

Bethany Church of Sierra Madre, California
MISSIONARY PRAISE & PRAYER CONCERNS

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23

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January 2, 2023

	<p>USA PRAISE: For the opportunity for Jesus and His church to be a light in the darkness. PRAYER: For spiritual revival in Jesus.</p>
	<p>BRAD & ADRIENNE BARTZ: Athletes in Action, Cru, USA brad.bartz@athletesinaction.org PRAISE & PRAYER: [Dated 12/27/22] Christmas Edition It’s time for us to fly. We’re officially leaving for Singapore! Our departure is December 30th. It’s been several years in the making with lots of hurry-up and wait. Adrienne found an old email to a mutual friend in Singapore and she described looking for play groups for our 3 and 1.5-year-old! We’ve been anticipating this ministry assignment since BC (before Covid). Our paperwork has all come together in the last two weeks. We scrambled and thought we could still make our timeline of arriving before the kids first day of homeschool coop in Singapore on January 4th. Even with Christmas coming, needing to pack up our lives and house, we thought we could do it. We bought flights by faith and got after it. We had about 10 days before we left for Christmas. It was the 23rd of December I pulled away from our empty house with a van full of luggage for the last time. Now, looking at only a few more days, I think it’s for real.</p> <p>From Adrienne: The last forty-eight hours of our departure from Colorado were quite eventful. Understatement of the decade; We’d acquired more stuff than we realized in the past eight years! Even more, it was in the last week and it felt like chipping away at an iceberg. Each time I emptied a storage bin, seven more seemed to appear. We had an early lead on a renter that had requested to rent our home unfurnished, so in the last week, we decided to empty the house. I was able to sell a few large pieces of furniture and toys, which meant extra coordinating with buyers and pick-ups, but the proceeds paid for at least one of our flights to Singapore. We’d arranged a thrift store donation pick up the morning of our flight to Illinois, but also heard that there were new Afghan refugee arrivals looking for furniture. Fortunately, a friend had invited our children to the Denver Zoo holiday lights so they missed the exciting chaos of our last night in Colorado. An Afghan friend had promised that her husband and a new arrival male would rent a truck from Denver and drive to our house to pick up whatever was left of the furniture. It was unclear as to what time and which items they’d take, but if they were willing to come, we were happy that our beds, couch and chairs would be desperately appreciated. When the guys arrived, I went outside to greet them and was met by 9 Afghan male figures on the curb! They’d rented a full size moving truck from Home Depot and brought 7 of their friends to help! In shock myself, I went back inside to clue Brad in and he shrugged with a ‘well, here we go!’ The guys swarmed our house and strewn about storage tubs like a secondhand bazar, which it did look like! One by one, they took each bed, and headboard, recliners, the large couch and end tables. My favorite part of the night was when two of the dads looked over my shoulder at our piles of toys and sheepishly asked for something for each of their children. Like manna, I was able to find a set of hot wheels, a knit doll, a tea set, and various toys that our kids didn’t have a connection to. I felt like Santa Claus fishing for anything else they might need and one of the guys said, “Do you have a bike?” I did! My bike is a town cruiser with a wicker basket and I motioned that I could cut the feminine French looking basket off and he said, ‘No, No! I need that to carry things!’ The next morning, we knew that the donation truck was on the way but weren’t totally sure of what they’d agree to take. Brad and I just started piling the driveway with every odd and end imaginable and our blind hope that they’d take. In the end, the guys took 95% of what we’d discarded. What a relief!</p> <p>Some back story and questions answered... The first question we’ve already gotten a lot is, “are you keeping your house?” Yes, we are renting it and needing that income to make ends meet. This is one huge prayer request as it is yet to be rented. We have a manager looking for someone for us. We are keeping some things but for the most part got rid of most of our stuff. We are only taking two luggage bags each, and yes, I’m taking a bike. Packing for Singapore was pretty easy as it’s close to the equator, meaning it’s always hot. So no need for winter clothes. The hardest part was deciding what toys to take. We had a good time with the kids deciding what to take, sell or leave for when we get back. Our colleagues found an apartment we can use for a month when we get there. This is huge as we have a place to land and to live while looking for a place to rent and settle into. People we have yet to meet are already finding things for us. One found a doll house for Bridgit and they know Herschel is a big football guy. We have several communities to step into already as we have joined a homeschool group and an Awana group. As I mentioned, we need to find a place to live as of yet. We’ve been looking and it’s been difficult as places are going so quick. This is another point of prayer. We are keeping our phone numbers and emails, so you can still contact us the usual ways. In His grip, Brad, Adrienne, Herschel & Bridgit</p>

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL [Dated 12/30/22]

PRAISE: For educating young minds with Christian values.

- We are grateful at BCS that we have stairs that can be used.
- And grateful for regular heat in all of the rooms. The gas line was fixed and we are thankful.

PRAYER:

- We are still working on our annual fund and are praying that people will see the blessing and want to support the kind of education that is occurring at BCS.
 - We pray that everybody is now well and ready to start a new year!
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DICK & MILLIE BRANSFORD: African Inland Mission, Retired, Kenya

PRAISE & PRAYER: [Dated 12/22/22]

Merry Christmas to Faithful Friends “For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us... And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

A few decades ago, Lanny Wolfe, prompted by these words from Isaiah, wrote a beautiful song entitled “He’s More Than Wonderful” and I still love listening to it and memorizing the words." He promised us that He would be a counselor, a Mighty God and the Prince of Peace. He promised us that He would be a Father and love us with a love that would not cease. He’s everything He said that He would be. The finest words I know could not begin to tell just what Jesus really means to me. He’s everything that my soul ever longed for, everything He’s promised, and so much more. He’s more than amazing, more than marvelous, more than miraculous could ever be. He’s more than wonderful. That’s what Jesus is to me.”

So I ask that you look for it on Google and listen to it sung by Sandi Patty and Larnelle Harris. This is my Christmas gift to you, though I wish I could hand you one personally. You are dear to me, and some of you have spent more than 40 years praying for our family!

This year, 2022, has been the hardest of my 79, yet when I look back I can’t help but praise God. I can honestly say that I have been blessed beyond measure. I got to spend 57 years with a loving, valiant visionary who loved the Lord Jesus with all his heart, and God blessed us with 7 marvelous kids, 5 of whom have wonderful spouses, and 18 grandkids, 9 of those 30 born in Africa, our earthly home for 36 years. Would I trade my life for anyone else’s? No way!!!

PS: In August our now 15-year-old grandson, Calvin Davis, son of Kat (Susie) and Tom, was diagnosed with MDS, a blood cancer. Since September he has mostly been in Children’s Mercy Hospital in Kansas City in Missouri, though their home is in Salina, Kansas. On October 26th Calvin received a bone marrow transplant with the donor being his nine-year-old brother Zack. We are all rejoicing that the transplant was successful according to current results. Thank you Lord! For much of the fall I have been in Kansas with Tom, Kara, Summer and Zach while Kat was with Calvin. They are a delight to me. I left Kansas on Sunday the 18th to come back to Boone and just today I found out Calvin and Kat left the Ronald McDonald house and went home the 19th. Amazing!! Thrilling!! The Davis family can celebrate Christmas together at their home. Calvin needs to go to K.C. for regular check ups and still to do school remotely, but God has bless them so much! Praise him for the hard and the easy!

[Editor’s note: This will probably the last regularly submitted prayer requests for Millie Bransford.]

JOSEPH & MICHELE BUTLIG: Cru, LA Metro Area michelle.butlig@cru.org

PRAISE & PRAYER: [Dated 12/11/22]

We hope you are having a wonderful Christmas season! We pray your hearts may be filled with deep Joy resting in His love alone and a deep Peace that is beyond understanding. Our hearts are filled with great Thankfulness, Joy and Peace in ways we have never experienced before. Thankfulness in the Lord’s healing of Joseph’s cancer, joy in His great love alone regardless of our circumstances, and peace that is beyond understanding as we walk with Him moment by moment, day by day - trusting Him for our futures.

This year, we are trusting the Lord for an additional \$17,000 in year-end gifts. The Lord has been providing in incredible ways and we have received over half of what we are in need of for our unexpected expenses so far! We are continuing to raise about \$7000 to cover the medical expenses for Joseph and cochlear implants Aleeya needs for her hearing. We know our Lord is faithful and has always provided, and we are continuing to trust Him in this season.

DEAN & KATHIE CARLSON: OC International, Colorado Springs deancarlson@oci.org

PRAISE & PRAYER:

1. Pray for ministry that flows out of intimacy with God and is aligned with what he’s doing.
 2. Intercede for the health of OC workers as they serve others.
 3. Ask the Lord of the Harvest to raise up new OC global workers.
 4. Pray for wisdom for OC leaders as they navigate fast changing local, national, and global contexts.
 5. Ask for fruitfulness far beyond OC’s capacity for God’s glory and the discipling of nations.
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BOB & SUSAN COMBS: Navigators, Los Angeles susancombsmetro@gmail.com

PRAISE: The Combs work with Navigators in Compton. They have lived and worked in Compton for 25 years. They show young men and women the way to live for Jesus by example and by teaching.

Bob, as a Contractor, provides work experience. He encourages the young men to stay out of gangs.

They have 2 school-aged children, and 1 in college on the East Coast.

PRAYER: Please pray for those who attend the Friday evening Bible Studies.

JERRY & ELIZABETH DIRKS: TEAM – Evangelical Christian Academy (ECA), Spain jerlizdirks@yahoo.com

PRAISE & PRAYER: [Dated 11/29/22]

We are preparing to be in Alberta and Southern California late June through early September to do our home assignment. If you think of praying for us, we can't tell you how much we would appreciate it.

Please pray for:

1. Salvation for our friends: Marijose and Jose, Bosi, Lidia, Allysa, Elisa
 2. The many details of travel, housing, vehicles and visitation while we are in North America this coming summer. We hope to see as many of you as we can! Please let us know if you will be in these areas and would like to meet up. We would also very much like to be involved in VBS while we are visiting our home churches.
 3. Our oldest daughter, Alicia, as she graduates from highschool this year and is preparing to go to college.
 4. Our monthly support. We pray and trust that if God wants us to continue here, He will provide.
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DAVE & TRACY E.

PRAISE & PRAYER: [Dated 12/10/22]

Thankful...

We enjoyed a few days the end of October in Wheaton, IL with Abigail and Axel. It was Family Weekend at Wheaton College. We also visited Abby's office and met a few of her officemates. Both Abby and Axel are doing very well!

Abigail will be in SoCal Dec 10 - Jan 14.

Axel will be here Dec 16 - Jan 7.

Pancaran Anugerah (Indonesia) hired a new bookkeeper. Just in time for the November fundraising drive.

Prayer....

We anticipate moving into our new Pasadena condo the end of December or early January. There have been construction delays.

Pray for patience as we wait. (Actually, I'm the one stressed about the delays...The rest of the family is 100% excited and joyful).

We hope we can move while Abby and Axel are still here. They have very, very large muscles

Dave

Planning a ministry trip to New Zealand in February. Pray about the details. (My Indonesia trip has been delayed due to a scheduling mistake.)

Journey Global is in the midst of strengthening its legal structures. Please pray for my colleague Toni as he works on this.

Helping with board / ministry formation for Journey USA. At this step we are developing strategic objectives and a job description for an executive director. Very slow but steady progress. Need wisdom from above.

I meet by Zoom and in person with quite a number of people. A few of the situations are challenging. Pray for wisdom and that I could be a channel of love and encouragement.

FOCUS Pancaran Anugerah: Taskforce 2027

I'm helping to setup a taskforce and develop procedures for a ministry wide evaluation leading to a new 5-year strategic plan.

Pray that I will be patient and not take control of this process. I get tired of the slow, slow pace. I need to be a good coach on the side rather than the Great Problem Solver and Answer Person.

After leading the first two meetings, I will be turn leadership over to the two moderators: Sunaryo and Nussy. Pray for them and for the other members of the taskforce (Vilia, Adi, Jessica, Ivan, Renta, Ramses, Shelfie, Widya)

We're collecting data right now (surveys, interviews, and evaluations). Pray for honesty and insight. Pray that they might see issues which need to be addressed and improvements which can be made.

The Indonesian team needs creativity, courage, and faith in planning for the future. It's not clear who could step up and take a stronger key leadership role. Pray for direction from God. There are some large gaps in leadership. It's always a bit of a mystery who is ready for more responsibility.

14	<p>DAVE & MARILYN GRAFFENBERGER: OMS, ECC dgraffenberger@cs.com</p> <p>PRAISE & PRAYER: [Dated 12/30/22]</p> <p>CONTINUE PRAYING for Dave to know the right time to again try to schedule a trip to Haiti to accomplish several things related to One Mission Society and related entities. CONTINUE THANKING GOD for our good health and daily strength.</p> <p>PRAY for Dave attending the annual board meeting in Charlotte NC of Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary on Jan. 14, 2023. PRAY for God’s direction in each decision of the board to encourage the leadership of the seminary, and THANK GOD for His provision of funds to train Christian leaders in Russia and surrounding countries.</p> <p>CONTINUE PRAYING for the Haiti requests we sent you last month, with a few changes.</p> <p>PRAY for Emmaus University’s leadership to have divine direction in opening the school year in January. The fall term was cancelled because of lack of fuel for transportation and for lack of safety due to civil unrest.</p> <p>PRAY for needed fuel for Radio 4VEH to broadcast on full power, and for transportation of staff to come to work. Listeners depend upon the Radio for instruction, encouragement and spiritual growth. THANK GOD for a new Studio to Transmitter tower that has been erected. PRAY for the protection of workers and facilities as the old rusty tower is removed.</p> <p>PRAY that this month the Cap Haitian Christian School will be able to begin functioning daily with all teachers and students present. PRAY for teachers and staff to be able to help the students work through the unsettledness and trauma they have experienced during these past months. PRAY for fuel for electricity and transportation, staffing needs, as well parents being able to pay tuition for their students.</p> <p>THANK GOD for funds that have been received in December for the solar power project of Bethesda Medical Center and for their Compassion Fund, which provides services and medicine to those who are unable to pay. THANK GOD for those who come to the clinic seeking physical healing, but leave having heard that “Dr. JESUS” is the healer of body and soul. PRAY that the clinic board will know God’s leading as they continue to plan for the future facility expansion.</p> <p>CONTINUE PRAYING for the Every Community for Christ trainers to be protected when they travel by motorcycle to train and encourage those leading small groups in their communities.</p> <p>CONTINUE PRAYING against the forces of evil that are attempting to destroy Haiti at all levels.</p>
8	<p>BOB & MARIA HILL: Greek Bible Institute (GBI) Athens, Greece hillsingreece@cs.com</p> <p>PRAISE & PRAYER: [Dated 12/20/22]</p> <p>Dear friends,</p> <p>Since everyone is so busy these days and lots of Christmas letters are coming, we don’t make a practice of sending out a “Christmas letter,” but rather we do send updates. This is an update!</p> <p>We have been very busy with Christmas activities. Last Friday Maria and I took our niece and her son to the Athens Concert Hall to hear the Messiah. The next night I sang in the choir in a special concert at the First Greek Evangelical Church of Athens, and then on Sunday evening we had a special homey concert in our own little church here in Agia Paraskevi.</p> <p>Yesterday Maria took a basket into the local police station, with cookies and tangerines and 20 copies of the Daily Bread. The officer who “processed” her was very happy to receive the stuff and said she would make sure that all their personnel got them. (I don’t think they get many gestures like this!) Last week Maria took the same kind of package to our local supermarket. This year we have given out or mailed over 100 of the tear-off-every-day Gospel Calendars that we give out every Christmas. We still have another dozen or so to take care of in the next ten days. Over time we have seen that these little silent evangelists are very effective in leaving a positive message with people, and we pray that they will open hearts to trust God.</p> <p>Several weeks ago, our local church sponsored an “event” for families with kids on the autism spectrum. It was well attended and very successful. We intend to follow up by offering informational and spiritual support for these families. We appreciate your prayers for us during this process.</p> <p>At the Greek Bible College classes are winding down; Greek schools go until December 22 and then start up again after January 8. There has been a very good spirit at the College this year, and I’m getting ready to turn in grades for this semester. We are building the library to where the European Evangelical Accrediting Association justifies letting us offer a Master’s Degree. This is an exciting prospect.</p> <p>I wanted to get a list of projects to you by the end of the year, because I know that some people are looking to make an investment in the Kingdom at this time. We have a number of needs at the Greek Bible College. Some are more urgent than others, but perhaps you or a group would like to get behind a special need.</p>

Special Project List

1. Gym equipment – \$ 16,500
2. Apartment 101 – \$ 22,000 *(see explanation below)
3. Library books – \$ 55,000
4. Library Desktop computers – \$ 5,500
5. Landscaping behind new building - \$ 11,000
6. Paving – \$ 8,000
7. Internet infrastructure – \$ 8,000
8. Transfer of property – \$ 55,000
9. Generators - \$ 9,000
10. Chapel projector/TV – \$ 1,500

To explain a bit, in the new building we have built apartments to house visitors, which bring income to help with the budget. We need to furnish one of them to make it useful. In the process of expanding the library, we have built in study carrels to help students with their research. Part of our goal is for these to be internet connected.

The property belongs to Greater Europe Mission, but the Greek Bible College is now autonomous with a Greek board. We understand the need for the property to belong to the Greek legal entity, and the process of transfer plus the taxes for this procedure is around \$55,000. We want to finish this process as soon as possible.

The city is talking about widening the road, which would impinge on our property. This will require our doing some additional landscaping. Finally, because sometimes weather conditions put out our electricity, generators would help keep our students from suffering during these power outages.

We are grateful that God has given us good health, and we thank you all for standing with us so faithfully for so many years. May God bless you and give you many blessings during this holy day season!

Warmly, Bob and Maria Hill

Jerry & Marilyn: S Asia [changes made for security reasons]

PRAISE: [Dated 12/29/22]

- We were able to spend Christmas together as family in snowy Minnesota despite having several flights being canceled and having to book with another airline
- For Becca's leasing a cute 3 bedroom bungalow in Pasadena with two sisters from her gym, getting a good deal on used appliances, and a good start on moving in
- The wives of the two arrested couples were released to care for their young families so only the husbands are still being held.
- Praise for the experienced NGO and lawyer that representing the two husbands and the many churches and women who are seeking to support the mothers and children.
- Our SA team leader has been able to make improvements in the headquarters making for much improved training rooms and various subdued Christmas celebrations went well.

PRAYER:

- Pray for the Jerry as he returns to work with Servant Partners in two different strategic coordination roles, one that continues with our project and another with a more global scope.
 - Pray for our ADVOCATE seeking the release and dropping of charges against the two husbands, Aman and Bala being held. The police have made it more difficult to get bail. Pray for the churches as they seek to care for the families and provide funding for miscellaneous legal expenses. If anyone would like to help financially please let Jerry know at jnhogshead@gmail.com
 - Pray for wisdom as we choose among the bids we have collected to replace our roof
 - Pray for Becca as she and her housemates complete the move-in process
 - Pray for continued wisdom and God's guidance as Marilyn and I prepare for a move
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ABE & MELISSA L.

PRAISE & PRAYER: [Dated 10/8]

TIM & REBECCA L.

PRAISE & PRAYER: [Dated 11/30/22]

We are thrilled to see increasing momentum for the engagement the Frontier People Groups (FPGs) defined as those with no sign of progress of the Gospel, no known Christward movements and <0.1% Christian).

Praise the Lord, we are seeing a real growth and action as many are becoming burdened by the plight of these neglected peoples whom God loves.

	<p>We are so grateful for David H's help who has taken on being the COO for Telos Fellowship, the organization we started a few years ago to promote the cause of the remaining FPGs, and for Bethany's support of Abe and Melissa.</p>
	<p>DAVE & CHERIE McD: PRAISE: [Dated 2/1/22] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for our transition back overseas • for the privilege of having Alan, Mason, and Maggie as our kids! PRAYER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for us as we continue to learn to be parents and as the kids continue to grow in their physical, spiritual, social, emotional, and academic journeys! </p>
	<p>MARVIN & LINDA MINGS: Pioneers serving Shoshones, Duckwater, Nevada lindasmings@gmail.com, bigsage1@gmail.com PRAISE & PRAYER: [Dated 12/30] HAPPY NEW YEAR... We hope all were safe and warm during the recent storms. We had some adventures on our trip to visit family in the Midwest, but God was obviously protecting and providing. We have been blessed to be with our Midwest families both collectively on Christmas and individually. Still in OH [during the first week in January]. Post covid in November, we resumed activities and were able to enjoy the various reservation celebrations. We hosted our annual church Christmas party and were surprised to only have our faithful few church attenders. In past years, there have been large, tribe-wide attendance. We are so grateful for the faithful remnant. We also had 3 lively little boys who provided good questions and insight to the discussions. Always a thrill. During various meetings, the tribe has been presenting a variety of options for growth in the next year. We are excited to watch it evolve. Our prayers for your coming year.</p>
	<p>WES & JACKIE RINGER: Wycliffe Bible Translators/SIL; So. Sudan wes_ringer@sil.org, jackie_marshall@sil.org We serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators in South Sudan. Jackie has just finished serving as our director for nine years. She is now serving as our acting translation and linguistic coordinators besides doing some literacy work, and Wes as a translation consultant. PRAISE & PRAYER: [Dated 12/30/22] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wes gives praise to God that the final checks with Laarim translators of their New Testament + Genesis, Exodus 1-24, Ruth, Psalms and Jonah were completed in December and typesetting will begin in January. Pray that the typesetting will be finished by the end of February, so that they can record their New Testament with Faith Comes by hearing in March. Pray for the Laarim people to have hearts ready to receive God's Word. Their Laarim Bible should be dedicated by September 2023. • Pray for Wes as he works with the Gbaya translators for three weeks in January checking the Old Testament passage of their Lectionary Readings for Year A B C. They have come close to finishing the translation of all of the Old Testament passages. Praise God that the Gbaya have been using these lectionary readings each Sunday as they gather to worship. They are largely a Catholic people group, and the Catholic Church asks if they are to use the Scriptures in Gbaya services, that all of the Scripture readings on any given Sunday must be translated into Gbaya. Each Sunday there are readings from the Psalms, prophets and other Old Testament books that were not included in their New Testament plus Genesis, Exodus 1-20, Ruth and Jonah that was published and dedicated in February 2020. • Pray for Jackie as she works with the Bongo on their literacy and teacher training, and serves as our translation and linguistic coordinator. Pray for wisdom and energy for her in preparing the way for new people to take over the translation and linguistic coordinator roles. • Pray for Jackie and others who are helping boys living on the streets of Juba who have severe wounds to clean their wounds week by week at a Saturday morning outreach. These boys have many needs, material, physical and spiritual. May God get other Christians involved and may these boys find life in the Lord and all the help they need. • Pray for us to keep our hearts open to the needs that we become aware of, so that we will continue help those in need. • Pray for the people caught in conflict both in Ukraine, in South Sudan and other places, that these conflicts can come to an end and that God will use even the current difficulties to bring some to faith in Christ. • We are thankful for having a refreshing Christmas break in Kenya. </p>
	<p>GREG & JEANETTE SUMMERVILLE: Guatemala Deaf Ministries Inc. gandjuate@gmail.com PRAISE & PRAYER: [Dated 12/31/22] As 2022 comes to an end, Jeanette and I have been looking at old pictures of when we first came to Guatemala. Looking back, we have so much to be thankful for. Looking forward, we see a beautiful and bright future for so many Deaf children</p>

	<p>in Guatemala. God has blessed us in so many ways. Keep us in your prayers as we prepare for our return to Guatemala in two weeks. May the Lord bless you and give you a wonderful 2023!</p> <p>Dated December 23:</p> <p>What an incredible year we've had in Guatemala. The property and buildings are looking great. The church is growing. There are 5 new students signed up for school next year with a lot more expected. And we have missionaries coming to join us. Jon and Sara Johnson and their three boys are coming to Guatemala in February as full time missionaries. They will be learning Spanish and Guatemalan Sign Language and then will join us in El Progreso in June or July.</p> <p>Bethany Ryde is joining us in January. She will do her language training at the ministry center, while helping Ruth in the classrooms. Ruth is our teacher for the new students. You can help support Bethany by designating your gift to GDM.</p> <p>Our website was updated recently. https://guatemaladeafministries.com to check it out. We have a new prospectus for 2023. When we return to Guatemala on January 15th, we will be continuing the building project, installing the concrete floors, roofing, walls, electrical, plumbing, bathrooms, kitchens, doors etc. There is still much to do and funds are needed to complete the project so we can move this coming year.</p>
	<p>ROBIN THURMAN: Wycliffe Bible Translators (Retired), California robruthurman@gmail.com</p> <p>PRAISE: [Dated 12/31/22]</p> <p>It was wonderful to enjoy Christmas Dinner here at Covenant Living with Pam and her local family. They couldn't stay very long after dinner because they were leaving the next morning to go visit their oldest daughter and Vince's mother in mid-southeast Oregon near the Idaho border. Praise the Lord they made the trip and are already back here in California safely, despite very rainy weather for the return trip.</p> <p>Thank you for praying for me as I underwent treatment for my Prostate Cancer. The treatment brought my PSA down from 7.3 to 0.8! I don't have to have another PSA test until May 1,2023.</p> <p>PRAYER:</p> <p>I saw my optometrist on December 1st, and she gave me a new prescription that would bring my eyesight to 20/40. Unfortunately, when I had new glasses made, the resulting lenses didn't give me clear vision. Pray that I can get those lenses corrected before I go to the DMV and take a vision test and maybe a Vision Driver Test this month..</p>
	<p>4 WORKERS IN VIETNAM: Partners International, Vietnam</p> <p>PRAISE: [Dated 11/15/20]</p> <p>We are blessed by your support and enthusiasm to witness and expand the kingdom of God to all ethnic groups in the Mekong.</p> <p>PRAYER: For the new believers to be grounded in God's Word and grow in their faith. For boldness and wisdom for Vietnam C's pastors and leaders. For the continued growth of the churches in North Vietnam. For more university students to accept Christ and become servants for Him.</p>
	<p>SUE WILSON: At large; China</p> <p>PRAISE & PRAYER: For her ministry to reach far and wide.</p>
	<p>WATSON, R. PAULRAJ CHURCH GROWTH ASSOC. OF INDIA: Parents-in-law are Vasanth & Mano Albert</p> <p>PRAISE & PRAYER:</p> <p>For our trainees to establish successful ministries that transform communities physically and spiritually. For women seekers to take the next step of putting their faith in Christ. For the growth of the Indian Church throughout the country.</p>
	<p>ERIC & ANNE ZANDER: Belgium Evangelical Missions; Belgium</p> <p>PRAISE: Eric and Anne have committed their lives to communicating the Gospel and planting churches in their own culture. Eric leads several alternative expressions of church in a local social network such as among bikers.</p> <p>PRAYER:</p>
	<p>PRAYER: That the shipment of any supplies for any missionary or mission's organization will get to their destination/s safely and quickly.</p>
	<p>PRAYER: That all the missionaries will be blessed with the Hope of Jesus and the Power of the Holy Spirit to reach the lost with the gospel message.</p>