

PRAYER UPDATE

Encouraging Missions Engagement in the North Central District of the C&MA

Intercession for our IWs is vital!

The intent of this monthly prayer update is to help you stay engaged with our IWs and aware of their respective ministry situations. You are encouraged to subscribe to their own updates, newsletters, blogs and prayer requests.

Together...we pray!

Carolyn (CAMA - SE Asia/CAC)

- Greetings from my host country, where the temperature has been about 104* F, the "real feel" temps about 155* F! Coupled with high humidity & poor air quality...many people are affected. I'm grateful for the AC unit in my living room.
- Pray for KP & his family. He's one of 3 brothers who came to the Christian detox center back in 2017. KP & his wife decided to be baptized after experiencing firsthand the power & grace of God helping him get off meth & opium. After returning to his village, many relatives & neighbors began coming to KP's house to be prayed for & cared for as they detoxed & experienced God's help. One challenge for them is that the Scripture does not exist in their own language, and they do not read or speak the national language. KP & his brother, after intense spiritual & social opposition recently, KP decided to reinstall the spirit altars & perform ceremonies to welcome back the spirits. Most of KP's relatives are Christians. Many attended these ceremonies & many are waiving in their faith. Please pray for the Lord to reveal himself to all of them, in clear ways, and show them the danger of returning to the spirits. Pray that they might comprehend the compassion of the Lord & what it means to be his children.
- Pray for a team that is working on oral recordings of Biblical stories. Pray that they have the linguistic & contextual understanding as they develop the stories & tell them clearly.
- Pray that we can develop meaningful literacy materials that will help believers in their faith.

Chuck Fanberg (aXcess - Central America)

- This next season brings a lot of traveling. Currently, I'm consulting with local churches & pastors. In a few months, I'll be traveling with the intent to recruit my replacement. Pray that my Home Assignment year is fruitful in this regard!
- Pray that God will nudge someone who can provide me a car during my brief stays in MN for this year's Home Ministry Assignment.

Kalen & Britta Thrane (aXcess - Senegal)

- Over the past 10 months we've invited you to join us in prayer, in regards to where the Lord would have us serve in Senegal. We're excited to share that we'll be ministering in a small northern town, that also has a medical clinic. There are many unknowns, but we trust in our good God who will direct our walk in obedience. Kalen will be working with church planting & Britta plans to spend time alongside the nurses at the clinic. Thank you for your incredible support in prayer & finances!
- We're in need of a loving, missional teacher for our children. Interested? [Here's a job description*](#) as you pray for this teacher to be provided. Or, if you're they one God is nudging to fill this need!

The time is now.

Pray for:

- One new IW per week from US churches
- One new open door for Alliance Missions

Nate & Megan Yoder (aXcess - Germany)

- We recently returned from our family pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago. We were greatly blessed as we spent quality time together as a family & with the Lord. Thank you for praying for us during this family time away.
- We praise God that our trip has opened up conversations of faith as neighbors ask us questions about our time on the trail.
- Addy was able to use the Spanish that she's learned at school. We praise God for the excellent academics she has been offered at school. She will now be studying for exams. Please pray for endurance in this task, and perspective, as she studies hard for these exams.
- Please pray for "Betty" & her family. We met them on the trail, where Megan & Betty walked together for part of the journey, talking about the difference between happiness & joy. She's from a Mormon background, and commented about how she felt something powerfully different during this conversation. This gave Megan an opportunity to explain the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Local Church Missions Mobilizers there is [a specific link*](#) just for you on the C&MA website to learn about missions.

CLICK on the asterisk* text for resources.



Stephen & Jennie Jones (Envision-Germany)

- Rosemarie has turned 18! While her US friends will be graduating, here she has a 13th grade. Pray for her...it's a busy season of big exams through July. She is still enjoying her volleyball club & a weekly musical theater class, too.
- Owen's started his first season playing on a U-18 club, but he played with them a little bit last year. He's enjoying pitching & 3rd base.
- William participated on a 5 day wilderness education camp with his class. He also has a 5 day stay in Finland as part of an educational exchange program.
- Stephen is in the US for 3 weeks, with visits to people & churches in 3 states. It's been a few years since we were last in the States. Pray as he travels & has meaningful connections with people. And, pray for Jennie & our site team as they carry on "as normal" in his absence.

The Great Commission Day Offering* is a key moment for the Alliance family to send new workers & sustain those already in hard places.

Chad & Nicki (aXcess - Africa/CAC)

- Recently we had a relaxing & renewing time in Senegal for our Field Forum. Thanks for praying for us as a family & as a team.
- Keep the members of our Center in prayer, that all the members would learn of the awesome things that God can do! Hab 3:2
- The complicated twists & turns of our property's legal situation never seems to end. Pray that the judge will see through the former landowner's lies & false accusations. God is great, with a purpose & a plan. May He grant us a favorable outcome!

Mike & Elissa Picconatto (Envision - Germany)

- The German Alliance Church (MAKD) is holding their first national gathering since COVID. leadership from all the Alliance churches in Germany are invited. Pray for me - I'll be helping lead worship & the sound/tech.
- Rachel Norton has been with us for 3 years (1 as an Envision Intern & 2 as a Resident). She's returning to the US to start graduate school. Pray for her as she travels, re-enters life in America, and perseveres in following God's leading.
- We are still waiting to hear more about a corner office space. Please pray that we'll hear back from building management, so that we can begin making plans for the future.

Heidi (Envision - Mid East/CAC)

- Praise God for good conversations & contact with friends during & after Ramadan. And, for the slow, but sure, progress studying the Arabic language!
- Please continue to intercede for local believers as they grow in their faith.
- Pray for the in-country selling platform that we have here. There are still lots of details that need to be developed.

Justin & Katie (aXcess - MidEast/CAC)

- We want to say how grateful we are for your prayers & support! We have especially felt them over the last couple of months as we jumped into our more "formal" ministry roles.
- Pray for our work in the clinic, providing medical care for so many refugees. Pray that there will be opportunities to bring hope in the midst of suffering & we'll continue to look to God as we are reminded of our own limitations.
- Please pray as we teach English, that God will show us those students who are seeking, and with whom we can relationally invest in more deeply.

Brad & Julie Nelson (Envision - Japan)

- Thank you for your prayers leading up to our special ministries for Easter. We definitely felt God's blessing & provision! To help tell the story of Jesus' death, resurrection & love for the world, we used eggs as an object lesson. The Gospel was clearly represented. Pray for the families who attended & heard the message. That these "seeds" not be snatched away, but may take root in good soil. Pray for many to return & continue to engage with us as well!



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