



OPEN BIBLE CHURCHES
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Prayer and Praise – August 12, 2026

Ephesians 6:11 (NIV)

“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”



Liberia: Missionaries Drew and Jessica Welch shared that their nighttime security guard, AB, was in a motorcycle accident on Friday. We praise God that He protected AB and spared his life!

Please pray for AB’s healing. He is in a lot of pain, and we are asking the Lord to touch his body, relieve his pain, and bring complete healing and a full recovery.

Field Director Dr. Hilary Paul praises God for the repair of his vehicle. Also he praises God that our Church Planting Academy team arrived safely, and classes began August 3, 2026. Missionary Rich Kopp, his wife, Patti and Rev. Brenna are safe, teaching, and enjoying Liberian dishes such as cassava leaf, palm butter, and fufu.

According to Missionary Kopp, this cohort has the highest number of students in the history of the Academy, with 17 students enrolled! Praise God!



Dr. Paul also praises God for the supportive efforts of missionaries Drew and Jessica Welch with the Church Planting Academy, as well as Rev. Victor Jeremiah Dayougar, National Director of the Church Planting Academy in Liberia, for their work in recruiting and planning the 2026 Academy.

Pray that all 17 students and our facilitators will finish successfully.

Philippines: President Michael Nortune and Executive Director of Global Missions Vince McCarty are traveling to the Philippines today to attend the pastors’ conference in Butuan City, in the province of Mindanao, which will be held this coming weekend. Please pray for safe travels and for the Lord’s anointing and blessing upon all the services and activities.

India: Missionary Linda Wilson shared, “Praise God that the church continues to grow with many new programs being implemented! The VBS was a huge success, with 13,000 children attending, two-thirds of whom were non-Christian. There were 230 decisions for Christ during that week! Each child returned home after five days with a book containing the stories, games, songs, and Scriptures they had learned.

We are planting seeds for the Holy Spirit to water all over Southern India. Praise God for the opportunity to reach so many children with the Gospel!

We also praise God for the 7,000 Mahogany trees planted at the farm, gifted to us by the Forestry Department. Please pray that the Lord will protect the crops from the elephants, wild pigs, and peacocks that have destroyed many of the new trees.”



Nicaragua: Missionaries Nelson and Tirsia continue visiting churches in the United States and helping where needed while the situation with the government against the church in Nicaragua improves.

Last week, they were able to help at Iglesia Jesucristo Rey (*Jesus Christ the King Church*) in Miami, Florida, pastored by Rev. Ubaldo Gonzalez. Praise God for the opportunity to minister to the children through their VBS, “Brave Soldiers of God,” based on Ephesians 6:11.

Please pray for them as God continues to use them and take them to places where they are needed to build leaders and support leadership groups that help advance the Kingdom of God.

Colombia: Please pray for Colombia. On Monday morning, a 7.4-magnitude earthquake shook Colombia, causing serious damage. The earthquake also affected neighboring Ecuador, causing people to evacuate their homes and buildings. We thank the Lord none of our Open Bible people or churches were affected by this earthquake.

Please pray for those who have been affected, for those who have lost homes or suffered damage, and for the safety and protection of our brothers and sisters in Colombia. Pray that the Lord will provide strength, hope, and help during this time of uncertainty.

Thailand: Missionaries Mike and Dara Rasavanh will be traveling to Vietnam on Monday, August 17, and will remain there through August 22. Please pray that Dara will be able to obtain a new visa to re-enter Thailand and that the Lord will bless their time of ministry in Vietnam.

*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 incredible opportunity today and transform lives, 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.