

Shenandoah Baptist Church
One Million Minutes of Prayer
January 2019

Dear Praying Friends,

Happy New Year!

With another turn of the calendar we have another opportunity to reach our world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel changes everything!

I recently came across a missionary prayer guide which includes 16 ways to pray for missionaries. I'd like to include four each month for the next four months to focus our praying for our staff in general, as well as the specific requests listed each month.

This month's ways to pray for missionaries:

CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S WORD

ACTS 13:4-5

FILLED WITH GOD'S SPIRIT

ACTS 13:6-9

VICTORY IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

ACTS 13:10-12

SUCCESS IN GOSPEL WITNESS

ACTS 13:12

Also, be on the lookout for the 2019 edition of the Missions Family Prayer Guide available later this month.

Praying with you,
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January Birthdays

6 - Jojo Weber
7 - Sam John
11 - Simon John
23 - Sinh
28 - Rebecca Keefe

January Anniversaries

20 - Miguel & Dalia Castro

Pray for **Andrew**
SERVANT IN SOUTH ASIA

Pray

- About the living situation. His landlord is asking him to move within the month. Andrew is concerned about moving again as it will look like he is on the run. Pray the notice from his landlord will not be officially given until late January. The pressures on the landlord may be coming from those who are pursuing him. Pray against these efforts.
- Everything will be settled. Every document has been presented that Andrew knows to present. He has answered all questions. May the powers in government make a decision. Pray the documents will be returned.
- For wisdom about leaving the country. The family does not want to leave as it feels the door would be closed for their return if they leave in the middle of this investigation.
- For his wife, who is suffering with bad migraines due to sinus condition and stress. For their children, E, E, and A, as they complete their school year and take exams.

Pray for **Appalachian Bible College**
PREPARING SERVANTS IN WEST VIRGINIA

Praise the Lord

- For the gift of our Savior.
- For special provisions in this season of giving.
- For the completion of a fantastic semester focused on being sufficient servants.

Pray

- For our continuing contacts with new students for the second semester. We want to prepare more servants!
- For God's special provision for an unexpected breakdown of the boiler for heating our McCarrell Hall.

Pray for **Alan & Rosemary ARMSTRONG**

SERVANTS IN IRELAND

Praise the Lord for the opportunity to visit our son, David, his wife, Rachel, and our granddaughter, Lola!

Pray

- We may be strategic in our activities. So many people are spiritually lost and there is little witness.
- For the Lord's supply of our needs. As you know we trust Him to supply our needs through His people.
- For the planning of a short-term outreach in May with a team from the USA.
- For safe travel on the roads here and for continued good health.
- For the literature we use and for the co-workers we need.
- For salvation, discipleship and growth for the church in Donegal.

Pray for **Bogdan & Agnieszka BASSARA**

SERVANTS IN EUROPE

Praise the Lord for 2018 and how He has blessed in many ways. We thank Him for the partnership with SBC and for our local church. We thank Him for another year of ministry with Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Pray

- For salvation of many boys and girls who heard the Gospel for the first time during the Christmas season.
- For Bogdan's trip to Romania to discuss and plan the ministry of CEF in Europe.
- For the work on the *Every Day with God* app. This app will help children read the Bible and have daily devotions on their phones.

Pray for **Czesław & Helena BASSARA**

SERVANTS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE TEACHING MINISTRY

Praise the Lord for His provision for our ministry in the past year, for our health and many opportunities to teach the Word of God in Poland more than in the past years.

Pray

- For two Bible conferences, in Bytom and Jastrzębie Zdrój and one Missions Conference in Piasek, Poland.
- For my lectures in the Bible school in Kraków and in the workshop on counseling and homiletics in Piasek, Poland.
- For the smooth distribution of the textbooks of the Bible Training at Home that are being sent to almost 200 countries by Konrad and Dorota.

Pray for **Carlos CALDERON**

SERVANT WITH PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL

Praise the Lord! January will be a relatively easy month. I should be at the office and teaching four Perspectives classes in Oregon and on the West Coast. I will be preparing for February's gathering of all ministries in the Bangladesh and Nepal areas to discuss cooperation to reach the majority population.

Pray for the family as there are four kids in college (out of the five still at home). They are starting their last semester of this school year. Two are graduating in the summer.

Pray for **Miguel & Dalia CASTRO**

SERVANTS IN PORTUGAL

Pray

- For a solution at the Preparatory School in Guimarães city where two Bible students are enrolled. The Bible classes should start at the same time as the Preparatory School in Pevidém but the leadership of the school is creating some obstacles.
- For the preparations for three camps: 17th English Bible Camp, 5th Awesome Summer Camp and 2nd Adventure Music Camp. Pray for leaders.
- For the Bible study we lead called *Parents For Ever* (PFE). We are still ministering to a Brazilian family thru this study.
- For wisdom as we counsel people from the website.

Pray for **Sam & Sadie DOHERTY**

SERVANTS WITH CEF, WORLD-WIDE BOOK MINISTRY

Praise the Lord

- 2,500 sets of our series of 20 visualized lessons on the doctrine of salvation, *Salvation the Gift of God*, have been printed in Pakistan, in the Urdu language, and are being distributed to churches all over that country. Pray many children in that difficult land will, through these lessons, learn great truths about our Savior and His salvation and put their trust in Him.
- Our internet facility has been busy with many hundreds of people downloading our digital books in English. Others request real books and these are being shipped to them from the CEF Headquarters in the USA. Pray God will use all these materials to help teachers evangelize children effectively and attractively.
- Our health continues to improve.

Pray for Sam as he continues to work on the 365-page book of doctrinal devotionals for young people.

Pray for **John GEE**
SERVANT IN CHINA

Pray

- China's overall situation continues to become tightened for churches (and other non-main-stream sectors). Nationwide churches, particularly unregistered churches, are being required to shut down. In one province, the local authority does not allow a second church within a five kilometer radius of an existing church. Pray for these churches, particularly those who are forced to leave their current location during the Christmas season. Meanwhile, we are thankful that most of our ministry partners are not affected so far. Their ministries are going well and growing.
- I had a busy September-November schedule. Praise the Lord for His mercy! Pray for fruitfulness of training events, of strategic planning workshops and leader's dialogues. Now I am enjoying a fairly easy Christmas break. I need to do some dental checkup and wrap-up 2018 issues with my team. Pray for the discussions.
- Paul, my son, is preparing for his English test and SAT exam and is ready to apply for college. Pray for his spiritual growth as a teenager in his journey, as well as for his academic study.
- For my colleague, Al and his family. They just returned from the northwest highland for a break. Their health is a big concern. Al's wife's physical health is in bad shape. They are praying for their next step with the original purpose of reaching the Kamba Tibetans.

Pray for **Bobby & Linnet GUPTA**
SERVANTS AT HINDUSTAN BIBLE INSTITUTE IN INDIA

Pray

- For all the groups in our church that have invited people to gather for an evangelistic event. It's our hope many will come and be reached.
- In January we have several training sessions for the next generation. Pray they will come to know Christ, if they don't know Him, and those who do know Him will catch a vision for ministry.

Pray for the **Ministries of the
International Christian Centers for the Deaf (ICCD)**
SERVANTS IN CUBA, MEXICO AND THE BAHAMAS

Praise the Lord

- For better communication with our Cuba leaders as the internet just arrived in El Cristo, Cuba, where our ministry office and training center is located.
- For the new partnership in Uganda. In January ten deaf children will come to a safe place to live and begin their journey of learning language and learning about Jesus.
- For God's protection for Tom and Debbie's trip to Mexico and the willingness of Guillermo Villanueva to give wisdom and guidance to our team.

Pray

- For Mexico: Pray the parents of the deaf children in hearing schools would make wise decisions regarding their children's education. Deaf students in hearing schools without an interpreter limits their education in a huge way.
- For Cuba: Pray for the details of the leadership classes and that God will choose the deaf leaders to attend.
- For the Bahamas: Pray for the details regarding the summer camps and for the folks God would have be part of these teams.
- For Uganda: Pray for peace, comfort, and quick adjustment for the new deaf students attending school for the first time in January.

Pray for **Sam & Susan JOHN**
SERVANTS IN INDIA

Praise the Lord

- For His care, protection and providence throughout the whole year 2018 as we tried our best to share the greatest story ever in the land of India.
- For the state elections in Rajasthan, where the fundamental Hindu party was voted out and the Indian National Congress party has been voted into power for the next five years.
- For the successful surgery Sam had when he returned to India. Pray for a speedy recovery.
- For the wonderful opportunity Susan had to share the Gospel clearly and plainly through the local TV news channel for Christmas.
- For the wonderful wedding of Sabal Singh to Salome, the first inmate of precious children home in Jaipur!

Pray

- For my dad, KC, his health is failing.
- For the number of Gospel meetings planned for the youth and the children and various other places.
- For Purnima. Her husband kicked her out of her home because of her faith in Christ!
- For a co-worker, Pastor Chinni, his seven-year-old daughter is suffering from blood cancer and the doctors have pretty much given up all hope.

Pray for Jozef & Lúbia KOVAC

SERVANTS IN SLOVAKIA

Praise the Lord for His blessings during our Christmas program in the state schools in Bratislava and Slovakia.

Pray

- For the ministry to children, youth and adults this January.
- For Mission Sunday in our local church. We are responsible for the Bible message and the whole program.
- For the education activities for our church and youth as we give a clear invitation during our Gospel presentation.

Pray for Monique LADOSZ

SERVANT IN RWANDA & UGANDA

Pray for Monique's health issues. She has been in and out of the hospitals in Africa and the States since her heart attack last January. Because the pacemaker did not function well she required oxygen all the time. She has returned to the State to have the pacemaker replaced. Pray for the staff in Uganda and Rwanda as they assume my responsibilities.

Pray for Jay & Michele LESTER

SERVANTS TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT VIRGINIA TECH

Praise the Lord for His gracious work in the lives of international students and scholars. On December 8 we were delighted to witness the testimonies and baptisms of three Chinese men involved in the International Christian Fellowship.

Pray

- For a new ministry called International Women's Connection (IWC) beginning late January on Thursday mornings. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for Michele and the IWC leadership team as they plan for the spring semester. Pray God will bless each woman who attends the IWC meetings.
- For ICF as we begin our spring Bible study series in 1 Corinthians. Pray inquirers & seekers would continue to come and believers would be challenged, encouraged and equipped.
- For God's guidance and blessing as we meet individually with students & scholars.
- For wisdom and grace in our continued care of Jay's elderly parents.
- For provision in 2019 as Jay faces new uncertainties related to his part-time job.

Pray for **Meredith LONG**
SERVANT IN TOGO

Pray

- As I learn French that I would be able to understand what I am learning and communicate effectively.
- For me as I adjust to being away from home and learn to live in a new culture.
- God would continue to bring me closer to Himself every day and even in the midst of learning a new language.

Pray for **Gerald & Frances MITCHUM**
SERVANTS IN MONGOLIA

Praise the Lord! One of our veterinary intern students and Nara, accepted Christ and has been disciplined this year.

Pray

- These two girls will grow in their faith and will share the Good News of Jesus as they return to their countryside community.
- For our Gift-of-Love Program. It has reached 440 poor families, widows and others in 69 countryside counties.
- For those who have accepted Christ, for those interested and those who are strong Buddhists.
- For our leadership team and for wisdom as there are several issues to consider and decisions to be made.

Pray for **Tony & Iris**
SERVANTS IN THE PERSIAN SPEAKING WORLD

Praise the Lord

- For His sovereignty. Even though we do not understand why He allows persecution, we know we can trust in Him. May He bring good out of the bad when Christians were arrested and all their Christian material confiscated when their house churches were raided in November and December.
- For the opportunity to meet with and encourage national evangelists in January. May they be better equipped for their task and God be glorified.
- Iris will no longer be taking chemo as it is not working. Praise God for the extra time she could be on earth. Thank God for pain medication which can be increased as the pain increases.
- Star is able to go on to the next level of English studies in January. Pray she would keep a balance between studies, helping the elderly lady she will be living with, having worship and fellowship with Christians in the local church which is helping her a lot. May she look to God to help her deal with PTSD.

Pray for **Guillermo VILLANUEVA**
SERVANT IN MEXICO

Pray

- For wisdom, love and humility as a newly appointed Mexico national coordinator reaches the deaf for Christ, in addition to my evangelistic ministry.
- For wisdom and vision, for a meeting where we will plan a united (10 churches) tent crusade which will be held in April.
- For wisdom and heavenly light as we discuss new strategies to reach more deaf students in the school. Drug cartels have damaged this ministry.
- For many souls for Christ, especially children, as I share the Gospel in a short crusade in La Herrería, Mexico.

Pray for **Ed & Darlene WEBER**
SERVANTS IN THAILAND

Praise the Lord

- For five who have come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ last year. Pray for their growth.
- For the ministry team in Kabinburi who are working hard to keep the ministry running in our absence. Pray for extra strength and grace.

Pray

- For the salvation of those who have heard the Gospel shared several times.
- For safety in our travels and for more opportunities to share God's work.