



OPEN BIBLE CHURCHES
GLOBAL MISSIONS

Prayer and Praise – September 9, 2026

Romans 8:36-37 (NKJV)

“As it is written: ‘For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

England: Field Directors Emerald and Joseph Stephenson ask us to please pray for them and their daughters, Nicole and Natalie, of Rapture Ministries in London. Nicole is also their worship and youth leader. They are facing spiritual warfare and attacks on every side, both personally and within the church. The enemy is raging to the point that their lives have been threatened. Please pray that they will walk in God’s purpose, follow His direction, and lead according to the Spirit rather than the flesh. Pray for God’s protection, strength, and peace over them, and that He will give them wisdom and victory in every situation they are facing.

West Africa: Missionary Andy* recently discovered that he has Stage 2A, Grade 3 cancer, which is a lump on his chest. Genetic testing will provide more conclusive results in about two weeks, after which the doctors will schedule surgery to remove the lump.

During the surgery, the doctors will also remove a few lymph nodes to determine if the cancer has spread. If it has, a second surgery may be necessary. Andy may also need radiation and chemotherapy. We will know more in about two weeks.

Please pray for Andy’s complete healing and for his family as they walk through this difficult time.

**(Last name withheld for safety reasons.)*



Thailand: Missionaries Mike and Dara Rasavanh shared that Baan Taidam Coffee & Handicraft was completed and officially dedicated on August 29, with the help of Hope OBC in Arkansas and Lutheran Asian Ministry (LAM) in Sioux City, Iowa.

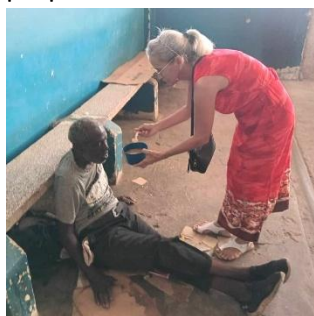
Baan Taidam is more than a coffee shop. It is a place where traditional Tai Dam handmade crafts can be preserved and passed on to the next generation, providing opportunities to train those who desire to continue this beautiful heritage. Most importantly, it will serve as a place of evangelism and ministry—a welcoming setting to build relationships, share the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ, and bring pastors and leaders together for discipleship and leadership training. Please pray that God will use Baan Taidam to touch many lives and strengthen His work in the community.

Dara’s new visa has now been approved, but they must leave Thailand again and re-enter with the new visa. They will travel to Laos, where they plan to visit and encourage several churches. Please pray for safe travel,

God's protection and favor, fruitful ministry with the churches in Laos, and a smooth return to Thailand with Dara's new visa.

Cuba: During July and August, various Children's Ministries in Cuban churches held Vacation Bible Schools centered on the themes "Olympics to Heaven" and "Lighting Station." More than 10,500 children were ministered to, and many received Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Despite limited resources, teachers and Children's Ministry volunteers worked diligently to prepare meaningful programs and activities for the children. The churches are encouraged by the opportunity to invest in the next generation and sow into their lives for the Lord.

The churches are also grateful to the Lord, Mission Esperanza, and Open Bible Churches for providing assistance to help feed some of the most vulnerable people in their communities and church families. Volunteers work hard to prepare these meals despite severe shortages of fuel, electricity, gas, and charcoal, making meal preparation extremely difficult. In the midst of the ongoing crisis, the church continues to shine by serving and helping others. We give God all the glory for His protection and faithfulness!



In addition, Mission Esperanza is hosting a pastor and leadership conference this week, and about 400 pastors and leaders will attend. Please pray for safety and protection for the Mission Esperanza team and for all those traveling to attend this conference. We are praying for the Lord's anointing and blessing upon all the activities taking place this week at the conference.

Missionary Itineration: Please continue to pray for the following missionaries who will be itinerating this fall: Brent and Sara Kelderman in the Southeast Region; Mike and Pam Lumbard in the Open Bible East Region; Zac Anderson in the Central/Mountain Plains Regions; and Nelson and Tirsia Gaitan in the Pacific Region. Pray for safe travel and for the Lord's blessing and provision as they prepare to share the great things God is doing through their ministries.

If you would like one of these missionaries to visit your church, please contact your Regional Executive Director.

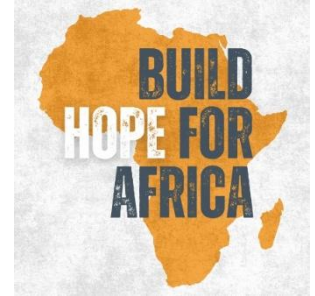
Please share with your congregation or with other interested individuals. Thank you for praying and caring.

*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 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.*



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