

March 2024 Mission Partner Updates



All Nations – Josh and Meredith Johnson

PRAISE & UPDATES:

- Praise for the good visit with family and Lighthouse in Puyallup.
- They're ready to go Teach & Travel! Both will be traveling around the US this Spring teaching Perspectives classes, to empower and equip Christ's Body to get more involved in missions. They will be in Little Rock, Washington DC, Columbia, MO, and Billings & Bozeman MT.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- That Meredith and Luke could have a healthy grieving process as they have many "first" without her mother.
- For fruitful connections during travels this spring, along with for good flights, good health.



All Nations – Mouyassar

PRAISE:

Malta: This was the main Christian networking conference for North Africa and the Middle East. It was Mouyassar's first time to attend. He had a good time networking. The conference opened his eyes to what God is doing in a huge way. He was able to meet people who have audio resources for those who can't read or write and now has access to these resources in Kurdish.

He related one story of a Palestinian woman from Gaza, who's son died in the war. She was at the hospital, and she cried and cried, and then she saw Jesus in a dream. He said to her, "I am Jesus, and I am your healer!" She had this dream 2-3 times. The hospital she was in was a Jewish one. She asked them if they had a doctor there named Jesus. They said, "No- Jesus is a Christian name not Jewish. Jesus is for Christians, not for us." She then ended up back at the border in Gaza and met some Egyptian believers distributing aid, and they said they did it in Jesus' name. She asked them where this Doctor Jesus was, because he was going to heal her. They told her who Jesus was, and she came to faith.

Just this week Mouyassar went to a village near Hamburg to visit a couple who had come to faith in Jesus. They were Druze background from Syria, just like him. They will come to the Kurdish meeting, and Mouyassar hopes to start a meeting with them and his sister and niece online. Very encouraging.

PARTNER AND MINISTRY UPDATES:

Yazidi: The weekly online meeting continues but it seems to be going a bit slow and losing some spiritual momentum. He still plans to visit this group, but it has been postponed from April until September because of visa issues.

At the Malta meeting he met a brother named Adam who is from Libya. He asked Mouyassar to be available to help disciple Libyans online who are asking for more information about Jesus.

His sister, who is a believer back in Syria, is in close contact with his ex-wife, who is very positive about Jesus and is regularly reading the Bible.

Kurdish Group: One issue has risen. The man he chose to lead the group and who he has been pouring a lot of his time has stopped coming to the group. His name is Jon. He felt the pressure to be sending money back home and so he found a job working at a shisha shop. Although good to be helping his family, its concerning that he has stopped coming to the fellowship. There needs to be a way to do both and to stay on track with his spiritual growth. Also, it would be good to find a better job than a shisha shop.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for the spiritual growth in the Kurdish group.

2. Pray that Jon will come back to the group and stay focused on Jesus.
3. Pray that the two brothers who got baptized will grow in their faith.
4. Pray for his ex-wife as she continues to read the Bible, and his daughter to come to faith.
5. Pray for his studies as he continues to take classes through Bethlehem Bible College.
6. Pray that the Druze couple he just met will continue to grow in their faith.
7. Pray for creativity and a new spiritual spark in his weekly meeting with the Yazidi family in Iraq.



All Nations – Amrit Ashish

No New Update



C&MA – Mike and Wendy Wood

*How are **they** doing?*

After being together only 2 weeks over the course of two months while they each took solo trips back to the states for their respective parents' passings, they celebrate being back together in Chiang Mai. As they "*process grief*"...they "*celebrate that our parents were dedicated believers in Jesus—so we believe they are in heaven with Him right now! Hallelujah!*"

Praises

Testimonies of what is God doing / Answered Prayers and Thanksgivings:

...for Mike's safe return to Chiang Mai from the States after attending his mother's memorial service

...that staffing for next year (24-25) is looking good for Elementary!

...for this March Break and for Mike's interactions with seniors on their class trip
...for our 30th wedding anniversary trip to Italy in June—following the Marketplace Ministries Field Forum in Spain. *We are so excited!*

Prayer Requests

How can we be in prayer?

...this summer's Siam Mission Field Forum that we are organizing (July 15-19)

...more staffing needs in the high school: Teachers for Computer Science and Technology, English, Math, Physical Science and Social Studies

...Wendy working with and mentoring a few of the young teachers

...that the air pollution in the city will not be bad this year

...more opportunities to speak into student's lives about the love Jesus has for them

...That the hearts of the students will be moved with a deeper love for the nations, especially the Hill tribe people of Northern Thailand as they celebrate the 23 different countries represented at GIS and they study this ethnic group right in their vicinity

...God will be honored through the lives of students as they perform in the school play Apr 5-7



C&MA – Todd and Danielle Jorgenson

*How are **they** doing?*

- They continue to seek God's daily provisions to be fully engaged and invested in their ministry to their own family and community each day here on their home assignment as their minds and spirits are preparing for their return to Cambodia.

Praises

Testimonies of what is God doing:

- The Spirit is working in their interactions with family, friends and supporting churches to continue to build their on-going support network—both for prayer and financial undergirding.

Answered Prayers and thanksgivings:

- Praise the Lord He worked out a potential denial by the insurance company to cover some medical needs for the children!

Prayer Requests

How can we be in prayer?

- For the children to finish strong in the relationships in which the Lord has placed them during their short time here in the States. Especially that they will see God at work in their own lives in this season away from their home and friends in Cambodia.
- For Todd and Danielle to have wisdom and endurance to also finish well as they address their own emotions and many logistics of their return to their ministry in Cambodia in just over two months.
- For Todd and Danielle to be productive in the online language tutoring they have just resumed: “...to get that part of our brain active and learning again!” (Danielle)
- For God to continue to build unity in their Cambodia team and lead them in a more sustainable plan for visiting school families.



CAMA – Samo and Janelle Zeal

Prayer requests:

Janelle is starting her master's degree in April; she must be in the states for a couple weeks for orientation. Pray for safe travels and comfort while apart.

Samo's radio project has been a huge task and is taking a lot out of him, barely any time “off”. However, he is taking a couple days of intentional rest. Pray for the Holy Spirit to meet him in his fatigue and continue carrying this project.



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PRAISE:

The news is very encouraging from the Muslim Background Believers (MBB) school held in Istanbul. We had 32 people present including 8 from Morocco and Tunisia. This was the first time we were able to have Muslim Background Believers from North Africa to join them. It was a tremendous success as God broadened people's minds with who He has reached. They know that they are not alone in their walk of faith.

A Saudi woman took a Bible from one of our teams in London and returned to her home country. There in Saudi Arabia she read it, believed, and shared it with her sister. Her sister also believed in Jesus. They were recently baptized in Egypt. Her story continues as she recently sent a message asking about Christian fasting and how to fast. As it is now Ramadan, this is an important subject.

PARTNER AND MINISTRY UPDATES:

We are presently in Cardiff, Wales with a team of six where we are having an outreach amongst Gulf Arab students at the University. During the day we meet with Gulf students, and although it is Ramadan and there is fasting, there are the usual questions, and we have answers for them from God's word. Again because of Ramadan, fasting is an important subject for dialogue these days.

For the future, OM in London agreed to promote and accept/process participants for the upcoming outreaches in the summer. This is a great breakthrough for us to get more workers. The training for the summer outreaches will be in April in Kuwait. This is where the real work begins for all of the summer logistics and preparations. The first trip of the summer will be the outreach in Manchester, UK June 20-30. That is just the start and there are many more planned around Europe and Central Asia.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that all 32 participants in the discipleship school will grow in their knowledge of God, His ways, His character, His purposes and that they may truly follow Him in obedience.
2. Pray that the current team on outreach in Cardiff will have unity and for spiritual fruit amongst those we share the Gospel with
3. Pray for the Saudi woman and her sister to grow in love and courage in their faith.
4. Pray that God will raise up the right participants for the summer outreaches - people that Love Him that love Muslims and want to grow in their faith.
5. Pray for our personal financial support. It looks as if we will not have the money to stay in the Gulf for the next months. Therefore, we will return to Egypt and use that as our base.



Ethnos 360 – Ian and Abby Bates

Quick language acquisition for both Ian and Abby

Health for both boys as they are prone to respiratory infections this time of year



Kidstown

No New Updates



New Life Ethiopia

Prayer requests:

Indigenous missionaries are starting their second year in Bible school. The school meets for a week four times a year for two years. Each missionary disciples 4 others in his church, teaching them what he has been taught (some are women too!).

Three new church constructions are slated for 2024 with one already underway! A retreat for missionaries and their wives is scheduled for the week of May 6th. Joy leaves for Ethiopia April 15th and returns May 14th.

The case manager in Gutumuma, Tesfaye (TESS-fie), stepped on a rusty nail and had to amputate below the knee. His health is very fragile right now and he has a long road for recovery. Tesfaye is very important for operations and coordinates everything for NLE in Gutumuma.



Project 92 (SAIL)(Asak)

Praise:

- *What is God doing?* Raising up a new and large group of trainees, even as being a Christian in India and Bhutan becoming increasingly more and more difficult.
- *For what can we give God thanks?* “The SAIL training program is underway with a new batch of 22 students!”
- *Testimonies / Answered Prayers:* “God certainly is great enough to shoulder such a massive need as reaching those in utter darkness (who have never heard of Jesus).”

Partner and Ministry Updates: Matthew did not share anything person for himself or his family in our email correspondence.

Prayer Requests:

- For the new SAIL cohort: *“Please pray that the Lord will bless this group of students, and the teachers, as they embark on this 2-year journey of preparation for the harvest fields.”*
- *“May the Lord use them (this new SAIL class) greatly, as He is doing with those who have gone before them - to extend His light into the dark places of India and Bhutan.”*
- *“Commit to pray, on a regular basis, for those in darkness: that Jesus will be made known to them! “*



Sunny Abraham (Great Harvest Bible College)

No New Updates



World Team – Peter and Sarah Hoang

*How are **they** doing?*

- Peter and Sarah have appreciated our efforts to support them in their efforts to protect a weekly time of Sabbath. From Sarah: *“...its been a challenge as things started to creep into that day. However, we are learning to be flexible and to switch our Sabbath day if and when our schedule had to be changed. Please keep us accountable as we welcome your reminder.”*

- *“We recently had a great conversation with Josh and discovered that he wants us to text him daily (if possible) to say we love him, pray for him, and sending him Biblical truths. He also wants to re-start our weekly check ins and have bible study with Peter.”*

Praises

Testimonies of what is God doing:

- *“Emmagrace had her first school camp trip (this is the first time that she is away from us for a week long). It was a great experience for her, very positive. The theme of the camp was based on The Fruit of the Spirit and living it out throughout the week.”*
- *“Emmagrace is slowly conquering her fear of heights by trying out ziplining.”*

Answered Prayers and thanksgivings:

- Emmagrace helped one of her high school peers who was experiencing a tough time..... *“with coolness (not girly—as she would say).”*

Prayer Requests

How can we be in prayer?

- That Peter and Sarah will be creative and flexible in setting aside quality and quantity times of Sabbath rest for their spiritual times of renewal as they get alone with God in his Word and in prayer.
- God’s wisdom and direction as they parent and disciple their own two children, one from afar.
- Continued discipleship of the new believers.
- For Peter as he discipled the older sheep, men who will be future reapers of the harvest and church leaders.
- For the challenges they face as their ministry grows; that they will quickly recognize the enemy’s schemes to break them down and keep the armor of Christ on at all times (tied in with the necessity of protection of their Sabbath)



Wycliffe - Steve & Jennifer Baughman

No New Update



Serving Ministries of Christ – William & Eva Hughs

Replacement of Williams truck as it has been repaired as many times as possible.
Liams health and continued treatments with his vascular issues.
Safety for William and Rodrigo when they travel remotely to visit pastors.



Link NW – Paul Moffett

PRAISE POINTS!:

- Open doors with resettlement agencies who ALL want to partner with me.
- New church partnerships in outreach to refugees now!
- Formed a South Sound ESL that will launch in the Fall.
- Positive connections with Christian realtors, businesspeople, and state and county representatives.
- Boards now in place for both LinkNW and Sojourner Home.

PARTNER AND MINISTRY UPDATES:

At this stage there is still a huge focus on building the structural and relational foundations. Time will be spent on accomplishing all the legal documentation to establish Sojourner home as an organization. There is still much to learn about developing a property and where the best location is to accomplish our goal. All

along the way new relationships are key to taking steps forward and finding like-minded people who can help make the ministry a reality.

PRESENT NEEDS:

We need to see God provide the land to start. This could be property to build on or an existing facility to develop.

We need to see the successful completion of the 1023 Form for government recognition of Sojourner home.

We need to see the remaining \$50k for my personal funding come in.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for me and April as we continue in this major life transition.
2. Pray that I will glorify God in all my interactions.
3. Pray for wisdom and guidance as we move forward step by step.
4. Pray that God provides the land or facility.
5. Pray for the 1023 Form acceptance.
6. Pray for personal funding.