that God will ease her pain. Also, pray for JP and Judy as they prepare to depart for Senegal on August 5.

Guinea

Continue to pray for the runoff election between two presidential candidates during the first week in August. Pray that peace will prevail.

Pray for the Solvigs as they continue to settle into their new home and adjust to the heat and humidity in Guinea. Recently, they were without electricity all night. Pray against further outages.

Mali

Pray for ongoing construction needs at Koutiala Hospital for Women and Children. Also, pray that God will provide additional nursing staff.

Republic of the Congo

Pray for the family of the Alliance church president in Angola. Rev. Alberto Ngwala's wife, Marie Claire, died in childbirth. The baby survived. Pray for Pastor Ngwala, his family, and the church during this time of loss.

Continue to pray for special summer activities related to Dave and Teresa Bill's ministry in Ollombo. Each Monday there is an English course and volleyball for local youth. More than 50 neighborhood children attend the weekly children's club on Wednesdays. Preparations are under way for two children's evangelistic rallies, August 5-7. Pray that many young people and children will become disciples of Jesus Christ through these outreaches.

Dave Bill and an intern, Celestin Mayala, are showing the *JESUS* film each Thursday and Friday during the summer in key villages. Pray for new disciples and new churches from this outreach.

Pray for church and mission leaders to be led by the Holy Spirit as they discuss the transition of leadership for the two Christian Study Centers in Brazzaville and Pointe Noire to full national church leadership.

Senegal

Pray for the Davis and Stephens families. Several in each family have experienced unknown rashes accompanied with fever at times. Pray in particular for healing for Brian Davis, who has a major role in a children's camp this week. He has had a painful rash for a week.

Pray for Malick, the son of Adama and Maam. He has been working in the country north of us and standing firm as a believer. He needs wisdom for the future.

Pray that God will provide finances to construct a vocational training center for young men.

ASIA PACIFIC

Indonesia

Larry and Carroll Vaughan request prayer for a qualified worker family to join their team in Padang to build clean water systems as a means of reaching out to the community.

Pray for Rev. Melvin Sumilat as he moves into the role of overseeing the foreign missions section of the Department of Missions and Evangelism for the Indonesian C&MA church.

Pray for two young women candidates being considered as international workers to Hong Kong as they meet with the leadership of the Hong Kong C&MA church the first week in August.

Alliance workers request prayer for eight Awana forums on reaching children from age 4-14 to be held during the first three weeks of August in Papua, Jakarta, East Kalimantan, East Java, Bali, and Lombok. Pray for Frank Carmical as he returns to Indonesia to hold these forums. Also, pray that many pastors and Christian workers will attend and be challenged to evangelize and disciple the children inside and outside their churches.

Pray for Camp Good News Board members as they seek the Lord's will in choosing a new director for the camp. Pray for Judy Gaskin as she helps out at the camp while Board members choose a director.

Pray for Judy Gaskin and Caroline Darmaun as they oversee the children's scholarship program. Presently, nearly 200 children receive educational assistance. Pray that God will provide needed sponsors for 50 children.

Japan

Praise God for the Alliance training seminar held last week at Kotesashi Church. Mr. Kanae was among the attendees. Employed by a company that builds churches, he has come face to face with the one, true God. He is attending Kawaguchi Church and close to putting his trust in Jesus. Pray that God will continue to soften Mr. Kanae's heart toward the gospel.

Pray for Amy Cervone as she completes her apprenticeship in Japan this week and returns to America. She will share about her ministry in Japan at her home church on August 8. Pray for wisdom and for God's will in her life.

Praise God that the purchase of a building for Sengendai Church is coming to fruition. Pray for strong protection for this congregation that has united to take this major step. Pray for Dick and Janice Kropp as they lead the church in these days.

Pray for Tama Bible Church as it seeks God for a suitable building to purchase. Time is a factor, and the members believe God for His miracle in providing the proper place.

Mongolia

Pray for the July 27-30 Church Leadership Camp and the August 21-26 CAMA Mongolia Field Forum with Pastor Ron Lotz and a team from Evanston, Wyoming.

Praise the Lord that Dennis and Marilyn Maves received a three-year visa for Mongolia. Also, pray for visas for those on the team who have completed language study and are applying for new work visas.

Praise the Lord for the purchase of the new Multipurpose Community Center (MPCC) in Ulaanbaatar. Renovations to prepare the facility for ministry have begun. Pray for the needed funding and for all the renovations that must be done.

Pray for the registration for Cornerstone Church of All Nations, the international church in Ulaanbaatar. Pray for favor with the government. A pastor can apply for a visa once the church is registered. Pray for the Lord's provision for the right pastor for this church.

Pray for Lisa Liberda and the Mongolian teachers with whom she is working in preparation for an August 2-6 VBS/Kids Club. Pray that this event will run smoothly and that the children who attend will be open to receiving God's Word.

Pray for the biblical counseling training that Brent Liberda will present to Christian social service workers in the Darhan area, August 13 and 14. Pray that these workers will be challenged and better equipped for providing biblical solutions to problems they deal with in the public sector.

Taiwan

Pray for a July 31-August 13 outreach by the Alliance church-planting team at Qidu Gospel Center in Keelung, northern Taiwan, in cooperation with several non-Alliance churches. The event will feature an evangelistic rally, praise singing, prayer walking, a parade, games, and food. Pray that God will these guide efforts to reach out to Taiwanese who need Christ's salvation.

Thailand

Praise the Lord for answered prayers! TEAM Isaan had requested prayer for rain in EQ's village, and the rains have come. EQ's family has now started to plant their rice fields. Thanks to all who prayed!

Pray that Montri and EQ will continue to seek the Lord for everything in their lives and that Montri will be able to find another house building contract for work.

Once a year, the C&MA field workers in Thailand meet for a week of business and spiritual refreshment. This is the only opportunity in the year to see many of their colleagues. Pray for this week of meetings, July 26-30, to be a time of special renewal and encouragement.

EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST

Macedonia

Pray for preparations for a Soul Craft Camp in August.

Bosnia

Pray for complete healing for Kathy Eikost, who tore a ligament in her foot. Pray for wisdom as she consults with an orthopedic surgeon this week to learn more.

France

Pray for Todd and Terri Althaus, who arrived last week in Limoges, west central France, to serve with the community of Alliance believers. Pray for a smooth transition, the development of good relationships, and a strong foundation for ministry.

Pray for Tim and Rachel Meier who serve at Trinity International Church in Paris. Pray for opportunities to minister among the large university student population. Pray for concerts and other forms of outreach that the Meiers will conduct this summer. Pray also that all will go smoothly with Rachel's pregnancy as she enters the final months.

Pray for renewal and encouragement for French Alliance pastors. Many of them seem to be going through a difficult time.

Pray for an evangelistic outreach taking place in Paris in partnership with the French Alliance churches, bringing together believers from Quebec, Paris, and Alliance churches throughout France. It will feature 10 days of concerts, children's programs, and literature distribution. Pray for open and receptive hearts as well as the salvation of many. Also, pray for follow-up that will take place afterward.

Germany

Pray for God's blessing on an English Camp that began last Sunday. Pray for wisdom and strength for the staff, including the students from Crown College who are assisting. Also, pray that the 20 teenagers in attendance will encounter God in a fresh way or come to know Him for the first time.

Kosovo

Brenda Knopp requests prayer for wisdom and provision in choosing a vehicle.

Russia

Praise God for three young believers who were baptized in the Eggleton's church. Pray that they will grow strong in their faith.

Spain

The Barcelona Alliance church is currently without a pastor. Pray for wisdom, unity, and healing as the church leaders guide the congregation through this time of transition.

Gordon and Kathie Munro have just arrived on the island of La Palma (in the Canary Islands). Pray for them as they search for an apartment and as they begin to work alongside the lay pastor and small Alliance congregation on this island.

Praise God for a new couple that has been assigned to work among a specific people group in Spain. Pray that God will provide the required visas for this family in a timely fashion.

LATIN AMERICA

Dominican Republic

Pray for Jeff and Deborah Climie and their children as they settle into Punta Cana. Pray that they will adapt well to this new area and that God will give them many new friends and open doors for ministry.

In May, Zac and Julie Stutler spoke on professional ethics in a university class in Punta Cana. The professor asked them to return in August to help in the evaluations of the final projects. Pray that Christ will shine through the Stutlers in this activity and that the door will remain open for more opportunities in the university.

Pray that the Stutlers will be able to rent a space for a ministry center. Pray that God will provide all that is needed to rent and prepare the center.

FATELA (Latin American Graduate School of Theology and World Missions)

The Palomino family praises God for seeing them through a year of difficult personal and family trials. God's abundant grace has been manifest, for which they praise Him.

Pray for FATELA as it continually seeks ways to remain on the cutting edge of ministry training. Pray for FATELA's president, Miguel Angel Palomino, as he finalizes a proposal for new departments and programs and upgrades the missions track.

Pray that the students graduating soon from the missions program will know and follow God's direction to the ministry field of His choosing.

Praise the Lord for 11 students in Brazil who recently studied Interpretation of the Bible with Dr. Estevan Kirschner. God is strengthening His leaders and giving them a love for His Word through FATELA.

Praise the Lord that FATELA coordinator Alex Zell completed his qualitative coding process. Pray as he writes his doctoral dissertation in intercultural studies.

Pray that new students will join the next FATELA module on Urban Counseling with Dr. Zoica Bakirzief, August 16-21 in Sao Paulo.

Pray that Joel Konno will be accepted into the Doctor of Ministry modular program at New York Theological Seminary. Joel is receiving coaching to become FATELA coordinator in Brazil.

Mexico

Praise God for six new families that visited Lion of Judah (Alliance Church) as a result of a recent Vacation Bible School. Several women expressed interest in studying the Bible when classes start up again next month. One couple said they are looking for something to help their teenage children and think they have found it in the church. Pray for Tim and Janice Greenfield and their colleagues as they follow up with these families.

This week is the annual gathering of all the Alliance field workers throughout Mexico, including Mexico City, Guadalajara, and Tijuana. Pray for the speaker, Paul Little, and for a good time of evaluation, planning, and refreshment.

UNITED STATES

Craig Smith Update

Continue to pray for healing for Craig and LaDonna Smith as they recover from their car accident. Both are in ongoing physical therapy and continue to struggle with pain. Read specific requests and updates:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/craigladonnasmith>

John Stumbo Update

Praise God for John Stumbo's improvement. Continue to pray for John as he makes progress in his recovery and rehabilitation. Read specific requests and updates: <http://www.johnstumbo.org/blog>

Church Ministries

Pray for the young people who attended LIFE and made decisions to follow the Lord or to become involved in ministry. Pray for the youth leaders/churches as they continue to follow up with the youth and disciple them.

Pray for the sale of Rosilio Roman's house in Indiana and for the sale of John and Mimi Soper's house as they downsize.