

## **A DAY OF PRAYER for the Missionaries of Orland Park CRC – THURSDAY, September 17, 2020**

Lift up our missionaries before the Lord in Prayer on Thursday, September 17 and throughout the year! Below is a short bio of all the missionaries supported by Orland Park CRC. The church website also has recent newsletters posted if allowed. A special prayer is needed for each missionary as they work amidst the coronavirus. Many have had to adjust their mission work during this unusual time.

### **Jerry and Gloria An - Back to God Ministries International - China**

Jerry serves as the Chinese Ministry Leader of Back to God Ministries International. The ministry has a well-established team in China, a presence in Hong Kong, and a small team in Grand Rapids. They are leaning further into their posture as pioneer, think tank, and partner in Christian new media ministry.

Pray for the ongoing work of a major multi-media project and for its effectiveness in reaching people with the gospel

Pray for the writers as they develop as authors and as Chinese theologians

Pray for the health of Jerry's wife, Gloria

Pray for Jerry to have the wisdom, discernment and energy to lead his team

Pray that the Chinese team will be bold and courageous as well as creative and filled with grace as they step out in new ways and into uncharted territories

Pray for the Chinese church that they might be bold in the expression of their Christian faith

### **Roger and Carey Basick Family - Reach Beyond, Chicago**

Roger is the Vice President of International Ministries for Reach Beyond. His role now consists of serving on the Executive Leadership Team, the Global Leadership Team and overseeing the Regional Directors. Carey serves as Assistant to the Vice President, where she is in charge of logistics for the entire team and member care. They are pursuing ways to more effectively reach out to Unreached and Unengaged People Groups around the world. Roger is also on the board of Family (formerly known as Focus on the Family Ireland) and serves in an advisory role for the broadcast and social media outreach.

Please pray that relationships can be solidified in order to help provide more ways believers can support and minister to refugees and those who serve them

Prayers for new Spotlight Club leaders for non-native English speakers (either in your local area, or via the internet). A free online training course is provided

Prayers over the internship opportunities with Reach Beyond for both media and healthcare initiatives around the world (<https://reachbeyond.org>)

### **Corey Buchanan, Chicagoland Prison Outreach**

Corey is the Executive Director of Chicagoland Prison Outreach which involves overseeing the operations and programs. His hands-on ministry includes leading the Life Learning Program at Cook County Jail and discipling men who have been released from jail and/or prison.

Pray for the Vision Campaign – raising funds

Prayers that through the outreach opportunities, there is a chance to share the gospel and disciple families

Pray for the Life Learning Programs at Cook County Jail and Westville Prison

Pray for effectiveness in the Bible classes and favor with the jail and prison administration

Pray for God to raise up volunteers – men who would be willing to mentor participants in the vocational training program

### **Miriam Cruz – Luke Society**

Miriam Cruz Leyva is the Executive Director of "Life in Abundance of Mexico A.C.". She leads her team and maintains the identity and focus of the mission among the members. They serve at risk children in areas of health, education, food and values programs.

Pray for the implementation of the Strategic Plan implementation

Pray for the direction and wisdom for decision making in the ministry as director of VAM

Pray for the projects planned for the sustainability of VAM, may the Lord grant direction

Pray for the spiritual strengthening of the Church "Fountain of Life", a mission that was born in the area of influence of VAM

Pray for the lives of the children served, may the seed of God's word bear fruit in them

### **Dave and Blanca Gifford - Resonate Global Mission, Mexico City**

Dave serves as Team Leader of the Mexico field for Resonate Global Missions. He also teaches New Testament at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Mexico. The rest of his time is divided between preaching, mentorship and preparing Spanish resources offered online for free. Blanca runs an evangelistic kids club and an evangelistic youth club at the church they attend.

Pray for Blanca's kids' ministries at the church

Pray for Dave's seminary teaching and leadership roles

Pray for the health of their daughter Alexandra dealing with dysautonomia. She is currently at Calvin College.

Pray for the spiritual growth of the entire family

### **Shelley and Guillermo Hernandez Family - MissionGo, Dominican Republic**

Shelley works with the Pathway to Jesus School serving 290 students. The mission of the school continues to be to provide an excellent Christian education to the students, giving each child and their family the opportunity to know Christ. Shelley provides the executive leadership to the Pathway to Jesus school. Shelley's role stateside involves organizing and training mission teams, raising funds for students who need financial support, and completing administrative work for the school.

Praise God for the dedicated staff that ministers at the school

Praise God that they received accreditation

Pray for wisdom as the Board and Administrative team work together to reach the vision, mission and goals of this ministry

Pray for more sponsors for the students who need help financially

Pray that our school will continue to be a light in the community

Praise God for the progress with Shelley's health. Pray that the treatment will continue to work.

Pray that God would continue to meet the financial needs

### **Chris and Naomi Langkamp - Lampstand Ministries, Chicago**

Chris is the founder/director of [Lampstand Ministries](#) - a Christian outreach that serves the needy of Chicago by offering help to people by providing resources that address their physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs. Lampstand also supports a fellowship lunch on Saturdays called [My Brother's Kitchen](#), a food center for the homeless, in both Chicago and Berwyn.

Pray for safety - violence is common

Pray that God would continue saving people and transforming them to serve Him

Pray for the needs of those who are served by the Lampstand Ministry

Pray for the volunteers to share their faith and grow in their relationship with the Lord

### **Tim and Martha Lin Family - InterVarsity Christian Fellowship**

Tim is the Regional Ministry Director for the Michigan Lower Peninsula (MLP) Region for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. He oversees all of the ministries across the MLP totaling about 34 chapters with a team of 30+ staff and 2000+ students. InterVarsity strives to see students and faculty transformed by the power of God.

Pray for the family's transition to Michigan - for the Lord to provide the first few friends for the kids and family

Pray for the staff and volunteer recruitment team –more laborers for the harvest to reach more campuses

Pray for the Lord to unlock new networks for fundraising goals

### **Milton and Cynthia Massie - CRU, Chicago**

Milton serves as the Executive Director of Cru Inner City, giving leadership to 11 staffed cities. Milton maintains his office in Chicago at the Agape Center and serves the local team leading various trainings and discipling inner-city Pastors and ministry leaders. Cynthia continues her role as Development Coordinator for the Chicago Team. She helps to facilitate the Discipleship Training for the women ministry leaders. She also serves on Inner City's Executive Team, helping with Leadership Development and Human Resources.

A Bible Study video series is available - Options Together – a Biblical guide to engaging American Poverty. The local ministry and a few partners are highlighted in this study. You will find more information here: [rightnowmedia.org](http://rightnowmedia.org) - search for **Options Together**.

Pray for connections with more people who would be willing to join the ministry team with financial support

Pray for Cynthia's family: long-term care for her mom, interactions with her brothers

Pray for the Children in our S.A.Y. Yes! program. Many have experienced trauma and the staff needs wisdom to know how to minister to them.

Pray for the Discipleship Training class – that those attending will catch the vision to make disciples

### **Mike and Dawn Menning – Great Commission Utah**

Mike is the Director of Great Commission Utah. He and Dawn work primarily with three partner ministries and together in unity bring the Gospel to an almost "unreached people's group" -- those who are or have lived in polygamy, with an estimated population of almost 100,000 people.

Pray that God will give Mike and Dawn the wisdom, stamina, and "know how" to effectively bring the Gospel to the people in the polygamist culture. The Great Commission has a Scholarship Fund that supports tuition for children from the polygamist lifestyle to allow them to attend a Christian School.

Pray for those who have left the polygamist culture as they adjust to life on the outside

Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts and lives

Pray for God to give strength and wisdom to those who minister alongside these individuals

### **Eddy and Carrie Ramos – MissionGo, Dominican Republic**

Eddy and Carrie serve as full time missionaries in the Dominican Republic. Last year, they started a children's ministry in a neighborhood called Monte Adentro in Santiago. This neighborhood has a reputation for crime and violence. The name of the ministry is **Ministerio Esperanza y Gozo (Hope and Joy Ministry)**. The theme verse is *Romans 15:13 "Now may the God of HOPE fill you with all JOY and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* The prayer is that the ministry will be a safe place where the children can come and learn about Jesus and through which Eddy and Carrie can also evangelize to their families and neighbors.

Pray that God will continue to be the center of Hope and Joy Ministry

Pray for each child and family they are working with, that God will continue to open their hearts and that they will allow God to fill their lives with peace

Pray for God's protection for Carrie and Eddy as they serve him

Pray that God will open doors for a specific location where more activities for the children and families can be offered

Pray that the fundraising goal will be met so that the ministry can continue to grow and serve the children of Monte Adentro

### **Scott and Lisa Reese - Christ Cares, Chicago**

Scott serves as pastor and director of Christ Cares. His main responsibilities are ministerial in nature. His ministry serves the homeless and urban youth (basketball, Bible, after school). He organizes Bible studies, days of rest at local churches and attempts to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the homeless.

Pray for ways for Christ Cares to inspire and train other churches, organizations, and people to reach out to the homeless and those in need in practical and effective ways for the kingdom

Prayer to increase staffing and have sufficient funding

Prayer for family health concerns

Pray for Scott's health as he was recently diagnosed with a non-aggressive form of bladder cancer

### **Rev. Sergei Sosedkin - Back to God Ministries International, Russia**

Sergei serves with BTGMI as a Russian Ministry Team Leader. He oversees staff, part-timers and volunteers in Russia and Ukraine; producing radio messages and written articles as well as regular preaching in various churches. At its core the ministry is about sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praises that the non-profit status of BTGMI in Ukraine is functioning well

Pray for a level of freedom from the government in order that the gospel work may continue

Prayers for peaceful Russian-Ukrainian relations and a closer cooperation between the Christians of the two nations for the sake of the gospel

### **Evy Smith - Resonate Global Mission Mali, West Africa**

Evy has served as the field leader for Resonate Global Mission in Mali, Africa. She ministered to the Fulani people and while unrest has kept her from the village, she has been involved in discipleship, via phone calls and visits from believers to the city. Evy is retiring from her mission work in Africa in late 2020. She is returning stateside in order to be a support to her parents.

Pray that someone will be called to join in the work in Mali

Prayers about the security situation and peace in Mali

Pray for the many Fulani believers that are in dangerous areas

Pray for wisdom for Evy as she supports her parents

### **Benjamin and Christy Spalink Family - City Grace Church, New York City**

As pastor of City Grace Church, Ben's responsibilities include preaching and teaching, discipleship, leading the community group ministry, coaching ministry team leaders, equipping the council, fund raising, communications, coaching other church planters, administration work and oversight of the ministry. He is also the local missional leader with Resonate Global Mission. Ben's church is currently collaborating with another congregation. By the end of 2020, they hope to enter into a full-fledged merger with this church.

Pray for more leaders, especially mature Christian men

Pray for the collaboration with Grace Faith Church, for relationships to develop

Pray that they experience God's joy even in sadness and that they continually open up hearts and lives to new members who continue to come and visit each week

### **Larry and Ruth Spalink - Resonate Global Mission, Japan**

Larry is the business manager for Resonate Global Missions in Japan. He is busy preaching and teaching, administering in the field, consulting with Japanese church leaders, and working with middle-high school students and young adults in church school programs. He is currently also involved in a ministry of worship renewal/enrichment, working to shepherd a couple of students into the ministry.

Pray for all family members and their health

Pray for the recruitment process of a new missionary to Japan

Pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those they serve

### **Andrew and Tine Vander Laan Family - Teach Beyond, Albania**

Andy serves full time at GDQ International Christian School both as the high school assistant principal and high school Bible teacher. He also serves on the K-12 leadership team. Tine began serving the school part time on the finance team. She is currently working 3 mornings each week helping with the schools accounting and bookkeeping.

Pray that GDQ would be a safe place for students to grow in maturity and faith in God

Pray for those affected by earthquakes that hit Albania this year

Pray for teacher strength and endurance as they work hard in a mission context. May they always place God first and get their strength from him

Pray for the many decisions the multi-cultural school needs to make

### **Mike and Victoria Van Der Dyke - Resonate Global Mission Nigeria, Africa**

Mike serves in 3 different roles in Nigeria. He serves as an Advisor to the CRCN Missions Department specifically in the areas of personnel, administration and strategic planning. He is the liaison between his mission and the 3 national church partners (Christian Reformed Church of Nigeria {CRCN}, Reformed Church of Christ for Nations {RCCN}, and Universal Reformed Christian Church {URCC}). His third role is as Mission Leader for all CRWM ministries in Nigeria. He seeks to teach, mobilize and lead the CRCNA in partnership with her Nigerian partner churches and organizations in the proclamation of the Word of God and the development of the Church of Christ in Nigeria.

Pray for the leadership events Mike and Victoria were able to facilitate

Pray that the Word of God is preached and that many come to know Jesus as Savior

Pray for peaceful leadership in Nigeria and an end to the kidnappings

Pray for Mike's work with the Nigeria Evangelical Missionary Institute and Timothy Leadership Training

### **Mike and Pretty Van Prooyen Family - Word of Life, Philippines**

Mike serves as the Executive Director of Word of Life Philippines. He is responsible to oversee the facilities/properties, finances, fundraising, and to guide the ministry into the future as they seek to reach more and more people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ all over the Philippine Islands. There are four ministries of Word of Life:

The Word of Life Camp which ministered to more than 32,000 campers last year.

The Word of Life Bible Institute which has students studying the Word of God.

The Word of Life Bible Club Ministry which is currently working with 50 local churches to help them build biblical effective Youth Ministries.

The Word of Life Campus Ministry which does evangelism and discipleship on the campus of The University of the Philippines.

### **Cliff and Cristine Wiener Family - Youth with a Mission, Australia**

Cliff and Cristine serve as members of the core leadership team of YWAM (Youth with a Mission) in Australia. Cliff and Cristine teach at several training schools on various topics preparing missionaries for their outreaches throughout Asia and Africa. They also oversee advanced music and worship training at their location for the raising up of worship leaders on the mission field and in the local church. Cliff also is a member of the core leadership team at YWAM Perth. In this role, he oversees the property development.

Pray for a balance in ministry and family

Pray that their children will really grab hold of God's call on their lives... that they will follow God with all their hearts

Prayers that Cliff and Cristine will be effective and God-glorifying in our training up of missionaries serving the Lord