



Prayer and Praise – February 25, 2026

“In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.” Ephesians 1:11 (NKJV)

Guinea: Missionaries Tom and Sherry share that they praise the Lord for a safe arrival back in Guinea. Their first week has been very full, mainly cleaning a year’s worth of dust and dirt from their home and working to get their Land Rover running again.



The morning after they arrived, one of their pastors, Andre Dramou, went home to be with the Lord. Pastor Andre had suffered a stroke four years ago and never fully recovered. Recently, he experienced another stroke and passed away shortly afterward. Tom and Sherry attended his celebration of life service. Pastor Andre loved the Lord with all his heart and was always eager to share about Jesus. Despite the suffering he endured, he continually testified that God is good.

Please pray for his wife, Catherine, and his two grown children, Dominique and Marie, who faithfully cared for him during his illness. He leaves behind a powerful legacy to the believers—to live wholeheartedly for Jesus, no matter the hardships, trusting that God is faithful and good. He will be greatly missed.

Mexico: Field Director Arturo Mendez, based in Guadalajara, Mexico, reports that the city has been engulfed in turmoil following the Mexican military’s operation that resulted in the death of Nemesio “El Mencho” Oseguera Cervantes, a notorious drug lord. Since then, the situation has escalated dramatically, with cars, businesses, and gas stations set ablaze across the area.



Currently, both police and military forces have largely withdrawn from the streets, leaving communities vulnerable. In Tala, during church service, armed criminals threatened the congregation, demanding that the church close or face being burned down.

On Sunday, the streets were nearly deserted, with most businesses and markets shut down in response to the unrest. Despite the chaos, we are grateful to report that none of our brothers and sisters in the Open Bible family in Guadalajara have been harmed.

Please join us in praying for a swift and peaceful resolution to this dangerous situation affecting Guadalajara and the surrounding towns in Mexico.

Nicaragua: Missionaries Nelson and Tirsia Gaitan share that by May it will be nearly one year since they have been away from their mission field in Nicaragua due to volatile situation taking place there. They have been itinerating and visiting various churches.

They are grateful for God's love, provision, and faithfulness over the past nine months as they have ministered in churches across California, Iowa, and Florida. They sincerely thank every pastor and church who has welcomed them with such kindness, hosted them, and given them opportunities to minister.



They are especially thankful for the trust to help open a Hispanic mission field in Des Moines, Iowa, and for the continued prayers and support from Open Bible pastors for the growth of the missionary work in Nicaragua and, hopefully soon, in Panama.

Northern Mexico: Missionary Fayth McConnell shared that every other month the pastors gather for breakfast and fellowship. She and Del were invited to speak, and it was a wonderful time of encouragement, sharing, and praying for one another. They thank God for the faithful pastors serving throughout Mexico and for all He has done and continues to do.



They especially praise God for Pastor Victor Chavez, one of the first pastors they welcomed into Open Bible, who has planted 19 churches. They are also deeply grateful for the many mission teams from across the country who have come to build and minister in these churches.

Liberia: Field Director Hilary Paul praises God for His goodness and for the successful plastering of the temporary worship space for the new church plant in Gbarnga, the capital of Bong County—one of Liberia's largest counties. Strategically located, Gbarnga connects Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Ghana. Please pray for the completion of the main church building and for continued numerical and spiritual growth.



We also thank God for the speedy recovery of Mother Hampton, wife of Rev. Augustine Hampton, who planted the new church in Ganta. After suffering a stroke nearly a year ago, she has been receiving medical treatment in Margibi County, where Rev. Victor Dayougar and Hilary were able to visit them.

Please pray for her complete recovery and for their safe return to Ganta to continue ministry, as the new church still meets in a classroom while praying for a permanent place of worship.

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



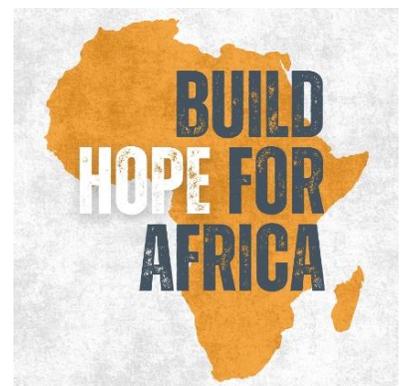
India: Linda Wilson and Daniel Byerly, who were married in November 2025, both spent two weeks in India this February visiting Open Bible pastors and congregations there. We congratulate Linda and Daniel on beginning this new journey together, fulfilling the Lord's will for their lives.

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 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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