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Prayer and Praise – January 12, 2022

Nicaragua: Missionaries Nelson and Tirsia Gaitan praise the Lord for their successful outreaches during the Christmas season. Three hundred children attended the celebration at the main church and 50 children attended the outreach at the new work in Las Pilas. Besides ministering to children and their families, the churches handed out food and supplies at a nearby retirement home. Several people said that the food and supplies were an answer to prayer. One young woman testified that she had never received any gifts before, and that day the Open Bible church provided her with a chicken and all the provisions for a nice meal. She was overwhelmed! Next week, January 17-21, the Gaitans will be holding a Vacation Bible School program at the main church in San Marcos. They are expecting more than 200 children for this special event. Please pray for this special outreach and that the Lord will provide all the materials, food, and things needed to impact these children's lives with the Gospel of Christ.

Thailand: Missionaries Mike and Dara Rasavanh share, "Praise God that all students and teachers at Sahabumrung Wittaya School tested negative for COVID; now the school can open onsite after the New Year break. As Covid-19 is still a threat, we have to undergo Antigen Test Kits (ATK) regularly. We continue to praise God for our health and that we can be here to minister to both teachers and students during such times as this. The two Taidam churches that we partner with here are slowly getting back to normal. We can have onsite worship now and still broadcast live online for those who cannot attend the onsite service. As we continue to use English teaching as a vehicle to witness to the people here, we pray that God will open the door for us to start discipleship training and set up an Open Bible ministry base here. We believe that the Lord is at work on this plan. As Thailand and all Southeast Asia countries are still closed with travel restrictions, we thank God that technology still allowed us to connect with the churches and believers in Vietnam and Laos to encourage them in the faith and serve the Lord during this hard time. Again, we are thankful for your partnership and support. We pray God's blessing on you and your churches to stay strong and be faithful until the end."

Ukraine: Missionary Tammy Swailes' uncle Larry passed away last Wednesday. He lived in Southwest Missouri. Tammy's sister, Lisa, was able to attend the funeral this week. Please pray for the Lord's comfort for Tammy, Lisa, and the rest of the family.

Philippines: Field Director Raffy Quiñones shares that he visited some of our Open Bible Churches that were damaged by Typhoon Rai. In Surigao, Mindanao, Pastor Bernadeth Retorta's house was destroyed and half the roofing was blown away. In Leyte, where Pastor Gilmor ministers, the church was totally wiped out by the wind and rain. The churches in Bohol and Dinagat Island were also affected by the typhoon. Please pray for these pastors and their congregations as they endeavor to rebuild their church buildings and homes.

Uruguay: Pray for Field Director Jonny Diaz as he travels to visit the church in Montevideo. He will also visit pastor Eulalia Diaz de Celada as she is recovering from a delicate surgery. Pray for Pastor Eulalia as she recovers and as she faces difficult circumstances. Her daughter, Gabriela Celada, is in her last phase of terminal cancer. Pray that God grants the family the strength, serenity, and needed understanding, and that their faith stands firm as they go through this difficult time.

Guinea: Missionaries Tom and Sherry share, "We are meeting with Tom's cardiologist this week to discuss Tom having an ablation to cauterize the nerves around his heart that cause A-fib. It is an outpatient procedure, and the Toledo Promedica Hospital heart specialists recommend that proceeds with it. If Tom proceeds with the procedure, he will be able to get off another medication. Please pray for God's guidance about this."

Please share with your congregation or with other interested individuals. Thank you for praying and caring.