

Prayer and Praise – December 11, 2024

“He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.” Micah 5:4 (NIV)

Nicaragua: Missionaries Nelson and Tirsia Gaitan reported: “Thank God our trip to Panama was successful. We were able to meet Pastors Roberto and Yorindellys Montero and spent a beautiful quality time with them and the congregation of City of David in the Province of Chiriquí. We were able to share the Word of God with them and dedicated two children. There was a beautiful time of praise and ministry with the congregation.



Paraguay: Field Director Julian Paredes asks us for our prayers on behalf of the infant son of a sister in their congregation. The baby’s name is Thiago and is currently admitted to a clinic with colon problems. Thank you in advance for your prayers.



Cuba: David Bethany, the director of Mission Esperanza, shared that he recently spoke with our Field Director, David Moreno. Pastor David said the situation has become increasingly worse. However, despite the scarcity of food, electricity, and other basic resources, our pastors and leaders of Open Bible churches remain unwavering in their faith and mission. Right now they only have two hours of electricity a day. In these dire conditions, Open Bible churches have become sanctuaries of light and joy amidst the darkness. Pastor David remarked, “While the cities of the world are filled with light and celebration during this time of year, we live in darkness and silence. Yet, in our communities, the churches are the only places where people can find light and joy.”

Despite overwhelming challenges, the churches have developed new strategies and innovative methods to continue their ministry. Their commitment to sharing the love of Jesus is unwavering. Pastor David emphasized, “These conditions affect us, but they do not stop us. We do not stop; we continue to move forward in ministry.”

In this season of adversity, Pastor David and the leaders of Open Bible Churches remain steadfast, praying that the light of Jesus will shine through the darkness and transform their nation. Their resilience is a powerful testament to their faith and determination to bring hope to their communities. If you would like to give to help our Open Bible pastors and people in Cuba go to: <https://bit.ly/CubaAid>

Guinea, West Africa: Missionaries Tom and Sherry Moore leave for Guinea this coming Monday, December 16. They plan to build a new church building in the village of Bigori. This will be the first Protestant church in this area. Please pray for safe travel and health for Tom and Sherry. Also pray for the Lord to guide them as they work with the National Board of OBC in Guinea to expand the work there.



Jacob and Agnes



Alouis and Marie Soumah and four of their six children

Middle East: Missionary Nicole* asks: "Please pray for the Middle East. With the ceasefires in Lebanon, Israel not being respected by any of the parties, new war breaks out in Syria with hundreds of innocent people dead. This part of the world continues to need Jesus to move more powerfully every day. Pray for the innocent caught in the midst of so much turmoil and that the Lord will protect them. Pray that the leaders of these nations will encounter the Lord in a powerful way that will dramatically change the way they lead their parties and nations."

Please pray for Nicole's team, who have had to evacuate to a neighboring country due to the unrest, to find ways to share the light of Jesus in such dark times. Also, pray for the believers in these nations, especially the new believers, many of whom are now alone without people to disciple them since missionaries have had to evacuate. That they will rise up and be the light of Jesus to their nations. May we see a change coming in these nations that only Jesus can bring!

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