



OPEN BIBLE CHURCHES
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Prayer and Praise – September 23, 2026

Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Cambodia: On Saturday, September 19, the Lifesong Learning Center staff took their INSTE final exam, facilitated by Mike Betz from Kingdom City Church in Des Moines, Iowa. We are thankful for these young adults who have a desire to continue learning more about God and growing as disciples of Christ.

Then, on Sunday, September 20, six members of the Lifesong Learning Center staff graduated from the INSTE program and celebrated this special accomplishment with the entire congregation. This was a significant milestone as the first INSTE class and graduation in Cambodia. Missionaries Roger and Connie Cox and Mike Betz, who led the first INSTE group in Cambodia, were there to share in this special occasion. Missionaries and Lifesong Directors Ly and Sarin Mak, along with Roger, Connie, and Mike, participated in presenting the graduates with their diplomas.



Please pray for the graduates and the entire Lifesong Learning Center staff, including those continuing their INSTE studies. Pray that God will strengthen their faith, deepen their understanding of His Word, and give them wisdom, unity, and protection as they serve. May they faithfully use what they have learned to disciple and encourage others, and may their lives be a Christ-like example to the children they serve.

Guinea, West Africa: Missionaries Tom and Sherry Moore ask us to please pray for Guinea following extensive flooding in the capital city of Conakry. Last year, heavy rains caused serious flooding at the Open Bible elementary school in Kamsar, and repairs are still ongoing. Please pray for protection for our Open Bible family and all Guinea.

INSTE-Swahili: From today through Friday, Open Bible Churches Field Director in Kenya, Rev. Charles Omina, will travel to Tanga, Tanzania, to train the new INSTE Coordinator, Jason Rubind, along with 24 national leaders.



INSTE was recently translated into Swahili, and two pastors from Kigoma and Mwanza, Tanzania, who serve under our Field Director in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rev. Peter Mahoye, will also participate in the training.

We praise God for the great things He has already done and for what He will continue to do among Swahili-speaking communities throughout East

Africa.

Please pray for safe travels and for the Lord's blessing and guidance as they equip new leaders and disciples.

Nicaragua: Missionaries Nelson and Tirsia Gaitan share:

“We would like to share a testimony about an international prayer group that we have with several pastors from different states and Nicaragua.



Maura Reyes was hit by a motorcycle and suffered a severe head injury when her head struck the concrete. When she arrived at the hospital, she was in critical condition and was near death. The doctors found a significant amount of blood in her brain and that the muscles in her head had been badly damaged.

The doctors were not very hopeful about her recovery. They explained that, even if she survived, it could take a very long time for her to recover and regain her memory. At that time, Maura was also unable to walk.

But God is faithful! Three months later, Maura had regained her memory and was able to walk again. The doctors are amazed by her progress and by how quickly she recovered. We praise God for His mercy and for the miracle He has done in Maura’s life!

Many prayer requests like this have been answered by the Lord, and we want to give thanks to God for every answer to prayer.

We also want to thank all the Open Bible Churches for your prayers and financial support for the ministry in Nicaragua. Your partnership is a blessing and makes a difference in the work God is doing here.”

Missionary Itineration: Please continue to pray for the missionaries who have begun or 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 travels 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.

*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.