

Prayer is the Answer

1 Timothy 2:1-8 (MSG) ~

The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live.

He wants not only us but everyone saved, you know, everyone to get to know the truth we've learned: that there's one God and only one, and one Priest-Mediator between God and us—Jesus, who offered himself in exchange for everyone held captive by sin, to set them all free. Eventually the news is going to get out. This and this only has been my appointed work: getting this news to those who have never heard of God, and explaining how it works by simple faith and plain truth.

Since prayer is at the bottom of all this, what I want mostly is for men to pray—not shaking angry fists at enemies but raising holy hands to God.

Prayer is hard work and for so many, their prayer life consists of a few hurriedly spoken words. Yet, prayer is the primary thing we should be doing as believers. The way to approach any situation or problem we face is through prayer. But why does it seem to be the last thing we do? Can you imagine how God could work if we applied the following solution to each of the following situations.

- Facing a challenge this week? **Pray!**
- Dealing with difficulties at home or work? **Pray!**
- Burdened for someone who does not know the Lord? **Pray!**
- Struggling with people? **Pray!**
- Feeling joyful? **Pray!**
- Want something to change in your life? **Pray!**

Prayer is absolutely the first, middle and last thing we should do. More often than not, we throw up a quick prayer and then run around and try to fix whatever the problem may be. Or we want instant results and if we don't get them we give up. The reality is that often the answer doesn't come right away. In fact, some prayer concerns take years to get answered.

I want to encourage you today to take your burdens and cares to the Lord. Put them in His capable hands and leave them there. Allow Him to work in his timing. Ask your Heavenly Father what He wants you to learn as you walk through your trial. Give it all to Him today!

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Short-Term Missions Scholarships Available

The District Missions Committee offers four \$250 scholarships to anyone 13 years or older interested in doing a short-term mission's trip to an international C&MA field or with a C&MA International Worker. This is a first come first serve opportunity.

If you are interested contact the Terri Groh at terrigroh@yahoo.com for an application and guidelines

Spring Refresh

Due to the continuing pandemic and restrictions at the hotel which make it impossible to host a large event there, Spring Refresh will be virtual this year.

You can either choose the date the NED Alliance Women's Leadership Team set for this event or choose a date that works better for your church calendar.

Information and registration materials to help you plan your event will be sent to the churches in February.

Keynote speaker Marilyn Lauffer will be speaking on being "Set Free by the Spirit." Dr. Renee Valach of the Bongo-lo Hospital in Gabon, Africal will be our International Worker speaker.

A graphic for the Spring Refresh 2021 event. It features a background of white flowers with pink centers against a blue sky. A dark blue, ornate frame in the center contains the text: "Spring Refresh 2021", "Free to Walk in the Spirit", "Marilyn Lauffer", and "Keynote Speaker". At the bottom, a dark blue banner with yellow text reads "A Virtual Event Saturday, April 24, 2021".

Spring Refresh 2021
"Free to Walk in the Spirit"
Marilyn Lauffer
Keynote Speaker

A Virtual Event
Saturday, April 24, 2021

Missionary Wheels

Spring Grove C&MA Church in Pennsylvania acts on faith to provide vehicles for international workers to use while on home assignment.

Please Contact Pastor Nate Conklin @

www.sgacma.org

You may donate online (or)

Make checks out to:

Spring Grove Area C&MA Church

213 N Main St

Spring Grove, Pa. 17362

717-225-0343

The Jamestown C&MA Church is working in support of the Wheels Transportation Ministry. Our hope is to bring part of this ministry to the Jamestown area. Until then, our goal is to support what is already in place through the Spring Grove Area C&MA Church.

Please contact Julie if you would like prayer requests, Information on how to donate or if you would like more information on how your Church can be a part of this ministry. We are all partners!

Philippians 1:4-6 and Colossians 4:1-7

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Pray for our International Workers

Eikosts, Mark & Kathy, Boznia-Herzegovina

Prayer:

- The biggest request is for our placement for next term. We will be working through some field strategy documents with our team later this week to hammer out our field priorities in ministry. We definitely need wisdom for that.
- Prayer as they work out their budget for the field.
- Prayer as their team discusses and figures out the best place for us to be stationed over the next term. Pray that they can hear God's voice and that the Bosnian leaders would hear from the Holy Spirit as well regarding our ministry assignment.
- Pray for Mark & Kathy as they begin their Spring Tours in early April. Pray that our churches would engage in missions that as a result support for Alliance Missions would increase.

Praise:

- We have our medical clearance to return! That's one great big box checked off!

Ingrassias, Phil & Chelsea, Bongolo Hospital, Gabon, Africa

Prayer:

- That they would seek God first in all they do.
- They would love well. (without love, the work is meaningless)
- They would acquire the language as they arrive in Gabon in March.
- Pray that they would prepare well.
- Pray that God would guide their timeline and the container arrival.

Praise:

- God has provided a teacher for their children!

Spronks, Wayne & Suzanne, Bongolo Hospital, Gabon, Africa

Prayer:

- Pray for the water system at the hospital and mission station. It is maxed out and sometimes failing to meet the needs.
- Pray for our new maintenance person who is adjusting to facing the myriad of needs. Pray for wisdom to triage. Pray for his family's adjustment to the field.
- Pray for direction for which ministries Suzanne should focus on. She is currently volunteering in several ways and places.
- Pray for ways for Andre to get involved in ministry.
- Pray for the long term TB patients at the hospital who often have little to eat.
- Pray for wisdom to know how to respond to frequent requests for financial help.

Praise:

- Praise for great visits and safe returns of our daughters for the holidays.

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Prayer:

- I am interviewing with three companies at the moment. I would appreciate prayer for wisdom and favor.

Praise:

- I am really enjoying precious moments with my parents here in Florida.
- Thank you, Lord, for extended rest and relaxation.

Valach, Dr. Renee, Bongolo Hospital, Gabon, Africa

Prayer:

- As of January 25 Gabon has instituted a fine of between \$50 to \$400 for not wearing a mask in public. (That's a lot of money for folks here.) The fines for groups of more than 30 people will be from \$200 to \$10,000. The number of cases in the country, while still small, nearly doubled from October to December. At this time there are still 3 international flights per airline company per week. -There are 3 possible companies leaving Gabon that can get me to the US. Please pray that this doesn't change.
- Pray that I can get out of the country (and that the Ingrassias can get in.)
- Renee is in need of a car to use from the beginning of April until the end of July. Please be in prayer for this and if you have a car that she could borrow, let Terri Groh know!

Zogg, Ed & Sandy, Dominican Republic

Prayer:

- Pray for Rachel's return to College in Binghamton and Robert and his wife in Boston. Being far away during these turbulent times is hard on a parent
- Wisdom for Krista's search for a college. We are praying that Calvin college can come up with a good financial package.
- Wisdom for our food distribution program and prison ministry.
- We are seeing an increased need in marriage and personal counseling. That the Lord gives us wisdom and words of life.
- A new couples & ladies ministries which have been difficult to get going due to pandemic restrictions.





National Project
NED Allance Women 2020-2021 Goal—\$16,000
YTD Total—\$4,085.50

July 2020



\$140.50

August 2020



\$ 620.50

September 2020



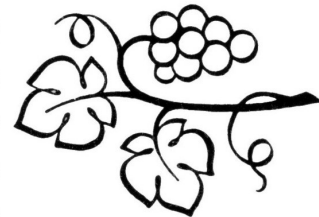
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October 2020



\$ 468.50

November 2020



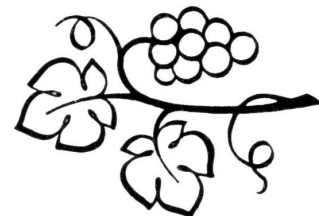
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December 2020



\$ 228.00

I AM THE Vine,
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.
APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO *Nothing*
JOHN 15:5



New Guest Home Project

Ladies, we have a new guest home project! Due to continuing security issues on the field, the Ouagadougou Guest Home has been closed to visitors and the Envision Burkina site has been closed. John and Betty Arnold who were managing the guest home have come home and other IWs working there have moved to a new field.

I am pleased to announce that we have looked at several opportunities and the Northeastern District Leadership Team has decided to support the Alliance Guest Home in Libreville, Gabon, Africa. Libreville is an important city as this is where all team members entering and exiting the country travel to as a starting point. The Pompidou Guest House has many needs and we have decided to take this on as our district project.

Any money that you have given towards the Ouagadougou Guest home since July, 2020 will be applied to the new project. The district leadership team has decided to continue on with our goal of raising \$1,500 for 2020-2021 and the monies will go towards the following items that the Libreville guest home needs.

Pompidou Guest Home Needs:

Bedroom Curtains—\$150.00

Sheets—\$300.00

Pillows—\$50.00

Mattress and Frame—\$800

Paint for the bedrooms—\$200

Total Project Money—\$1,500.00

Amount Raised to Date—\$ 1,372.00

Any extra that comes in over the \$1,500.00 will go towards paint for the guest home as every room in the house needs new paint.

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to the Ouagadougou Guest Home for so many years and thank you for your continued support of this new project.