

Prayer Needs of OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Reviving our City!

Missionaries & Agencies in Fresno

Nancy Donat (*International Teams with Bethany Inner City Church*)

- * Praise God for the volunteers who are helping make Teen Nights happen and continue to pray for men to disciple younger men and for the Lord to do something deep and important in their lives as they gather
- * Pray for God to provide a hiking partner as she seeks to prepare to hike the John Muir trail next year
- * Praise God for those who are going deeper in their walks with the Lord and pray that these seeds would not be choked out

Randy & Tina White (*InterVarsity/Fresno Institute for Urban Leadership*)

- * Praise God the sabbatical experience they've had so far with rest, family time, study and travel. Pray for the fruit of time to focus for this next season of life and ministry.
- * Pray for the Long Range Planning for IV's National Urban program involving over 1000 students in 24 neighborhoods
- * Pray for Randy & Tina to continue and deepen the spiritual disciplines they've enjoyed together during the sabbatical

Relocators in Lowell (*Other believers who live in the neighborhood around our church and seek to minister, some without a specific ministry agency connection*)

- * Marty & Joanie Martin – pray for discernment about what ministry looks like for them in this season of life and for a great outreach for Halloween again this year
- * Kurt & Cindy Sterling – pray for DJ's 1st grade year and for connections in the neighborhood without the benefit of Cindy teaching at Lowell
- * Steve & Sheila Skibbie – pray for Steve's photography business to thrive, for Sheila as she begins teaching at VASA, the new charter school quite near Lowell and then goes on maternity leave with Westin, their son born August 30
- * Sara Brady – pray for her as she serves through Bethany Inner City church and International Teams
- * Bart & Alice Keeler – praise for a healthy 3rd child, Nixon, born June 20th and for their family when Alice returns to her teaching job and Bart cares for the children
- * Bob & Kathy Macias – pray for their work with the house church and for their prayer ministry focus
- * Greg & Barbara Fisk – pray for their work with a house church, outreach in the community and for their children Amanda and Toby

Evangel Home (*FPC member, Gerre Brenneman, director*)

- * Pray for Gerre and her family as they grieve the loss of her father, a man who provided love, guidance & discipline, things so needed by the women & children of Evangel Home
- * Pray for a successful annual banquet that celebrates and informs about the ministry and raises lots of needed funds on Tuesday, September 25
- * Pray that the hundreds of women and children who come through the crisis home would find a safe place, a job, a new beginning and renewed relationships with family
- * Pray for the deep work of healing, restoring and renewing the Holy Spirit does in the lives of the women and children in each of their programs: Crisis Home, Garden (alternative sentencing), Residential (discipleship and basic living); Community Connection (supportive community for graduates working or going to school) and for the children in child care

Evangelicals for Social Action & Love, INC.

(Alan Doswald, Executive Director)

- * Praise God for 25 years of ministry at ESA and the guidance of God through those years and the many changes
- * Pray for their desire to do expanded ministry and to step into opportunities God has given them & ask the Lord to provide the increased financial support they need
- * Pray for the fruitfulness of these different ministry areas: Love, Inc; Lighthouses of Prayer, Missions Network, Valley Communities for Christ & Men with a Mission

Fresno Institute for Urban Leadership (*Phil Skei, director*)

- * Pray for Phil and his wife Rici and daughter Kadence as they have moved into a house on Calaveras in Lowell and into this new area of ministry leadership with FIFUL
- * Pray for the Pink House residents for the coming year and for Beth Eckloff as she shepherds that experience
- * Pray for the 5 year planning process they've begun to increase the breath and depth of their ministry

Fresno Interdenominational Refugee

Ministries (*Sharon Stanely, director*)

- * Pray for the fruitfulness of their varied ministries which include things like: employment, neighborhood ministries, health community strengthening, community organizing for housing, family support and advocacy, green cards, community gardens, elder programs and theological education

August 2007 Update - Prayer Requests & Praise Reports of the Missionaries & Ministries connected with First Presbyterian Church. Efforts have been made to include and update all prayer items of each missionary or ministry. Our goal is to publish this 4 times a year. If you have any information on prayer needs to add to the next update, please contact Terry Jaurena (485-6460) or tjaurena@fpcfresno.org

Fresno Rescue Mission (*Larry Arce, CEO*)

- * Pray for a successful and fruitful 3rd annual Birthday Party for the Homeless
- * Pray for funds needed to meet on-going needs as well as to build for future needs
- * Pray that the power of God would continue to work in the lives of those seeking help at the mission
- * Pray for God to call men and women to step forward to use their gifts to serve at the mission
- * Pray for Peter France as he organizes a group from our church to lead worship services the first Sunday of every month

Fresno Urban Neighborhood Development, Inc (*Bob Ditmar, Director*)

- * Pray for this ministry of helps in the community and the relational bridges build as neighbors help one another in renovation and rebuilding projects.

Gap Ministries

- * Praise God for their ability to offer 27 clients 2 hours of free non-medical care each week
- * Pray for FPC member Karen Shaver as she seeks to get visits for 5 nursing homes 7 times a month
- * Pray for the Lord to bless through birthday cards received and the lap robes, scarves and capes already made for Christmas gifts
- * Pray for volunteers to drive seniors to doctor's appointments

Hope Now for Youth (*Roger Feenstra, Executive Director*)

- * Praise God as we were reminded in worship recently, for all those who aren't in gangs in our city because of the ministry of Hope Now
- * Pray for the wisdom and stamina needed by the staff as they seek to be agents of change in so many lives, especially for our own Ralph York who is a job developer.
- * Pray for their desire to add staff members and the provision of \$ 80,000 that would be needed to do so.
- * Pray as the process continues of telling the story of Hope Now in other places, especially for the potential film project

Maroa Home (*Doug Erickson, Director*)

- * Pray for this Christian 12 step Rehabilitation Center for men & the transformational power of Jesus to empower these men to become new creations.
- * Pray for the Potter's Wheel Church and the job training programs connected with this ministry.

New Creation Ministries (*Russell Willingham, Director*)

- * Praise God for the counselor and group leaders of NCM who strive to help those struggling with a range of sexual addictions find freedom in Christ.
- * Pray for wisdom, insight, clarity and opportunity to continue to speak into broken and hurting lives with Christ's love.

Pregnancy Care Center (*Vern & Judy Reynolds, Directors*)

- * Praise God for a fiscal year end surplus and record number of client visits
- * Pray for the continued adjustments in infrastructure to accommodate the 2 centers they operate now, especially the computer system needs
- * Pray for the additional nursing staff needs and the \$ 36,000 they need for that
- * Pray for the people who serve in different capacities in this ministry: Medical Team, Counselors, Center Staff, PASS Team and the HOPE Team as well as volunteers and Board Members

Prison Fellowship

- * Pray for these folks in leadership in our area: Rick Atchley, Joe Avila, Janice Little & Sharon Patterson
- * Pray for the success of the new strategies and principles they are applying in the ministry this year
- * Praise God for those in our congregation who are mentoring children of prisoners through the Children of Promise partnership with One by One Leadership and pray for their times with the children to be rich in the kingdom

Victim Offender Reconciliation Program

- * Pray for churches to respond to the invitation to begin church based VORP teams, their plan to increase their capacity to meet the increase in referrals for services
- * Pray for Jim Haman who has agreed to be the coordinator for our church's VORP ministry efforts and for God to call some to this service in our community

World Impact (*Luke Raughley, Director*)

- * Pray for the urban missionaries and the church planting teams in these locations in Fresno: Lowell, Kingsview, Hidalgo and Dunn
- * Pray for all their missionaries to be fully supported, many need additional funding as do Tom & Danette Bliss
- * Pray for the Sunshine Thrift Shop as they transition to new leadership again as Bob & Marlene Engel move closer to children and grandchildren
- * Tom & Danette Bliss asked us to pray for a teen who recently accepted the Lord and is reading his Bible, for 3 people they've disciplined who are now finished with college and are planning to become teacher, and for more renewed energy for Home Fellowship and the Fellowship Celebration church as well as wisdom as they work with teens

Young Life (*Mark Statema, Area Director*)

- * Praise God they've added 20 new volunteers earlier this year
- * Pray for continued vision for staff and leadership of YL
- * Pray for needed contributions to meet their budget
- * Ask God to provide volunteer leaders at El Capitan Middle School and Roosevelt, Buchannon & Hoover High Schools

Youth for Christ (*Ed Kaczmarek, Executive Director*)

- * Pray for their ministry banquet scheduled for September 13 to raise prayer and financial support for the ministry
- * Pray for the clubs on campuses, their ministry to teen moms, and for their work at the juvenile correction facilities
- * Pray for God to bring them the volunteers they need to expand into schools they cannot now serve

Breaking the 10/40 Window

*Missionaries & Agencies focused
on this area of the World*

Steve & Debbie Bixler (*OC International, Indonesia*)

- * Pray for our walks with Jesus to grow ever precious and sweeter and deeper
- * Pray against spiritual warfare in Ungaran, city 40 min away. It's for a new cell of believers and their walk with God amongst the personal, financial, physical, and spiritual pressures from their friends who hate them for their decision to follow Isa, Jesus, and not the majority
- * Strength for pastor M and his wife who is ready to give birth, there are complications in the position of the baby in her womb. Also for finances for them as they house 2-5 kids whose families have all but abandoned them or else would sell them into prostitution
- * Pray for insight in creating & compiling short seminars to help poor people learn how to stand on their own and live lies with character integrity
- * For safety, physical and spiritual, for our north coast men & their families living amongst Muslim communities and their daily needs for school, food, and transportation costs to be met by God
- * For creative ways for believers to make a living and be a blessing to their neighbors who so desperately need Isa and his grace in their lives
- * For Muslims who are being healed in Isa name to put their faith and trust in His holy and precious name
- * For Sera's family, the 6 yr old girl who was in a coma for 2 years, as they redirect their lives after her death on July 15th
- * For Carissa's senior year and God's hand on her life and heart for Him

Bob & Jan Blincoe (*Frontiers Director*)

- * Praise God for our recent visit with Bob as he was here to launch the first session of the Perspectives course
- * Pray for Frontiers renewed and clarified commitment, along with others, to be faithful to the great commission: looking for 247 team leaders who will pioneer new work to that number of Unengaged Muslim People Groups with populations of more than 100,000. Unengaged? Muslims among whom the work of the gospel has yet to begin. Ask that some of those team leaders to be called and equipped from our congregation
- * Pray for their grown children: Heidi is in Mesa with her folks, Emily is newly married and she and her husband are seeking the Lord about where to serve with Frontiers, and Keith is in his 2nd year of college

Jim & Jan Geisler (*Arab World Ministries*)

- * Praise God for the fruitfulness of ministry right now in Algeria: "...it is like a dream come true for those of us who knew what it was like in the 'old days' before the 90's. There is still opposition, and much prayer is needed, but the Spirit of God is moving and it seems that no one can stop this movement"
- Pray for the ability to be strategic and supportive to what the spirit is doing in this region
- * Pray for their son and daughter-in-law who are expecting their first child in September and for their new role as grandparents
- * Pray for continued healing for Jan as she has had some difficulty with an autoimmune disease

Minus Hiruy, *Director of Hope Enterprises, Ethiopia*

- * Pray for staff at all of Hope's schools as they strive to rescue the poorest of the poor in the communities where they have schools: Addis Ababa, Dessie, Gambella, Assosa, Roggie & Hirara
- * Pray for all of the building and curriculum development for Hope College scheduled to happen this year
- * Pray for the feeding programs for children and adults and those who staff them

Don McCurry (*Ministry to Muslims*)

- * Pray for the teaching and preaching schedule Don maintains, for safety and physical stamina as he travels, for effectiveness in communicating, for fruitfulness in raising up and equipping those who desire to reach Muslims for Christ
- * Thank God for this example of a servant who continues to press on rather than retire

Saji & Bindu Oommen (*MBMS International, New Delhi Project, India*)

- * Praise for God's protection for Isaiah as he fell from a 10 foot roof during our time in Musoorie & for the time and encouragement they received from the Yarrow team
- * Pray for energy and focus as they connect more and more with people and spend time with them, we have been dealing with a number of issues that crop up that take lots of energy. This is discipleship and we are investing for the future of the church here in Delhi.
- * Praise for getting the lease for Red Moon Bakery & ask the Lord's provision for the work to get the bakery ready and for an operations manager
- * Pray discernment as they work and partner with people in reaching out to the poor in our community specifically street kids.
- * Pray for Ruby as she works at a call center and does ministry in our neighborhood.

Bounkham & Khamla Nounvilaythong

(Southeast Asian Friendship Ministry, Laos)

- * Pray for the government relations to keep the way clear for their mission work, for God to open the eyes of those in power to see how their work benefits the people
- * Praise God for clear test results after Khamla's breast cancer treatments

Phillip & Elizabeth Prasad (*Witnessing Ministries of Christ, India*)

- * Pray for good health for Phillip so that he can continue to provide leadership for this dynamic ministry
- * Pray for the untouchables as they emerge to the realization that they are valuable
- * Pray for children of untouchables as they attend school, education gives them knowledge and changes their lives and for all the sponsors that are needed to put them all in school
- * Pray for God to release the funds needed to build the new science college

Enoch & Laya Sirukul (*Campus Crusade, Thailand*)

- * Pray for this couple as Enoch is in leadership at the national level of Campus Crusade for Christ.
- * Pray for the many university outreaches the staff members and volunteers seeking to evangelize and disciple Thai university students and young adults
- * Pray for their son, Noel who is entering his teen years

Steve & Martie Tarter (*Send International, Japan*)

- * Pray that the summer has been physically, emotionally and spiritually refreshing for the CAJ staff where Martie works and for the beginning of a new school year to be filled with the work of the spirit in people's lives
- * Continue to pray for a new season of openness to the gospel message in this place where the soil seems very hard
- * Pray for Japanese Christians to lead their churches and to reach out with the gospel message to their family members, friends and co-workers

Judy Thoren (*InterServe, in a limited access area*)

- * Pray that God will guide the relationships and the work, that it will be encouraging to the people they seek to serve and glorifying to God
- * Pray they would find the right mothers of disabled children in the area who would be willing and able to lead support groups for other mothers
- * Pray for the survey process for the community development team, that it would identify needs and raise awareness about disabilities
- * Pray for the broken relationships with co-workers and the healing from the heart that needs to happen
- * Pray for her to complete the paper and other work needed for her Master's Degree Program

David & Sara Treece (*InterServe, in a limited access area*)

- * Pray for the government process which seems to have shut down their project and others working in the area which will mean they cannot obtain visas to stay
- * Pray for their up-coming home service time to be refreshing for them as a family and for God's direction as to their next steps
- * Pray for their two boys, Joshua and Micah

Dave & Marene Zimmerman (*Horn of Africa, Sudan*)

- * Praise God that we will be able to get a face to face report time with this couple in October
- * Pray for their teaching ministry to equip the national church planters and leaders who are eager to spread the gospel message, even in difficult places

Horn of Africa Mission

- * Pray for the family and of the national missionary who was killed in an auto accident in Kenya and pray for the community, ask God to raise up more workers for this harvest field
- * Praise God that no one was killed when a bomb was placed in one of the partner churches in Eastern Ethiopia, ask for healing for the 20 people who were injured
- * Pray for the early September meetings of the HOAM Coordinators
- * Praise God that \$ 10,000 was given in response to the cry for help from Hamad to help the city of Aroma after floods and ask God to reap a harvest there for his kingdom
- * Praise God that 9 prisoners accepted Christ in Eritrea through the ministry of the church planters who are in prison there
- * Praise God for 300 new believers baptized in the Awash River in Eastern Ethiopia in August
- * Praise also for the baptized 6 Somali believers on Kenya, Somali border & ask him to raise up 10 missionaries to send to those areas
- * Pray for the outreach effort of 110 people are on Mission among 6 different unreached people groups since August 10 until Sept 13 in Moyale and Northern Kenya organized into 10 groups of at least 10 people, for their protection and success

Playing our Part

Missionaries & Agencies around the World & the Valley

Roger & Shirley Brown (*Africa Inland Mission, Kenya*)

- * Praise God for the entire family being together again this summer, pray for Rachel's return to college in the US and for good stamina for Hannah in her academically heavy junior year & for guidance as she begins to look at colleges
- * Pray for God to be raising up qualified mental health professionals to minister to missionaries and for the right staff additions to the counseling center Roger directs
- * Pray for the building permit to come through in a timely manner to construct a larger kitchen & picnic shelter which will enhance their host seminar groups
- * Continue to pray for their security and safety issues

Allan & Audrey Dianich (*Campus Crusade, International Student outreach Sacramento*)

* Praise God for the six students from their fellowship who went to the CM07 conference of 20,000 students, many from closed countries where Christianity is illegal, pray for them to have a passion to reach the world for Christ

* Praise God for the Local Leader's Training Alan has been going through in Colorado and ask the Lord the equip him as he leads the I-Student outreach team in Sacramento focusing on students in Sacramento, Davis & Stockton

* Pray that they've been refreshed by their time away this summer and ready for intense outreach as the school year begins

Barry & Ronah Francolino (*Biblical Education by Extention, Romania*)

* Pray for their son Julian as he begins college in the US at Biola and for their entire family as they adjust to this new season of life

* Pray for their work with Romanian Christians to mobilize leaders to make disciples of all nations

* Pray for God to make clear to them how long they are to remain in Romania

Margie Gilchrist (*Alongside Ministry President*)

* Pray for God to guide as they seek to develop young leaders in cross-cultural ministry and for him to bring those young adults who are willing to commit

* Pray for the funding needs for their missionaries and also for the organization

Ron & Margie Grant (*Mission Aviation Fellowship, Ecuador*)

* Praise God for the provision of two new teachers for the missionary children's school where Margie serves as principal and pray for both family units as they prepare to leave home and adjust to a new culture and community, that they will find a welcome and open hearts

* Praise God for providing national pilots who are willing to serve as missionaries with MAF, that this continues to satisfy the government and for God to give MAF wisdom as they continue to seek to know what God would have them do in this season of ministry

* Pray for the Welch family, newly arrived to serve at the orphanage, Casa de Fe, as they settle in, transition to life in Shell, and embark of the new work God has given them

Hal & Sandra Henson (*Operation Mobilization, Chili*)

* Praise God for: The growth in the Global Action Program (GAP) w/ 10 participants, co-workers safe return from furlough, funding needs met for other co-workers to work full time, Spanish Language progress for them both

* Pray for God's wisdom for their team as they begin a leadership transition the 1st of September and for the Hensons as they train and mentor the GAP participants over the next 9 months

* Pray for the Level II training in September and October. And for teachers and students for the 2008 Intensive English program

Hal & Sandra Henson, continued

* Pray for the present English students and for our past students who are now serving with OM: Pabla, Eva, Claudio and Alba.

* Continue to pray for God to make it clear to Hal where He wants him to serve in the business community & local churches

* Pray that God would direct all our activities & that we will wait upon His timing and His resource

Michael & Annette Karim (*InterVarsity, International Students, Houston*)

* Pray for the fruit from New Student Outreach (NSO) which have begun already, assisting new students moving into the grad apartments, a refreshment event serving ice cream, Shopping Shuttle (a great time to leisurely walk around the grocery stores and Target)

* Pray with us for God's imagination on how to host one or more small groups in the Grad Apartments with remodeling of common rooms taking longer than anticipated

* Pray that the Lord will make our conversations fruitful for welcoming new grad/I-students into His kingdom.

* Pray for focused and fruitful writing for the papers Mike needs to complete for a class he took in the summer

Doni & Gail Lilo (*Alongside Ministries, in Erseke, Albania*)

* Pray for them as they seek where to they are to be this first year of marriage as their original plan to be at Evangelism school has not worked out

* Pray that they might live under God's protection and blessing, in order that we might bless others as well

* Pray for their adjustments to life as a couple in ministry roles that are in transition

Sara Lloyd (*CRM, studying in England*)

* Pray for her as she completes her training in healing prayer ministries

* Pray for God's guidance as she seeks to discover what is next and where does she fit with CRM, especially for guidance as she speaks with a team and team leader in New Orleans

Ian & Caralee Loring (*Open Air Campaigners, Albania*)

* Praise God for fruitful ministries this summer and ask for refreshment as well as fruit that remains, especially that they would be able to re-gather all the children who participate in the summer into regular discipleship or teaching experiences

* Pray for the new baby they are expecting, for a healthy pregnancy and delivery in November or December and for Ashlie and Isaac as they welcome a new brother or sister

* Pray for God to provide the right helper, nanny or grandmother, to be with them for 6 months to a year as they expand their family and continue in ministry

Paul & Suzanne Luciani (*Latin American Mission, Mexico*)

- * Praise God for continued healing for Paul's back, provision for the ministry & the opportunities to serve Him
- * Pray for fruit to come from trips and conferences this summer
- * Pray for the new Home school Year for Suzanne & the kids
- * Pray for mission classes that start at the end of August
- * Pray for needed additional support to cover rising health insurance costs

Phil & Shannon Ogilvie (*Alternative Mission, Costa Rica*)

- * Pray for the last few months of ministry in Costa Rica, for the ability to focus and the opportunity to see the fruits of their labors
- * Pray for their transition back to the US as they move to Dallas and Phil begins seminary studies there

Josh & Edena Ory (*Children to Love, Romania*)

- * Pray for this very new cross-cultural marriage as Edena is Romanian and Josh is American and they were married on 8/11/07
- * Pray for God to guide them into good patterns in their marriage
- * Pray for the energy, love, grace and patience for the staff as they continue to visit children in orphanages and reach out to them with the love of Christ
- * Pray for provision for additional financial support needed

Bob & Linda Osborne (*Torchbearers School in Erseke, Albania*)

- * Praise God that the process of tests prior to a knee surgery revealed lung cancer that was at an early stage and treatable
- * Praise God for the success to date of chemo treatments and ask for complete healing, for relief from side effects and God's peace in this season
- * Pray for the Fred & Margie Stock (Ruth Stoscher's parents) who are stepping into the house parent's role for the fall semester and for the students and staff as they begin a new school semester in October

Dave & Kathy Rising (*People's Mission*)

- * Praise God for fruitful ministry trips providing training for missionaries from Latin America
- * Pray for their granddaughter Kalli Bartel, born in May with a combination of anomalies, and her parents, Scott & Kaylie (Kaylie is the daughter of the Risings and Scott is the son of Rich & Colleen Latta)
- * Pray for discipline and focus for Dave to finish his writing projects

Mark & Ruth Stoscher (*Alongside Ministry, Albania*)

- * Pray for the end of the camp season, which goes until September 15 & then for refreshment after demanding summer schedule
- * Praise God that the fires that came near their wilderness property were put out before they did any damage there
- * Pray for wisdom and insight as they seek to find the right balance in leadership alongside the nationals in church leadership
- * Pray for Ruth as she home schools their three oldest children Abigail, Bekah, Jamie and for Stephen as he attends the local kindergarten

Bob & Paula Yost (*Teen Mission International*)

- * Praise God for the healing and restoration to work after Paula had a non-malignant brain tumor removed this spring and ask for continued health and stamina
- * Praise God for the Belize trip they lead this summer & ask the Spirit to continue to bring fruit from the seeds planted in the pre-teens on the trip
- * Pray for both of them as they move into the life stage of needing to care for aging parents

Karen Kilbourne-Young (*CRM, counseling support for missionaries*)

- * Pray for them as they continue to adjust to life in Portland
- * Pray for Karen's travel and ministry and for God to continue to use her to encourage and strengthen individuals, families and teams
- * Pray for the increased financial support needed as Don is now on disability and unable to work

Micah Young (*Alongside Ministries, Berlin*)

- * Pray for her balance of studies and ministry and life as she seeks to finish her MDiv in Germany
- * Pray for the conversations she has with fellow students and the ministry opportunity she has to witness in that context

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

- * Pray for FCA's ministry on college & high school campuses & for the new football coaches at Fresno State
- * Pray for the camps that were held this summer to bear fruit in the lives of Athletes

Hope Unlimited (*Ministry to street children in Brazil*)

- * Pray for the 2008 opening of Hope Institute, a training center for those working with traumatized Street Children
- * Pray for their many outreach and life transformational ministries

International Justice Ministry (*Justice Casework & Education Worldwide*)

- * Pray for protection for their caseworkers who look for things people in power and authority don't want to be seen.
- * Pray for those released from all kinds of bondage, oppression and slavery for the Lord's healing of their deep wounds