



Prayer and Praise – October 2, 2024

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6 (KJV)

Ukraine: Please pray for missionary Tammy Swailes as she is traveling. She left Ukraine yesterday, October 1. After a brief stay in Budapest, she will depart Thursday morning to arrive in Texas Thursday night. She will begin itinerating in Texas, Washington, Iowa and California. Pray that she will have good rest in Budapest and for safe travels and connections during this time.

Northern Mexico: Missionary Fayth McConnell praises God for Christopher Araus. Christopher is a young man who was at the safe house after being released from prison.

Christopher shared his testimony: "When I was desperate in prison, I met some wonderful missionaries, Grandpa, Grandma and Del. Their ministry helped me because I learned about God. They also encourage me to make better decisions, be careful when choosing friends and live a drug-free life. After prison I was in the safe house. There I went to church, I learned to pray before every meal and learned to be thankful for each day. I am grateful to have a roof over my head and having finished school. After leaving the safe house I became involved in bicycle racing and now joined the 'Heptathlon Police Academy.' I am so grateful to God for loving and blessing me so much. He has changed my life completely."



Mexico: Missionaries Travis and Heather Hunsaker of Puente de Amistad in Tijuana, Mexico praise God for His goodness.



"Our downtime in Iowa with family in late August and September was wonderful! I, Heather, have two nephews under two years old and spending time with them was great! We really enjoyed being able to attend and connect with other Open Bible pastors at the Central Region Fall Retreat 'The Gathering' in Branson, Missouri. Our son, Wesley, was able to go deer hunting on the first day of the youth season in Iowa. Travis helped his father, pastor Will Hunsaker, build a storage shed on his property. Our daughter Mya spent a lot of time outside enjoying the fall weather and doing some crafts. We also had our homecoming service at Clear Lake Open Bible, pastored by Adam and Katie Henaman and were able to visit the First Church of Ottumwa and see many of those who have come on various mission trips over the years. It's always good to connect with all those who love and support us. We just returned to Tijuana late last week and are eager to prepare for our fall mission teams!"

Missionaries Justus and Michaela Morgan shared: “We praise God for our daughter Hadassah Noelle Morgan who was born on Wednesday, September 18. We are so grateful for the opportunity we had to travel and be here in Washington State, surrounded by our family during this joyful time. Although the baby was born two weeks early, we praise God for the amazing midwife and hospital staff who helped us achieve a physiological and uncomplicated birth! We praise Jesus for our healthy baby girl and mom! Please pray that we all stay healthy as we enter cold and flu season.”



Nicaragua: Missionaries Nelson and Tirsia Gaitan rejoice: “We share our testimony and are full of gratitude to God for 20 of our young people from the Open Bible Church here in Nicaragua. They have completed their studies in an excellent way this year 2024. We always pray that God gives them wisdom in their classes and to perform well in their studies. We praise God for the wisdom He gives these future professionals and servants of God who lift Him high with their academic excellence.

Middle East: Missionary Nicole* shares the update on the prayer request shared on September 18.

“My heart rejoices that the Lord answered your prayers for the new believer who was at a critical point in her faith. She found herself at a crossroads of either abandoning her Muslim faith or accepting the call God has for her life. Despite a difficult challenge, she still chooses to follow Jesus! In fact, her faith seems even stronger than before. Now, she is suddenly having serious heart problems and needs immediate healing. Knowing this is an attack from the enemy, please pray that God will intervene and heal her in a powerful way, and she will go to all the world to testify of what God has done, is doing and will continue to do in her life.”

(* Last name withheld for security reasons.)

Papua New Guinea: Field Director Joshua Essy praises God for what He is doing in the country of Papua New Guinea.



“We appreciate and thank the global family and mission board for their prayers and support during the 50th anniversary celebration of the golden jubilee held in September. Praise God for making it possible for Director of Global Missions, Vince McCarty, and former missionary, Rev. Mark Brandt, to have been here and been our special guests during the celebration. Thank you for your continued prayers.”

Global Harvest offering for 2024, is to help Acropolis Medical Centre in Trinidad. Please partner with us to help purchase special medical equipment. This will help save lives physically and spiritually. To find out more and learn how you can participate in this special offering, go to: www.openbible.org/LetYourLightShine.



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