

## MISSIONS & MINISTRY NEWS JANUARY 2022

### PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ELMWOOD:

#### **Mafú, Ednay, Zoey and Ian Abel, Paraguay:**

January will be busy and record-setting as we have four Bible camps and one week of VBS added to our regular church schedule. We will also have family and a few short-term missionaries with us for most of the month. At the end of the month, I will take a trip, leaving my pregnant wife home alone with the two kids for an entire week. Pray for us through all this.

#### **Dennis and Mary Ann Barnett, Barnett International Student Ministry:**

Two families joined us for Thanksgiving, giving me the opportunity to share my faith story with the two moms: D. from Sri Lanka, and H. from China. Both want to learn more. Pray that they will surrender their lives to Christ. Pray for those who heard the Gospel at our outreach party. May there be questions and further desire to study the Word. Pray for Babra (Kenya) as she begins her job as a graduate assistant to a law professor. Pray as we begin pre-marital counseling with a former Chinese student and her American fiancé. They are eager to hear of our 51-year success in marriage—Jesus Christ!

#### **Duff and Sharon Gustafson, Ethnos360:**

A Mexican friend asked me (Duff) to teach him the scriptures. The logistics of meeting on a regular basis are complicated so pray that we can figure something out. I will be accompanying two men from the church to Barranquilla, Colombia, on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> to survey ministry opportunities. Pray for wisdom as we prepare.

#### **Carl and Cheryl Rich, Youth with a Mission:**

We honored the police of the Third Precinct and hosted a Christmas luncheon with good conversations. Pray for the Good News Club, that the weather and sickness doesn't keep the kids away. The Teen Bible study is going well. We are talking about what it means to be Christian. House Church continues to meet twice a month on Mondays. This group fellowships around the dinner table and receives nourishment from the Word.



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

After 5½ years of waiting on the adoption process, we have finally received our child's file! His Thai name is Chanathip (we'll give him a family name later) and he is 5½ years old—exactly as old as we've been praying for him! We don't have a date for when we will bring him home, but we're hopeful it will only be a few months. Chanathip has been in a caring, Christian foster home with no more than 10 other children since he was two months old. He's been held; he's been safe; he's been shown and taught about the love of Christ *all this time*. Pray that the adoption process will go quickly and smoothly, and we will be ready with open hearts to welcome our newest son home. Pray that school will re-open after Christmas break. We had to close for December due to COVID spreading in our community.

#### **Nikolao and Tabita Vuni, Christian Brotherhood Church, Sudan:**

There have been baptisms for new believers in the Lologo and Maouna parish churches. A big problem in the area churches is the issue of land. Half of the church land of Lologo Parish had been taken by the government during demarcation. In the Gudele Parish, a military officer grabbed a church plot and by force built a house. For years he has rented the house to gain profit from church profit. Last month the church took him to court, and he was given an eviction order. When he refused the court gave the order to demolish the house. He is now threatening to shoot church people for destroying his house. Gure Iyi and Mouna churches are also built on disputed lands. Implementation of the Peace Agreement is at a standstill. The UN refugee program will end for South Sudanese refugees by February. They must be repatriated from all the neighboring countries back to their country. Pray for a breakthrough in the implementation of the Peace Agreement.

