



OPEN BIBLE CHURCHES
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Prayer and Praise – June 17, 2026

"For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Luke 1:37

India: Missionary Linda Wilson shared a wonderful praise report from India, where they launched their very first Teens Gathering on Sunday, June 14. To celebrate this exciting milestone, the gathering was combined with their Rooted Youth meeting, bringing young people together for a special time of fellowship, worship, and spiritual encouragement.

Sister Linda and the congregation give thanks to God for His presence and blessing upon this new ministry outreach. The event marked an important step in investing in the next generation, and those in attendance were encouraged and strengthened in their faith. Please join them in praising the Lord for this successful beginning and praying that the Teens Gathering will continue to grow, impacting many young lives for Christ in the days ahead.



Guatemala: Field Director Alejandro Ojer asks us to pray for the 43rd Anniversary of Open Bible Churches in Guatemala. A special conference will be held on Saturday, June 20, to commemorate this special occasion. Please pray for this event and for God's blessing upon all the activities.

Chile: Field Director José Juan Pizarro, who also serves as the National INSTE Director for Chile, informs us that they are ready to begin new Level 2 INSTE classes and expect approximately 50 students. Please pray that the Lord will bless this new initiative and grant it success.

United States: Global Missions Executive Assistant Areli Estrada gives all honor and glory to God for the miracle He has performed in the life of her brother, Gerardo (Jerry). In 2012, Jerry was diagnosed with terminal cirrhosis of the liver and was given no more than five years to live. Yet, by God's grace, he continued to live for many years beyond that prognosis. Even in 2026, as his condition worsened, doctors offered little hope for his survival.

On May 14, 2026, Jerry was hospitalized, and the family was preparing for the worst. He was airlifted from Des Moines, Iowa, to the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, where doctors were able to stabilize him. However, they did not believe he was a candidate for a transplant and recommended palliative care. The medical team offered to contact other hospitals if the family wished to



pursue additional options. The family agreed, and God opened a door at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Jerry was transferred there on May 20 for further evaluation.

What happened next was nothing short of a miracle. On May 31, God provided Jerry with both a new liver and a new kidney through a successful transplant. After years of uncertainty and a diagnosis that seemed impossible to overcome, the Lord made a way where there appeared to be no way.



Areli and her family are deeply grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and support of so many people. They believe God heard every prayer and worked powerfully on Jerry's behalf. Today, Jerry is on the road to recovery and is gaining strength each day. He is eager to share his testimony wherever he has the opportunity, declaring the goodness, faithfulness, and miraculous power of God.

Please continue to pray for Jerry's complete recovery, for continued health and strength, and that there would be no organ rejection. May God use his testimony to bring hope and encouragement to many others facing impossible situations.

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.



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