



PRAYER GUIDE

DECEMBER 2022

*And they shall call His name
Immanuel...God with us.*

Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus,

As Bishop Randy has expressed in his greeting this month, we indeed celebrate Immanuel – God with us, and the Father’s love for us in sending His son into the world to seek and save the lost and to reach those both far and near with His great love.

God so loved the world!

This year our primary focus for our Prayer Guides has been emphasizing the GMC’s mission of nurturing a global vision in the EC Church and supporting the work of the Kingdom around the globe. We’ve highlighted the ministries of our international EC churches throughout the year. I was blessed to have been able to personally visit Mexico at the end of 2021, both India and Nepal this year, and look forward to being with our EC brothers and sisters in Liberia this coming spring and in Japan later in 2023.

If you attended National Conference, or have had Bishop Randy at your church, you have heard our new Bishop’s vision of seeing the EC Church become a movement of God. The Evangelical Congregational Church derives from a move of God in the heart of a simple and broken German tiler as he sought comfort and hope in a time of need. As a result of the Spirit of God moving in his heart, God has expanded a small German-speaking group of churches to a movement that now spans the globe and speaks many languages. When we think about becoming a “movement of God” today we are simply seeking to recapture what enlivened the EC Church USA through Jacob Albright, and what remains the driving force of many of our EC churches globally. Every year more churches are being planted in Nepal, India, and Liberia, and missionaries are being sent to Ghana, to Myanmar, to Bhutan, Bangladesh, and all over the vast country of India.

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FROM THE DESK...

Hello GMC Community,
This month we celebrate Jesus’ incarnation as the expression of our God’s willingness to reach those both far and near with his love.

Thank you for joining in God’s mission by going, giving, and sending!

As we join together in prayer for others this month, may the Holy Spirit renew our passion for God and His missionary zeal to reach the lost.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Randy.

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To know how your church can partner directly with an EC missionary or an International Church, call the GMC office at 717-866-7581, x1109 or email ecglobal@eccenter.com.

It's our hope that we, too, capture the same missionary spirit that courses through the veins of our international churches who continue to baptize new believers, build churches, ordain pastors, expand the Kingdom through their sacrificial obedience to sharing the story of redemption in their cities, towns, villages, and beyond.

The work of the GMC seeks to inspire the EC Church USA with stories and information about the work that is being done in our international churches. The GMC remains committed to our partnerships with our international brothers and sisters and we hope that more of our local churches will see their involvement and participation in the global movement of God as one of the key factors in helping the EC Church USA's return to a movement of God.

Will you join the GMC this December with your prayers for all our international churches and EC missionaries, as well as your financial blessings for our Christmas Missions Offering, Sunday, December 18, 2022? The funds from that offering will go directly to building churches in Nepal. What a partnership that will be! I look forward to returning to Nepal and providing you with pictures and testimonies of how your generosity in giving has helped build many new churches where God continues His work of reaching those who desperately need a Savior!



Click [HERE](#) to see a video of a recent church inauguration in Nepal in October!



Ted Rathman



December 1-8 This week praise God for...

- His great love for the world that He'd send His Son to seek and save the lost
- Jesus!
- the safe travel all year for the many trips to visit our international churches and missionaries traveling to and from the field
- those who have come to faith in Jesus Christ through our international churches and missionary fields around the world
- the many churches being raised up around the world, many in difficult and challenging areas and environments

December 17-24 This week pray for the Global Ministries director, staff & board...

- to be filled with joy and hope as they plan for 2023
- to continue to foster the vision of the Global Ministries Community to the EC Church USA
- to believe God to provide for the bold, God-sized vision and mission initiatives for the GMC for 2023
- to develop and cultivate valued relationships with mission's leaders and teams in our local EC churches
- to care for our missionaries well
- to help encourage and train up our international church pastors and leaders

December 9-16 This week pray for the local church USA to...

- catch the vision of nurturing a global vision and to be on mission with Christ to reach His world
- pray for the next generation of missionaries to hear the call of God to step into the ministry He has planned for them
- begin to seek opportunities to reach their local communities and neighbors
- adopt an international EC church to support
- consider increasing support for a missionary or begin supporting an additional one

December 25-31 Pray for missionaries...

- Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe, Randy & Chrisanne Amberman, Ron & Brenda Anderson, Chris & Deb Bowers
- Jamie & Anita Farr, Beth Grimm, Dave & Emily Hershey, Dan & Melinda Moury
- Dan Quigley, Dave & Conce Roof, Robert & Bettina Schaeffer, Ed & Valerie Schubert
- Ken Sears, Gloria Smethers, Jim & Janet Stahl
- Gene & Bethanie Stevenson, Lamar & Janice Stoltzfus, Joe & Wendy Toy, Brian & Missy Wagner
- Cassie Wells, BJ & Rachel Whitaker, Dan & Mary Lynne Wills, Jonathan & Kathy Wilson

Click [HERE](#) to donate now to an EC Missionary.

Happy Birthday

6 - Sue Haglund* 13 - Dan Moury 28 - Janet Stahl 31 - Gloria Smethers

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