

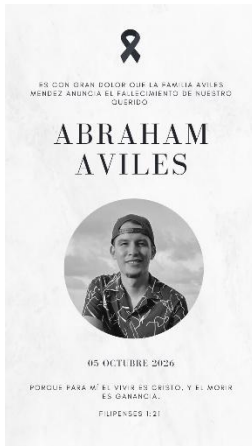


OPEN BIBLE CHURCHES
GLOBAL MISSIONS

Prayer and Praise – October 07, 2026

Philippians 1:21 (KJV)

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."



Mexico: Field Director Arturo Mendez shared the heartbreaking news that his son-in-law, Abraham, has passed away. Abraham and his wife, Kendy, were involved in an accident in December 2024 while returning home. Kendy was not injured, but Abraham suffered serious injuries and had been bedridden and in a coma since the accident. He had been the subject of many prayers for healing.

While we prayed and trusted the Lord for his healing, God has chosen to give Abraham his ultimate healing by calling him home to be with our Lord and Savior.

Please join us in praying for Kendy and the entire family during this difficult time of loss and in the days of mourning ahead. May the Lord surround them with His love, give them strength and peace, and comfort their hearts with the hope we have in Christ.

Nicaragua: Missionaries Nelson and Tirsia Gaitan praise God for a new home group in Villa Emerita, Nicaragua, and pray that it will continue to grow into a church. They also share two answered prayers from their morning prayer group with Hispanic pastors in the U.S. and Nicaragua.

Pastor Bernardin's premature baby girl faced serious health challenges, with doctors giving her very little chance of survival. She also suffered a broken arm during delivery. After spending two months in the hospital, she was finally discharged. Later, her feeding tube came out, and the doctors determined that she no longer needed it. She is now healthy and thriving. Praise God for His faithfulness and answered prayer!



Yesenia and Marlon Arroliga's marriage had been under great strain because of Marlon's long absences from home, as well as spiritual opposition they believe was connected to witchcraft. After months of prayer, Marlon has begun coming home and spending more time with his family. Their relationship is healing, and they are working toward restoration. The Gaitans give God all the glory and continue to pray for their family.

Northern Mexico: Missionary Del Brown underwent emergency surgery this past Sunday to have his gallbladder removed. He had been experiencing pain and discomfort for several days before deciding to go to the emergency room at Northwest Hospital in Tucson, Arizona. Doctors recommended immediate surgery and discovered that his gallbladder had developed gangrene.

We praise the Lord for protecting Del and ask you to please join us in praying for his complete healing and a smooth recovery.

Liberia: Field Director Hilary Paul gives praise to God for His protection and deliverance following a vehicle accident on Saturday, September 26. While traveling to the dedication and anniversary celebrations of the Open Bible Fellowship headquarters, the vehicle's brakes suddenly failed. As he approached a busy boulevard, Hilary sensed the Holy Spirit guiding him to steer away from the traffic and toward two light poles, avoiding a potentially more dangerous collision. He also managed to avoid hitting a woman standing near the poles.



Although the vehicle sustained significant damage, Hilary was unharmed. Praise God, he was even able to attend the closing service of the celebrations the following day!

Ukraine: Please pray for missionary Tammy Swailes as she travels from Ukraine to the U.S. this week to spend several weeks in the Pacific Northwest visiting churches and connecting with others. Pray for safe travels, meaningful connections, and that God would guide and bless her time in the U.S.

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.