

Missionary Prayer Calendar

May 2023

Bridges Community Church, Los Altos

1 Monday ~ CEF Norcal'

Today in Memorial Park in Cupertino, we had 7 adults and 6 of our "Go and Tell" missionary kids sharing the gospel face to face with kids. 295 children heard the gospel and 101 prayed to receive Jesus as their savior!

2 Tuesday ~ Dave and Connie Deal Arizona Cru
Dave is really enjoying working with his new team, Global Events. We're currently working on training & leadership development for what we call "The Eleven in Ten". We'll be unpacking this strategy for you in coming months, but, in a nutshell, we're working on training and chaplaincy opportunities at 11 global events in the next 10 months.

3 Wednesday ~ Dave and Connie Deal Arizona Cru
Each of these events is on the "Path to Paris", part of the requirement for those wanting to serve as chaplains at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Two events Dave is personally responsible for are the Pan American Games (36 countries) in Santiago, Chile in October and the World Basketball Championships (32 countries) in Manila, Philippines in November.

4 Thursday ~ Dave and Connie Deal Arizona Cru
Our family is doing really well. Luke is excelling at Biola, Abby has a severe case of senioritis and is looking forward to being at Arizona Christian University next fall. Hannah also is doing well in school and really enjoyed performing with her sister (cutest ever salt shaker and Cogsworth) in their school's recent presentation of Beauty and the Beast. Dave & Connie... need a break! Please pray that we'll be refreshed, rested & restored, physically and spiritually, as we get away for a vacation 3/27-4/5

5 Friday ~ Dave and Connie Deal Arizona Cru
Also, we would be so grateful for you to include Dave's sister Dawn in your prayers. Dawn recently got a breast cancer diagnosis and is experiencing all the pain that goes with the therapy. As you would imagine, Dawn is still the same joyous lover of Jesus... but this is hard. Thank you so much for your prayer, encouragement and support which allows us to help build the Kingdom of God through the platform of sports!

6 Saturday ~ Terry and Estrelia Gibbs Thailand

Wycliffe Bible Translators
Terry and Estrelia Gibbs are with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Chiang Mai, Thailand. There are still at least 650 languages in Asia that likely still need a Bible translation started. Wycliffe Associates has been called on by a major university in Chiang Mai, Thailand to expand its linguistics education at the school.

7 Sunday ~ Terry and Estrelia Gibbs Thailand

Wycliffe Bible Translators
Terry is currently working with 4 students. One is on the Thesis track, the other 3 are on the Independent Studies track. The deadline to complete everything is May 15, when we get on a plane for the US (North Carolina). We will then drive across the US, meet with supporters & friends, then fly back to Thailand on August 3. This short time is because I need to help Thesis students until May 15 and Estrelia needs to be back at work in early August.

8 Monday ~ Dr. David Jeremiah El Cajon, CA

The Bible is replete with promises God has made to you. And He has a perfect record of keeping all His promises. Here are five promises of God that you can claim as your very own:

1. God Promises to Answer your Prayers

Matthew 7:7, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, & you will find; knock, & it will be opened to you."

9 Tuesday ~ Dr. David Jeremiah El Cajon, CA

2. God Promises To Always Be With You

Romans 8:38-39, "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

10 Wednesday ~ Dr. David Jeremiah El Cajon, CA

3. God Promises To Work All Things For Your Good

Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

11 Thursday ~ Dr. David Jeremiah El Cajon, CA

4. God Promises To Take Care Of All Your Needs
Philippians 4:19, "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

12 Friday ~ Dr. David Jeremiah El Cajon, CA

5. God Promises Freedom from Your Sin
I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

13 Saturday ~ Dr. David Jeremiah El Cajon, CA

The singing of psalms (songs) from the biblical book of Psalms was standard in many denominations for centuries—and still is in some churches. And it is not hard to see why. The biblical psalms made up the "hymnbook" of ancient Israel as they praised the God of Israel in worship. And the most consistent theme of the psalms of praise was the faithfulness of God:

14 Sunday ~ Dr. David Jeremiah El Cajon, CA

His covenant love for His chosen people. God's words and deeds toward Israel can be summarized in one word: faithfulness. And it was the faithfulness of God that the psalmists wrote about and the choirs sung about: "With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations." Praise is the proper response to God's faithfulness. Take a moment to think of the ways God has been faithful to you and offer Him your praise

15 Monday ~ Ireni Mota Brazil Restoration Ministries

Paulo and I want to thank you for your prayers and to be part of our lives and to be connected with us. Despite all the chaos in our country, we can say that The Lord Reigns. Whoever walks in darkness walks without direction, because he does not have guidance. We praise the Lord for the ones that through Christ found the way.

16 Tuesday ~ Ireni Mota Brazil Restoration Ministries

We got 100 Bibles for the small kids that are participating in small groups . They were very happy to see the Bibles; they are working hard with a big smile in their face learning about God's word. We are grateful for the kindness of the people who helped us buy the Bibles.

17 Wednesday ~ Ireni Mota Brazil Restoration Ministries

We are grateful for your prayers as we rejoice every day in the growing number of teenagers who are engaged in small group Bible study. Keep praying we have a good challenge "we need more workers". Join us in praying for teens for their spiritual growth.

18 Thursday ~Ireni Mota Brazil Restoration Ministries
Paulo and I are so thankful for your prayers. His surgery went well, so the doctor was very satisfied with the result, and said that for sure this will end his pain in his knee everything will be fine. We came back home last night. Today he is feeling much less pain and feeling much better. He will be using a walker for about 25 days and will be doing some physiotherapy.
We praise God for His faithfulness; God is good all the time.

19 Friday ~ American Bible Society

Elder Li* is like thousands of people living in poverty in rural China. Li came to know Jesus Christ as his Savior after his mother became a Christian. He was just 20 years old at the time. His life was transformed when he came to Christ, and he was eager to learn more.

20 Saturday ~ American Bible Society

Li received a Bible that he read cover-to-cover in two months. Then he visited the local church of about 30 believers — most of whom were elderly or sick — and they asked him to preach.

21 Sunday ~ American Bible Society

The church in China is growing at an unprecedented rate. But this explosive growth has outpaced the training of pastors like Li. Of the approximately 200,000 lay pastors across the country, many have just come to faith. Li says, "It was a precious gift to me. It helped my sermon preparation and pastoral work. I've been so blessed by this gift."

22 Monday ~ Larry Buck

The equipment and support you gave will have an impact far beyond what you could ever imagine! In (South Sudan) where over 70% of the population can't read or write, bringing the (visual) story of Jesus Christ to the people in their heart language is the best way to reach them and make the kingdom of God Almighty to advance forcefully, breaking through the strongholds of Darkness.

23 Tuesday ~ WorldVenture Englewood, CO
In utter devotion and with a **resolved** mindset to the Kingdom of God, Jesus embraced voluntary poverty, suffered the alienation of family and friends, faced vicious threats, and finally gave up His life on the Cross. Driven and compelled by love, **Jesus purposefully committed and intentionally focused** Himself to death on the Cross so that we may live with Him forever. *"As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus RESOLUTELY set out for Jerusalem."* (Luke 9:51 NIV)

24 Wednesday ~ WorldVenture Englewood, CO
A WorldVenture team recently launched into a closed and hostile county to purposely take the Gospel to an unreached people group. Not only that, but they have adopted a duplication-oriented mindset to purposefully cultivate new leaders who will launch into the surrounding villages with new teams. Talk about **purposeful** Gospel Impact!

25 Thursday ~ WorldVenture Englewood, CA
Last month, we celebrated the committed tenure of four retiring couples at WorldVenture. Collectively they represented **181 years** of service with the mission. Talk about a **commitment** to Gospel Impact!

26 Friday ~ WorldVenture Englewood, CA
Our global Child Safety Team meets regularly with the intentional focus of protecting children. The training and policies that originate from the team are critical to the proactive protection of not only the children of WorldVenture but also the ones our global team may come into contact within their sphere of influence. Talk about **intentional** Gospel Impact!

27 Saturday ~ Brenda Allen W. Africa WorldVenture
There were two weddings this month of Christ-following coworkers. May God greatly bless these unions as they learn to do life together. We all desire to see the Kingdom of God grow in Upper Guinea (West Africa). Both couples are involved in ministries to children and adolescents in different cities in our region.

28 Sunday ~ Eric and Beth Yodis Ukraine WorldVenture

As Russia prepares for another major offensive against Ukraine in the hopes of taking more ground before Ukraine is supplied with fresh equipment, Eric is taking a three-week trip into Ukraine in the hopes of reinforcing churches who are reaching out to IDP (Internally Displaced Persons). He also plans to minister to Ukrainian refugees in the countries of Austria and Poland.

29 Monday ~ Eric & Beth Yodis Ukraine WorldVenture
For this trip, we are asking prayer for Eric's:

- Safety.
- Effectiveness.
- Cooperative weather.
- Strength.
- Trust and faith in God's leading.

30 Tuesday ~ Eric & Beth Yodis Ukraine WorldVeenture

For Beth, we are asking prayer for:

- Courage as she stays in the states while Eric is gone.
- Clarity of thought as she garners prayer support and keeps prayer warriors informed.
- Trust and faith in God's leading.

31vWednesday ~ Eric & Beth Yodis Ukraine WorldVeenture

For Ukraine, we are asking prayer for:

- A swift and defining route of the enemy's forces.
- Peace.
- Spiritual renewal.
- Safety and courage for those on the front lines, especially those who are believers defending their country (specifically pray for our dear friend "D").