

# PRAYER GUIDE

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FROM THE DESK...

Hello GMC family,

This is, by far, my favorite month of the year. I love the Thanksgiving holiday in and of itself, but what I love even more is the focused thoughts and actions of gratitude that are pervasive throughout the entire month. We have so much to be thankful for, that's for sure.

We are well aware here at the GMC that we could not do what the Lord has called us to do without your sacrificial and generous giving.

Thank you for joining your hearts and prayers with us; together we are on mission with Christ to reach His world.

Happy Thanksgiving.

*Dee Jaramillo*

*You came alongside...*

*I'm glad in God, far happier than you would ever guess—happy that you're again showing such strong concern for me. Not that you ever quit praying and thinking about me. You just had no chance to show it. Actually, I don't have a sense of needing anything personally. I've learned by now to be quite content whatever my circumstances. I'm just as happy with little as with much, with much as with little. I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am. I don't mean that your help didn't mean a lot to me—it did.*

**It was a beautiful thing that you came alongside me in my troubles [burdens].**

*Philippians 4:10-20 (MSG)*

I have shared a message in multiple churches now regarding how, we believe, Scripture tells us to “share in the burden” of advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The EC Church USA has had a long history in sharing in this burden as we continue our partnership with many churches across the world. It is in our DNA to be engaged in God’s global movement. Your generosity in support – being prayer and financial – is “sharing in the burden” of our brothers and sisters who seek to faithfully, boldly, and sacrificially take the Gospel to their communities.

It is our privilege as the GMC to represent our missionaries and international churches before you and provide avenues for our local churches to live in obedience to Christ’s command to bear witness to Him to the ends of the earth. Thank you for “sharing” in this burden *alongside* us; *alongside* the missionaries you support, and *alongside* your international brothers and sisters. On a wide scale, we do this as a denomination, and as we do it together it creates more momentum and synergy than if we were acting as individuals or sole churches. As we unify around the mission God has given us, our prayer is that we will see an even greater dynamic movement begin and more people come to faith in Christ.

*Ted Rathman*



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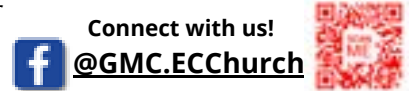
You came alongside...

From Dave & Conce Roof: "this summer, we certainly feel that we have lived in benefit of the challenge given in Romans 10:15: "how shall they preach unless they are sent?" Yes, beautiful feet, wearing Teen Missions' characteristic leather work boots, were sent and ministered the Gospel with us through word and deed in Juquiri this past July. What a joy to see the amazing way God used these young people to bring glad tidings and the goodness of God to the church and community...so much so, that the praise song, 'The Goodness of God,' quickly became the team's theme song during our time together. How awe-inspiring to hear it passionately sung in both English and Portuguese worshipping God who brought us together! Just a little taste of heaven as we sojourn together on this Earth! It boggles the mind to ponder how many hundreds...and possibly thousands of people...God rallied together to send these teens to us for this divinely appointed moment. For many months we've requested prayer from you and our churches here in Brazil asking for God's purposes to be accomplished in this endeavor. Add to that each team member having their families, churches, and friends supporting and praying for them as well...and you see how even feet in work boots become a beautiful thing in the Kingdom of God!"



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](mailto:ecglobal@eccenter.com).

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### November 1-8 This week praise God for His many blessings this year...

- in having the privilege to pray for and encourage international church leaders and missionaries
- for the generous and sacrificial giving to send emergency aid to those devastated by war, violence, destruction and loss, and for the way He continues to bless connections and relationships all around the world
- for the safe travel all year for the many trips to visit our international churches and missionaries traveling to and from the field
- for the commissioning of two new missionaries

### November 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

### November 17-24 This week pray for the Global Ministries directors, executive team and board...

- to be filled with joy and hope as they plan for 2024
- 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 2024
- to develop and cultivate valued relationships with missions' 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
- to develop and strengthen relationships with missions sending agencies, local missions ministries, and their leaders
- to have great influence and impact in fostering the EC vision to be a dynamic movement of God

### November 24-30 Pray for missionaries...

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

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Happy Birthday

2 - Barbara Erb\* 3 - Joe Toy 8 - Jane Heck\* 9 - Jessica Rathman 14 - Art Davis\* 15(2006) - Aria Stevenson 19 - Brenda Anderson 24 - Ken Sears 24 - Robert Schaeffer 28(2006) - Leah Moury 29 - Eunice Wanjema\*

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