

Prayer and Praise – January 22, 2025

“Lord my God, I called to You for help, and You healed me.”
Psalm 30:2 (NIV)

MOVE: Pray for MOVE Director Aaron Keller and the team of men in Guapiles, Cost Rica. Today the forty-man team will begin to constructing the church building. Please pray that the entire team will be blessed as they build this new church for the congregation there with dedication and hard work. Please pray for everyone's safety and good health during this project.



Director Aaron shared: “Six men are still traveling due to snow in Houston, Texas. Pray for safe travel and a smooth connection. Also, please pray that it stops raining during their time in Costa Rica so that the MOVE team can work and finish the project on time.”



India: Missionary Linda Wilson informed us that the field director of the Open Bible Churches of God in India, Rev. John Paul (Joy), passed away yesterday after battling a lengthy illness. Rev. Paul's ministry has impacted thousands of lives. Through the ministry of Rev. Paul, his wife Anna, and their family, hundreds of children have been taken off the streets and mentored. Also, many villages from Coimbatore to Mumbai and the southern part of Kerala have been reached with the Gospel. Before COVID, the main church in Coimbatore had reached 5,000 members.

Linda shares, “Ron and I were extremely blessed to have shared the life of John Paul and the Paul family for over 30 years.” Now the other members of the family have taken on important leadership roles to ensure that the ministry of the Open Bible Churches of God in India continues to reach the lost and reproduce new disciples and leaders. Right now, the ministry is experiencing a spirit of revival that is growing stronger every day. The celebration of life service of Reverend John Paul will be held at the main church in Coimbatore on Saturday, January 25. He leaves behind his wife Anna, his daughters Priya and Preethy, his son Johnathan and his four grandsons and two granddaughters. Please pray for Rev. Paul's family and all the Open Bible congregations there during this difficult time.

Tijuana, Mexico: Missionaries Travis and Heather Hunsaker shared that on Thursday their daughter Mya fell and broke her humerus, which is the upper part of her arm. The doctor says she will heal fine wearing the sling. She will be in a sling for four to six weeks until she returns to the doctor. Please pray for Mya to recover and heal well and to keep her protected from all the jostling.



Puente de Amistad welcomed its first group of 2025 on Sunday, January 20. The team of forty-eight students from Village Christian School, Burbank, California, is there to build a house. Please pray for the Puente team and students for their safety and that they too may feel moved as they serve the Lord with their hard work.

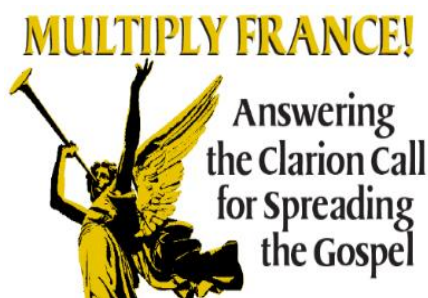


Mexico: Field Director Arturo Mendez shared the update on his son-in-law Abraham. Abraham and Kendy, brother Arturo's daughter, were in a bad car accident last year when they were returning home from the Christmas holidays. Abraham was left in bad condition, and doctors did not know if he would ever come out of his coma. Thank God Abraham is stable, with a little more awareness and everyone continues to believe in a miracle.

"We currently have Abraham hospitalized for a week, because one day he woke up with the feeding tube outside his body and had food and blood outside the tube. We are fighting against an extremely poor medical system because it took us an entire two days waiting for a bed to admit Abraham. When he was finally admitted, he was admitted straight to surgery to readjust another feeding tube. It has already been going on for three days and the doctors have not gone to follow up with him after surgery to see how he is or to discharge him. It is a difficult situation because Kendy must spend the night every day and there is no way to rest or sleep in a chair. During the day Ely, Abraham's mother, will replace Kendy so that she can return home to rest and return in the afternoon to continue the vigil. We ask for your prayers so that the Lord helps us overcome all the protocols that are very exhausting and annoying.

"On the other hand, the local church of Guadalajara Dios has been opening doors of blessing in various places to open missions, such as in the municipalities of Ocotlan, Jalisco, near where Abraham and Kendy had the accident, and in the municipality of Jamay. Jamay is where we send people to disciple a group of five families. There we have already begun to look for a place to congregate because the place where we hold meetings is insufficient. Please pray with us so that the Lord continues to open doors."

Paraguay: Field Director Julián Paredes asks to pray for Inocencio Matto who is now hospitalized in Madrid, Spain and his condition is not very favorable. Inocencio is the brother of one of the members of his church. Inocencio recently suffered a stroke, has already undergone surgery three times and is only 35 years old. Last week, when Reverend Julian and his wife were making home visits, they met with Inocencio's sister, Mabel Matto, and talked with her about the power and love of God. Then, last Sunday she started going to church. Please pray for the healing of Inocencio and the entire Matto family.



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