

PRAYER GUIDE

MARCH 2023



*Facilitating Mission Workers
Empowering National Churches
Engaging the Local Church*

2023 is the year of RELATIONSHIPS!

In the GMC office in Myerstown, it is the first and foremost priority on the whiteboard for this year. We desire to strengthen relationships with our EC missionaries, grow our relationships with our international fields pastors and leaders, explore the plethora of relationships available to us by way of all the pastors and missions leaders in our EC churches, and birth new relationships by believing the Lord to **raise up the next generation of missions workers!**

Bishop Randy's focus for the EC Church is to once again step into the stream of being a movement of God - and the Global Ministries Community is committed to embracing that vision by engaging the local church, resourcing the local church, and assisting the local church in raising up the next missionary to...well, anywhere in the world!

Jeffrey Max Edwards, President of One Mission Society (of whom David and Conce Roof - EC missionaries in Brazil - serve under) wrote this past fall*:

"[OMS] believes God is raising up new generations to help carry forward the commission Jesus gave His followers. Millennials and Generation Zers are defined by several characteristics God will use in mission work. They want to find meaning and contribute to society. They are also digital natives, desire diversity, and have an entrepreneurial mindset. These traits align significantly with service opportunities around the world...these younger generations can make a difference in the lives of their peers. In our instant media world, our own brokenness, pain, and spiritual darkness are more evident than ever before.

We believe NOW is the time for God to raise up missionary leaders from these generations who will significantly impact broken and dark places."

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FROM THE FIELD...

Hello from sunny Florida and the Africa Inland Mission Retirement Center in Minneola!

Along with all the EC missionaries, the GMC office in Myerstown, and our international EC brothers and sisters, we say, "Thank you!" Your faithful and generous prayers and financial support continue to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. We can not do what the Lord has asked of us with YOU!

I personally praise the Lord for you, too. I value your prayers and financial support. They are worth much to me. Thanks and God bless you for being so faithful to the Lord, to the work of the GMC, and to me!

Thank you so very much!

Gloria Smethers

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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.

Both I, and Dee Jaramillo, the GMC Deputy Director, are available to come to your church, district meeting, or missions meetings and events to speak about the GMC and world missions - about how we can all be a part of being on mission with Christ to reach His world and being the movement of God that significantly impacts our world, changes culture, and helps to populate heaven!

Is there a young adult or couple from your church interested in exploring answering the call to become a missionary? Begin praying for opportunities for the Lord to speak to them clearly; to get connected with serving on a trip; and for them to begin dreaming God-sized dreams of how they can fulfill God's great commission.

Are you a pastor desiring to offer your gifts and graces to help equip our EC brothers and sisters in Mexico, Japan, India, Liberia or Nepal? Reach out to the GMC office and let's begin conversation to make that happen.

Above all, would you pray with us for the Lord to continue to be glorified as we endeavor to fulfill His command to "go?" Thank you for faithfulness to the Lord and to the Global Ministries Community.

*[OMS Outreach](#), Sep-Dec 2022, pg. 3

Ted Rathman



March 1-7 This week praise God for...

- all that He is doing in and through the GMC
- all that He has done and is doing in the life of the EC Church around the world
- the men and women who serve as EC missionaries
- the international pastors and leaders of the EC Church
- the EC churches who so faithfully provide finances and prayer coverage for the GMC, our missionaries, and the international pastors and leaders
- the countless individuals who sacrificially give each and every month to the work of the Kingdom around the world

March 8-15 This week pray for...

- our international churches throughout India, Nepal, Liberia, Japan and Mexico
- continued provision to meet the needs of these churches
- the global EC Church to be focused on Jesus Christ and for all those who have come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ to remain committed and faithful followers
- the ministries of the global EC Church to be effective and meaningful in this struggling period of time
- the Lord's blessing on each of our international church leaders and their families; **Rev. Paozathang Singson; Rev. Dr. Lalrosiem Songate; Rev. Th. Janga; Rev. G. Abraham Powell; Rev. Nobuo Abe; and Rev. Juan Zuniga**
- a tremendous and abundant year in the Lord for our global EC churches
- the Lord to shine brightly in the darkest corners of the nations of India, Nepal, Liberia, Japan and Mexico

March 16-23 This week pray for...

- the Lord's calling and equipping of the next generation of missionaries
- the emphasis for 2023 of the vision of the GMC to engage the local church, build relationships, and be on mission with Christ to reach His world
- the vision of global missions to ignite in the hearts of those the Lord is calling to serve as missionaries
- continued opportunities for ministry to those who have yet to be reached with the Good News of Jesus Christ

March 24-31 Pray for missionaries...

- **Tomoyuki & Jessica Abe, Randy & Chrisanne Amberman, Ron & Brenda Anderson, Chris & Deb Bowers**
- **Jamie & Anita Farr, Beth Grimm, 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.



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