

MISSIONS & MINISTRY NEWS OCTOBER 2021

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ELMWOOD:

Mafú, Ednay, Zoey and Ian Abel, Paraguay:

Our mission is moving forward with the dream of planting a church. We had our inauguration service Sept. 12 and have been having regular services since then. Pray that God would bring more people to our group and that we would meet and minister to the exact people that God would have us invest in. Pray also for our new baby due to be born on April 5, 2022 (or so).

Dennis and Mary Ann Barnett, Barnett International Student Ministry:

Praise the Lord Babra has permission to work in the social work field while getting her master's. Pray a job will open as she's working nights with Lyft to pay rent and health insurance. Her twin boys are in school. Angela (Chinese student) is in dialogue with friend and apologist, Dr. Pete Lackey. Pray she will surrender to the Lord. Pray for R. from South Asia who's been suffering abdominal pain for eight months and that insurance will allow a second opinion. Tanja needs a copy of her work extension, granted in July, before December. Pray for our granddaughter Juniper, 11, who's being hassled by a girl in her class. Juniper's a shy sensitive hurting child who struggles with depression. Continue prayers for Dennis' 96-year-old mom who's very confused. We don't know if it's the pain medicine or the pain that's causing this. It's hard on Dennis's brother Doug. He's given up trying to help her; he needs the Lord!

Duff and Sharon Gustafson, Ethnos360:

Over the past three months I (Duff) have developed a very sore left shoulder and I have no idea what caused it; very painful at times. Pray I can find relief either by rest or by doctor. Pray for my work in translation as it requires good concentration and long stretches of time to make progress. Pray for my coworker, Israel, who lives in Colombia; for good health and stamina as he teaches the scriptures in a virtual format three times a week while he works with me in translation.

Carl and Cheryl Rich, Youth with a Mission:

Five of the children who participated in our kids' program are regularly coming to our Good News Club. We have 11 energy filled kids! We are studying Acts. Continue to pray that the children (ages 4-14) will grow in their love for Jesus and be witnesses in their respective families. Pray for our son who is experiencing nurse burn-out due to the shortages of nurses. He is rethinking how to juggle graduate studies and nursing. Pray as we have more changes to make in our house. We need to prepare the apartment before renting. Pray for energy and good renters.

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

The CRICS Youth Retreat went off smoothly! 100 students (7-12 grades) stayed overnight on campus, played crazy Bible camp style games, engaged in worship and discussion, and built relationships with each other and the Lord. May the Lord use it to build His kingdom through our students. The adoption we've been waiting on for five years is moving forward. In mid-July, we were told that we were matched with a child and asked if we would like to see his file. We agreed wholeheartedly. Then COVID raged through Bangkok and our social worker has had no contact with us since then. We believe she is working from home and may not have access to his file. We sure would like to see it and continue moving closer to meeting our third child. Pray that barriers would come down that are preventing this precious one from joining our family.

Nikolao and Tabita Vuni, Christian Brotherhood Church, Sudan:

PRAISE: For protection and good health for me, Tabita and all the children; for the addition of two grandchildren, Simon and Nikola; for the peace which is holding in the country; for the Evangelism Team that is faithfully carrying out evangelism in the neighborhood. PRAYER: for the insecurity along major roads and highways as people are still getting killed in road ambushes; for our children and grandchildren that they may all walk in the way we have shown them; for the speedy implementation of the Peace Agreement; for victims of the floods.

