



GLOBAL MISSIONS

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Prayer and Praise – December 22, 2021

Nicaragua: Missionaries Nelson and Tirsia Gaitan share, "We want to share the beautiful testimony of our sister Hilda Cerda. Hilda had a brain tumor in a delicate area that was causing her to lose her eyesight. She had to have brain surgery through the nasal tubes. After the surgery she developed diabetes simply after they touched a gland in her brain that harmed her. At church we prayed fervently for her. She told us that she realized she was near death but that during those days she had several revelations. In the revelations she saw Jesus come and feed her with delicacies from heaven. He also brought her medicine and He gave it to her in her mouth. The doctors called her crazy because while she was in the hospital room she spoke aloud and thanked God for feeding her. People who saw her laughed at her, but she always acted in faith. Sadly, two of the people who were in the same hospital ward died after the same surgery. Now Hilda is at home recovering, and her husband and family are happy and grateful to God for the miracle in her."

Liberia: Missionaries Drew and Jessica Welch share, "We praise God that children and adults are learning to read at the Legacy Learning Center! Please pray for our Christmas celebration on December 23rd. The children will be singing songs and sharing memory verses. We will be sharing the good news of Jesus during our program and giving out some items to the families. Serving God is exciting. Thank you for partnering with us."

Tijuana, Mexico: Missionaries Travis and Heather Hunsaker share, "The season of Posadas Navideñas is upon us. On December 18 we hosted a ministry team from San Diego while they put on a gift exchange for a local orphanage. Sunday we celebrated Christmas with our staff at Puente de Amistad. On Tuesday, December 21st, we served a Christmas meal to the homeless here in Tijuana with Zone Red and Wednesday we will meet up with the Rojas family as they celebrate Christmas with the Casa Hogar Uriel orphanage. Travis and I are always grateful that the Lord continues to bless and use the ministry of Puente de Amistad to bless and lift up other quality ministries here in Tijuana."

West Africa: Missionaries Andy and Nancy * share, "We thank God for His faithfulness and how He has worked in our lives and in the lives of those we served in West Africa and South Asia in 2021. Pray for the new translation team that is forming to complete the INSTE translation into a South Asian language for Muslim background believers."

"Thank you for your prayers and support."

Blessings,
Andy and Nancy

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

Thailand: Missionaries Mike and Dara Rasavanh share, "We are grateful and thankful to our Open Bible family who loves and supports us for the past four years. The past two years have been a challenge experience for us as we press forward towards God's calling and to continue to stay in SE Asia, and minister to the people here. Although South East Asia countries are slowly re-opening, strict measures and travel restrictions are still applied. The school where we are ministering is now open in full capacity. Please pray that it can stay open until the end of the semester. We continue to use English language teaching as a vehicle to witness to the people here in Thailand."

"Please pray that God will open the door for the Gospel to advance in the hearts of people. Pray also for the breakdown of strongholds in Buddhism, spirit, and material worship. This season has been a continuing warfare for us."

"As we come to the end of the Christmas season and 2021, please pray that God will open the door for us to begin concrete works for Open Bible and discipleship training in Thailand and the rest of Asia. Your partnership in the Gospel is not in vain even though we have not reaped much fruit. Every day we continue to sow the seeds, believing that one day they will grow, and the fruit will come."

"We continue to thank God for your love and support. May God continue to bless you and keep you."

Merry Christmas from Thailand.

Papua New Guinea: National Field Director Poi Eka Tunigimo shared, "We have opened two new churches and recently commissioned two pastors. Please pray for the pastors as they serve in their new locations, and as we had to send them out without proper, regular support. Praise God for two other pastors taking up new positions at two urban churches. One will be my assistant and the other a lead pastor."

"Pray for my prolonged heart failure illness that started last March. We will see the heart doctor this week for a thorough scan to determine the cause of the heart failure. Pray for the financial provisions for my medical fees. Pray for our generator need at our mission station that broke last January, that we can allocate the needed parts or the funds to buy a new generator for the station."

Guinea: Please pray for Pastor Jean Bangoura and the executive committee of the Guinean national churches, that God would give them His wisdom as they make plans for the advancement of the Lord's work there.

- All the national churches have been asked to vote in new lay church leaders/board members. Pray that God's will be done in the choices made.
- The national church is looking to organize a Bible camp in 2022. Please pray for Celine Bangoura as she heads up the planning/organization of church Bible camps.
- Please pray for Tom and Sherry Moore as they return to Guinea for three months in 2022. They will be in Guinea for the months of February, March, and April.

Argentina: Field Director Hugo Romero asks for prayer for the next national assembly of the Open Bible on January 18-19, 2022. He shares, "We thank God for the growth of the Open Bible association in the midst of the pandemic and difficult times that we are still facing internally. God is with us."

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

Trinidad: Missionaries Pam and Mike Lumbard share, “We look forward to being back in Trinidad for Christmas this year after being locked out for two years due to Covid and a six-week trip to Kenya. Christmas is a major event in Trinidad. It is about friends and food and music. It starts in October and goes all the way through Old Year’s Night (New Year’s Eve). Christmas Day is about Jesus. Everyone goes to an early church service no matter what day of the week Christmas falls on before they celebrate with their families.”

Dominican Republic: National Field Director Claudia Santana shared, “I want to thank God for the celebration of our church’s fifteenth anniversary last November. God has been faithful, and I thank Him for my Open Bible family. It is an honor to be part of this family. I ask for prayer for the liberation of souls in our community.

“Have a Merry Christmas. I send you all blessings and a hug.”

Uruguay: Pray for National Field Director Jonny Diaz, his mother, Isolina Diaz, and the rest of the family as his father, Pastor Celestiano Diaz, founder of Open Bible in Uruguay, has gone to meet with our Lord and Savior. Pray for strength, comfort, and peace as they go through this difficult time.

Northern Mexico: National Director Victor Chavez shares, "We just had our last meeting of pastors from the Northern Region of Mexico. We thanked God for His faithfulness in 2021. Along with members and friends of the church of Nogales, we hosted a celebration for the needy children in the community with piñatas, food, and toys for each one. More than 200 little ones were blessed. Our brother Francisco de Santiago was also blessed. He had been ill with a lung condition but many of us prayed for him and his health condition has miraculously improved.

"We wish the entire Open Bible family of Mexico and the world a very happy Christmas and New Year's Eve 2021."

With love and gratitude,
Pastors Víctor and Elizabeth Chávez

Philippines: Field Director Raffy Quiñones informed us of a super typhoon that hit the Visayas and Mindanao regions last week on December 16 and 17. Typhoon Rai damaged many houses, buildings, and power lines. Unfortunately, four of our Open Bible churches in these areas were damaged. Many of these churches and many homes of our family in Christ lost their roofs. Pastor Raffy is on his way to visit the areas of Visayas and Mindanao to deliver food items and financial assistance to our churches. There are still some areas with no electricity, running water or cell phone service. Please pray for Pastor Raffy’s travel and for all those people affected by this terrible storm.

Next Week: *Due to the holiday season there will not be a Prayer and Praise sent out on December 29th. The Department of Global Missions wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!*

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