

October Missionary Praise and Prayer Requests

Spotlight | Iran

Saghar's house church was raided, with the aim to shut it down. During the raid she asked permission to go to the bathroom where she called for prayer on her phone. She was threatened with arrest but before this happened miraculously she was able to escape the country. The effects of this nightmare continues to haunt her. In her words, "No person should face persecution unprepared and no person should go through it without prayer from the worldwide church."

Darin and Susan McFarland, Boston:

- Praise that the Merrimack campus has remained completely open and accessible for face to face ministry; pray that Merrimack campus will remain open this entire academic year.
- Please pray for team meetings and then athlete-led team Bible studies with the men's Lacrosse and Baseball teams.
- Praise that there are more than 20 female and 20 male athletes involved in small group Bible studies at Merrimack.
- Praise that in addition to the student-led Football Team Bible Study, there is men's and women's student-led Ice Hockey team Bible studies.

Ben and Anda Mogos, Romania:

- Praise the Lord for Emma's birth!
- Praise for good health, God's help, and provision.
- Praise for a good start for the new men's ministry.
- Pray for wisdom, strength, and God's moving in all the Mogos' ministries, both online and in person.
- Please continue to pray for a building for Agape.

Ryan and Emily Sandefur, Germany:

- One out of every three teenagers in Germany experienced anxiety or depression during lockdowns the last two years. Pray that God would give the Sandefurs wisdom to ask the right questions to these young people as they build friendships during this vulnerable time in their life.
- Emily will be leading staff training for ten new staff in the DACH Region (Germany, Austria, Switzerland). Pray for great discussions and community!
- Pray for Young Life Club gatherings at the Lukas School, in the Bogenhausen neighborhood, and with University students in November.
- Pray for new small group Bible Studies at the Lukas School and with University students.

Marcia Strauss, global:

- Praise for encouraging feedback from Marcia's teaching session on prayer with the Seminary Wives in Ministry small group leaders.
- Pray that God will encourage and increase their capacity as a People Development and Care team as they meet for a virtual retreat.
- Pray for Marcia as she mourns the loss of her mother, who passed October 21.

Sergio and Miriam Ramirez, Spain:

- Sergio preached Saturday, October 30, in a united meeting of the churches in Santander for the celebration of Reformation Day. Pray that the Lord will use His Word for salvation.
- Miriam returned home safely after visiting our daughter, Zurisadday, and family. Sergio and Miriam are grateful to the family in Mexico who arranged the trip and her stay there so that she could complete the quarantine before entering the United States.
- Roberto continues to attend church meetings with Maria. Recently, he told Sergio that he was thankful for what he saw the Lord doing in his life.
- Alejandro also continues to attend church meetings regularly. Sergio and Miriam pray that he will want to give testimony of salvation in Christ.
- Antonio and Marian were the first couple Sergio married in Spain. Antonio departed to the presence of the Lord at the end of October. Sergio preached the gospel at the funeral to a large gathering of family and non-believing friends.
- Sergio did not make the walk he had anticipated on the Camino de Santiago. The brethren with whom he had planned to do it decided by majority vote to postpone it to April.

Kurt and Pat Nelson, global:

- Praise for a fruitful and safe mission to Russia.
- Praise for Eli's successful college transition.
- Praise for Brandon's engagement to Brittany!
- Praise for several new financial partners for our family.
- Please pray for the Nelsons' fall fundraising events to usher in the Lord's full provision for ministry expansion in 2022.
- Please pray for all of their children, grandchildren, sons-in-law, and now daughters-in-law to be captivated by the love of Christ and to follow Him wholeheartedly.

Josh and Lisa Francis, Washington:

- Praise that even though there are more boys with different needs, God is on the move and working through each of them!
- Praise that a long-term student, Luke, has been doing well and is on track to graduate in December.
- Pray for all the other boys; for sincerity and for hearts to be made new by the Savior.
- Continue to pray for the Francis family as they work with these boys and devote their time to bringing Christ to their lives.

Raimie & Stephanie Bateman (Teach the Story, Global)	Nolan & Kristin Isaac (Mission France)	Sergio & Miriam Ramirez (Avant, Spain)
Sukhwant Bhatia (Seek Partners, India)	Jessica Jenkins (Avant, Global)	Robby and Rose Roberts (CrossWorld, Italy)
Anne Briggs (Crossworld, Asia)	Tommy & Mary Jerkovic (Eastern Europe)	John & Barbara Sage (Avant, Global)
Jerry & Jolynne Brown (Leadership Vistas Ministries International, East Africa)	Jean & Jean-Marie Joseph (Mission Go, Haiti)	Ryan & Emily Sandefur (Young Life, Germany)
William and Allison Caire (Christian Health Service Corp)	Mimi Lawson (Glad Corp, U.K.)	Chalo Sandoval (Avant, Mexico)
David & Barb Carl (East West, Asia)	Dave Martin (Young Life, Europe)	Jon & Rachel Sawyer (Doulos Discovery School, Dominican Republic)
Fred Chay (Graceline Ministries)	Darin & Susan McFarland (Athletes in Action, Boston)	Richard & Jayne Spencer (Global Training Network, Myanmar & Nepal)
David & Ashley Coffey (Cru, New York City)	Jean-Pierre & Sandrine Mihaljevic (Athletes in Action, France)	Marcia Strauss (SIM, Global)
Ed Condra (Wycliffe, Papua New Guinea)	Ben & Anda Mogos (ARM, Romania)	Ed Weaver (T4 Global, Nigeria)
Al & Elizabeth Dyck (Barnabas International, Madrid)	Daniel Mutia (Mission Dispatch)	Betty Welch (Wycliffe, South America)
Mike & Kathy Fisher (East West, Myanmar)	Kurt & Pat Nelson (East West International)	Will & Julie White (Mission Aviation Fellowship, Idaho)
Josh & Lisa Francis (Flying H Ranch, Washington State)	Isaac & Lillian Ogohi (Trinity Bible College, Nigeria)	Gene & Dawn Whitehurst (Village Ministries International, Global)
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	Lars & Maria Peterson (East Asia)	

**some missionaries serving in sensitive areas are not listed*

Please keep all of our missionaries in your prayers!