



Prayer and Praise – November 27, 2024

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you".

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV)

Tijuana, Mexico: We want to sincerely thank you for the love and support that everyone has shown towards our dear sister Amalia Cruz. On Saturday, November 23, Amalia went to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for her husband Armando, son AJ and the entire Cruz-Leaños family as they grieve the loss of their wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend.



Thailand: Missionaries Mike and Dara Rasavanh give thanks: "This year there are so many blessings that God has brought to our ministry in Thailand. Although Christians in Thailand generally do not celebrate Thanksgiving like we do in the US, we want to take this opportunity to thank God for his goodness and mercy.

"First, we thank God for the MOVE team who came and built a new sanctuary for us in February 2024, and in July a team from Turning Point Open Bible Church, Spokane, Washington, came to install the electricity and three air conditioning units in the new building, and provided us with the drinking water filtration system.

"Secondly, we thank God for the collaborative effort we have made with the Church of Christ in Thailand (CCT) (no relation to the Church of Christ in the United States). Open Bible USA signed the Mutual Understanding (MOU) with the CCT in April of this year. Now, we can officially and legally do ministry in Thailand.



"Thirdly, we praise God and thank Him for our First Asia Open Bible Summit. We are privileged to have hosted the summit this month of November. We were able to have approximately seventy pastors and servant leaders from Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Taiwan, Japan, Philippines and our Director of Global Missions, Vince McCarthy, Dr. Nick Venditti and Pastor Ricky Poon.

"We want to thank all our Open Bible Churches family who support us, without their love and support we would not be able to do all this work."

Trinidad: Missionaries Brent and Sara Kelderman are so thankful for the opportunity to travel through Central Region meeting Pastors and congregations! “We have loved being a part of their services and sharing what God is calling us to do! We love seeing how each church is working to meet their community where they are at and do it all with the power and love of Jesus!

“Thank you to everyone that has partnered with us and prayed for us as we travel and prepare for the move to Trinidad!”



Ukraine: Missionary Tammy Swailes explained that in Ukraine, Thanksgiving is celebrated in Autumn. Autumn is the time of giving thanks. Many churches take the last Sunday of September off to take time to thank God for the harvest from that year and a general time for God’s goodness in their lives.

Kenya: Pray for Missionary Andy* as he returns to Nakuru, Kenya on December 5-17, to train pastors and bishops in this region in INSTE level one. He will also train an “INSTE Training Team” who will respond to training needs across Africa. The translation team in Tanzania has begun working on the Swahili translation! Praise God! Pray for provision needed to translate all four books of level one.

**Last name withheld due to safety reasons.*

Guinea: Missionaries Tom and Sherry Moore expressed: “We are grateful that the leaders of our national church were able to minister and meet with the leaders of the KIPE Open Bible Church in Conakry. One by one, they are visiting and encouraging churches to work harder for the Lord as they share their vision of expanding God's work in Guinea, among the Muslim people. They appreciate all your prayers!



“At this time of year, our hearts are filled with thanksgiving to God for all the blessings He has given us. We are grateful as He allowed us to reunite with our entire family last summer. We are grateful that our four children, who grew up in Guinea, West Africa, love the Lord, their wives love the Lord, and our grandchildren are being raised to love the Lord! We are grateful for all those who have supported us with prayers and finances in the Lord's work in Guinea for many years! Thanks to you there are still Muslims who come to Jesus!”

Paraguay: Field Director Julian Paredes shared: “On November 17 at 8:30 in the morning we visited the Open Bible Church of San Lorenzo. It was a very special time sharing with Pastor Marisa, widow of Estigarribia. We thank God that the church remains strong despite the great struggle that the pastoral family has faced with the departure of Pastor Pablo Estigarribia.



“Then, on November 24, we visited Manantial de Vida (Fountain of Life) Open Bible Church in the city of Limpio, pastored by Pastors German and Gilda. We had glorious services to the glory of God in both churches. We ask for your prayers for the continuation of the work in Paraguay.”



African nation. May God bless you richly for your faithfulness.”

Liberia: Missionaries Drew and Jessica Welch praise God, “Liberians celebrated Thanksgiving on November 7 with a day of prayer and fasting. While their traditions differ from those of the United States, they share the same spirit of gratitude for God's blessings. As we give thanks, we also express our sincere gratitude for your continued prayers and support for the Open Bible work in Liberia. Your generosity allows us to share the Word of God and transform lives in this beautiful West



Uganda: Field director, Obbo John Bosco, informed us that Priscilla Keya passed away last Saturday. Priscilla is the wife of former field director, Thomas Keya. Please pray for Pastor Thomas and his family during this difficult time.

Global Harvest Offering 2024-2025:



Would you join the **Multiply France** team by giving an offering that will help our pastors reach their communities? Our priority will be to provide funds so that our Open Bible leadership in France can plant more churches and spread the Gospel of Christ.

Donations can be made online at openbible.org/MultiplyFrance or by mailing a check payable to Open Bible Churches and write “Multiply France” in the memo line to our address below.

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

Global Missions, **Open Bible Churches**, 2020 Bell Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50315. Phone: 515-288-6761 | missions@openbible.org