



## Prayer and Praise – February 18, 2026

*“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” Romans 8:31 (NIV)*

**Ukraine:** This February marks the fourth anniversary of the war in Ukraine. Field Director Oleksander Rudynets shares that he and his team continue their ministry



by visiting both children and the elderly with gifts. They continue to travel to southern Ukraine, aiding both military personnel and civilians. Their support includes wood-burning stoves, food, gas stoves, clothing, shoes, medicines, and essential food packages.

During the winter months, Ukrainians face extreme hardship due to shortages of medicines, electricity, and the constant threat of nightly missile attacks. This is why they are extremely grateful for your financial gifts and prayers from Open Bible churches across the United States and have been a vital source of hope and help in these extreme circumstances.



We ask you to join us in praying for an end to this war and for the safety, strength, and encouragement of our Open Bible family in Ukraine.

**Sierra Leone:** Field Director Milton Godwin and his wife, Mary Godwin, give all the glory and honor to God for His total healing upon his life. Pastor Milton is deeply grateful to everyone who lifted him up in prayer during his time of illness.

On Saturday, he went to the hospital for proper checks and medical tests to determine how far his kidney and liver had healed. He is overjoyed to testify that after all the examinations, the doctor confirmed that he is perfectly fine. Everything has returned to normal—both his kidneys and liver are completely healed.

On Sunday, February 15, their annual Thanksgiving Service for the elderly at the Open Bible Standard Church in Congo Town, Sierra Leone, was held. This is a special event organized by the church to pray for and appreciate elderly members aged 60 years and above.



During the service, the 81st birthday of Samuel Lusgrav-Davies was also celebrated. An additional 24 elderly individuals participated by sharing prayers, testimonies, and receiving gifts.

We continue to pray for God's grace and strength upon the lives of these elderly individuals.

To God be all the glory for His healing, faithfulness, and abundant blessings!

**Kenya/Uganda:** Missionary Burliss Parker shared: We cannot praise the Lord enough for your faithful giving and support. Thank you to the churches, pastors, and individuals who have faithfully given to bless our churches in these countries.



Over the past few months, your generosity has enabled us to purchase a much-needed motorbike in Kenya. In addition to Pastor Charles Omina pastoring his local church, Pastor Givan Maloba has pioneered three other Open Bible Churches and will use the bike to travel and minister to these congregations.

We were also able to assist with the printing of INSTE booklets to support leadership training and discipleship efforts.

In Uganda, mosquito nets were purchased for the girls' orphanage, and assistance was provided to place a roof on a local church.

**Cuba:** By now, many of you have heard about the fuel embargo in Cuba, which has created devastating circumstances throughout the country. The Cuban people are struggling with little to no electricity, no fuel, and very limited access to food. Pastor David shared that he has never seen it this bad before.

Please continue to keep Cuba in your prayers.



**Thailand:** Missionaries Mike and Dara Rasavanh ask us to pray for people to continue to be spiritually hungry and truly give their lives to Christ—not just for more people to attend church, but for real disciples to be made. Please pray for spiritual breakthrough in Thailand. Also pray for wisdom and strength for the Rasavanhs as they balance ministry, leadership

training, and long-term planning.

**Middle East:** Missionary Nicole\* shared that last week her father, Erin, was rushed to the hospital after being found unconscious and suffering from hyperthermia. He was admitted to the ICU, where his condition continued to decline over the following days. Sadly, Nicole's father passed away on Wednesday, February 11.



Please keep Nicole and her family in your prayers during this very difficult time. May the Lord surround them with His comfort and peace. As we are reminded in Psalm 34:18, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

*(\*last name withheld for safety reasons)*

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

The **2026 Global Harvest Offering**, titled **“Build Hope for Africa,”** invites us to join in a powerful revival sweeping across the continent. Through this initiative, we will collaborate with our missionaries and national directors to fund thirteen new church building projects in thirteen different countries. God is working through dedicated missionaries and local leaders to multiply churches, develop leaders, and bring the life-changing hope found only in Jesus to communities in need.

Our goal is clear: raise \$200,000 to fully support all thirteen projects.

Your generous support does more than construct buildings—it builds hope, strengthens communities, and advances the Kingdom of God.

We deeply appreciate your partnership in this mission to bring hope to Africa. If you would like to take part in this awesome opportunity today, please visit [OpenBible.org/Africa2026](https://OpenBible.org/Africa2026) to donate online or by mailing a check payable to Open Bible Churches and write “Hope for Africa” in the memo line to our address below.



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