

MISSIONS & MINISTRY NEWS SEPTEMBER 2021

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ELMWOOD:

Mafú, Ednay, Zoey and Ian Abel, Paraguay:

All is well with us here in Paraguay. We have exciting news that we are expecting another baby in March/April 2022! We are working hard to get a worship center ready to hold Sunday worship services. The Kids' Club is still our biggest outreach avenue with some 38 neighborhood kids in attendance. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Dennis and Mary Ann Barnett, Barnett International Student Ministry:

Mary Ann is discipling a new believer who's a former piano student; pray for A. from China as we meet weekly that will she desire to grow deeper in Christ. Praise the Lord as our Sri Lankan family is being enfolded at River of Hope Church. Pray for Holly as she recovers from Lyme Disease. Pray for the new international students at the U who've attended welcome parties and signed up for host families. Pray that relationships will deepen, and opportunities to share Christ will happen. We're reconnecting with students doing hospitality, plus purchasing school supplies, winter coats and boots for our granddaughter. Pray for Dennis' 96-year-old mom who's not doing well in rehab and grieving the loss of her home (which was sold) and friends. She's living in northern California near her son and wife. Finding the right place for her is the challenge.

Duff and Sharon Gustafson, Ethnos360:

A dozen people from the "P" language group in Venezuela have arrived in Colombia where Bible teachers from the same language group will be teaching them the Scriptures and helping them prepare to reach their own people. Pray for good understanding. Continue to pray for missionary efforts in Venezuela as the political and economic situation in the country makes it very difficult to travel to the isolated areas. Duff and a co-worker have made good progress on the literacy project translation into Spanish but there is a long way to go. Pray for accuracy and clarity as they work together.

Carl and Cheryl Rich, Youth with a Mission:

We are grateful for the Child Evangelism Fellowship team that came to share the Gospel to our neighborhood kids. Sixteen kids enrolled for the 5-day club, nine from unchurched families. Pray that they will all participate in our weekly Good News Club and continue to learn about Jesus, and in His time come to trust Him as their Lord and Savior. Our son David started working in the graduate program at Mayo. He will shadow nurse practitioners in various capacities (at least 50 hours for each NP) starting in January. Pray for him to connect with the NPs who are willing to be a part of his nursing experience. We continue to make changes in the house we manage. We are preparing the lower level for a rental. Pray that we will get good renters that will fit in the neighborhood.

Troy and Cora Roberts, Chiang Rai International Christian School, Thailand:

We made it through five COVID tests, 14 days of quarantine, two 40+ hour airplane journeys, and one 24-hour drive across Thailand! We're so thankful for the chance to visit family, even if it was extra challenging. We're also thankful that we started school in person. We're exhausted as we readjust to the unique struggles of life overseas and getting a school going during a pandemic while several of our teachers are still trying to return. Troy is filling in for a few classes in addition to his own teaching and principal load. Cora is subbing in sixth grade two hours/day. We want to spend our lives on the things that matter and build His kingdom, so please pray for discernment and strength to do so.

Nikolao and Tabita Vuni, Christian Brotherhood Church, Sudan:

Praise the Lord for the ministry of the evangelism team. He still provides opportunities in CBC and other sister churches. Pray for leader James, so that they may continue in this great work. The roads are still a security challenge; several people, including two Catholic nuns, have been shot dead. Pray for real peace, and for the implementation of the Security Chapter in the Peace Agreement. Tabita and I are having health problems. In addition to her knee, she's having back problems. I have high blood pressure and problems in the back of my neck. We are taking medication. Praise the Lord that He is still with us, even in our health challenges.

