

MISSIONS PRAYER

June 4, 2011

This month's focus is on: The Pruitt family, the Toma family, Karen Kilbourne Young, Mitsu and Karen Nakamura family, Special Camp, Jessica Tekawa, Richard and Keri Nakamura family, Lori Gacayan, the Ing family, and short term missionaries.

Attribute of God: The Advocate

Key verse: 1 John 2:1 "My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;..."

Missionaries: Paul, Naomi, Joshua, Hosana, Justin, and Jeremy Pruitt

Ministry: Diaspora

Requests: Please pray:

On Thursday, May 5th, Paul was informed that their ministry plans for this year must take a sudden and very different direction. Due to OMF International's and their own continuing financial situation, Paul and all of them on OMF's US-based Diaspora Ministries team are required to go on immediate furlough, until December 31st. This is in order that they may devote 100% of their time to raising their support levels to 100% (The Pruitts is currently at 62%). This is their opportunity to devote themselves to the task of building their partnership base. Paul is excited to see whom the Lord will bring on board with them in this ministry!

So here's how you can pray:

1. Paul will need a more reliable car for road trips; the car he has now will not survive even a trip across state. And he is expecting to be driving all over the country. Pray that he can somehow find funds to buy a reliable enough car for what he needs to do. (Naomi will usually not be able to travel with Paul since the boys will be in school.)
2. Pray for open doors into churches or other places; but not just any open door. They really want churches or individuals who WANT to partner in this ministry.
3. Pray for wisdom and grace to know how to build a TEAM. In all honesty, they don't desire just donors, but people and churches who own this vision to equip and train East Asia's leaders.
4. Paul has already started preparing messages, talks, presentations, videos, and literature to use on the road. He still has quite a way to go, so please pray for the Holy Spirit's leading as he prepares these things.
5. Their current financial needs amount to about 20 churches supporting them at \$200 each per month. Perhaps you can pray along those lines.

Here's what you can do:

1. Would you like to host a meeting at your home for people you think might be interested in serving the church in East Asia? They'd be glad to come and share, or help you do it!
2. You've probably heard of churches adopting UPGs (unreached people groups). Great idea! What if your church adopted the church in East Asia, to pray for it and support it? They could help your church think through that.
3. Do you know of a church, group of churches (American, East Asian, or otherwise), or groups of people who would like to receive training or learn more about what God is doing in and through the church in East Asia?
4. Perhaps you have other ideas on how they can partner together for East Asia. If so, please let the Pruitts know.

Before you reply, please pray.

Missionaries: Roy, Nancy, Taiko, Sam, and Joseph Toma

Country: Japan

Praise: While in Okinawa, the Lord has blessed their family and their ministry. They have seen the Lord change many people's lives, as well as their own.

Request: Please pray:

1. After much prayer, the Toma family feels that the Lord is calling them to minister to the people in northern Japan long-term. They believe that the Lord is calling them to move from Okinawa to northern Japan.
2. Their vision for the ministry in northern Japan is to host, equip, and organize relief work for both Japanese and foreign missions teams. They desire to develop relationships in the community, as well as start Bible studies. Lord willing, they hope to eventually plant churches.
3. During this time, they have additional support needs to cover the cost of their move and other ministry expenses. Their one-time support goal is \$15,000 and their additional monthly support goal is \$2,700.

Would you prayerfully consider giving to meet this financial need?

Missionary: Karen Kilbourne Young

Ministry: CRM Missionary support

Praise:

1. CRM has opened a Staff Development and Care "hub" in Spain, about an hour from Malaga. This is a place where CRM missionaries can come and be ministered to and a place where they can offer help to people who are working for other mission organizations. Karen has been asked to come and work at the hub for the month of June and Don would come with her. Praise God for bringing in the support needed to go! Karen and Don left Wed. May 25th.
2. The doctor gave them the okay though Don's ulcer on his foot has not completely healed, as long as they keep it clean and covered.

Requests: Please pray:

1. that Don's health will be good while they are in Spain, especially that his feet will not get pressure sores.
2. that they find a doctor who speaks English and could care for Don if that was needed. They have some leads on this from the people who are already working in Spain. They are hoping to be able to rent an electric wheelchair while they are in Spain so Don will have mobility to be active while Karen is working.
3. that God will orchestrate each ministry opportunity that comes Karen's way and that she will listen deeply and respond well.

Missionaries: Mitsu, Karen, Abe, Miye, and Emi Nakamura

Country: Japan

Request: Please pray:

1. Last Tues. morning, May 31st, Karen heard that on one of Abe's classmates was killed on his motorbike on his way to school. Please pray especially for God's comfort for his family. Karen does not know if he or his parents know the Lord. Pray that all of them from the school would know how to express their sorrow and support to them. He was about to graduate last Friday.
2. Karen thanks you for your prayers and concerns. The school administrators cancelled regular classes for the seniors to give them time to process their grief. They have made counselors and staff available to talk and listen, to cry together, to hug.
3. At a monthly prayer meeting, other parents and Karen have prayed by name for each child in Abe's grade. During their trip to Thailand recently, three students indicated trusting in Christ for salvation. They are praying for the many others who have been sitting on the fence, to trust Him for their eternal salvation and commit the rest of their lives to Him.

Missionary: Jessica Tekawa**Country: Japan**

Praise: Jessica's life is beginning to "unfreeze" and now she is beginning to get back to doing things that have been put off for the past almost-two-months-like household work, celebrating missed birthdays, replying to e-mails, Japanese lessons, more follow-up Bible studies with new Christian students, ICUHS...this newsletter.

Requests: Please pray:

1. **Unity:** Especially within JCCC right now. With heightened levels of stress and miscommunication it's easy for Satan to get a foothold. Pray for humble hearts, wisdom and especially for their leaders.
2. **New believers/follow-up:** Right now Jessica is going through one-on-one follow-up with Ayu and Mifue- all in Japanese! It's a learning experience for all involved. Please also pray for two other new believers Shoko and Rina.
3. **ICUHS ministry-** the school year just started, but they've had two "Let's Talk's" already with 14 students at the first one and 15 students at the second. 4 went on relief trips with them for Golden Week. Jessica can't wait to hear about their experience when they get back!

Missionaries: Richard, Keri, Alisha, Brandon, Hanna, Kayla, and Nathan Nakamura Country: Japan

Praise: Richard's House Church Team was able to minister to people in the giant sports arena in Fukushima...the home of 1500 evacuees (2500 people a month ago).

Requests: Please pray:

1. for Mr. Sh, a community leader, who Richard was able to talk with and follow up with in friendship.
2. for Mrs. E, a Filipina mother who had been ostracized within the arena because she was a foreigner. Pray that she would find rest, comfort, love, and hope in Jesus alone (not in Mary-she's Catholic).
3. for Richard as he follows up on the S family. Mr. S has been working hard in the food services area of the shelter. Mrs. S was reading the Messiah Manga which they gave her earlier.
4. Please continue to pray for Keri and the kids while they are back in Oroville. It's not easy being apart, but Keri is right with Richard in spirit as her heart reaches out to the Japanese. Alisha is finishing up the last quarter at Oroville High. Brandon studies with "Papa" and Keri supervises Hanna, Kayla, and Nathan in their studies. Richard will be going up again for a couple weeks.

Missionaries: Gr., Ca, Co, Cr, and Pr. Ing**Country: East Asia****Requests: Please pray:**

1. for wisdom and strength as the Ing family minister to three families who have loved ones battling cancer. A co-worker was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, another friend with lung cancer, and the father of their prayer partner has also been diagnosed with cancer and is not doing well.
2. Gr. has agreed to take on the position as Regional Facilitator Member Care Coordinator. His and Ca responsibilities are to help new missionary families as they arrive into the country to:
 - get settled
 - get set-up
 - school
 - visas

The Ings are responsible for 10-15 families- 25-30 adults and children. English is not their first language. Most have 3 children under the age of 3. Please pray that the Ings will be able to bond and communicate with each family and provide the needed help and care. There are also 3-4 girls helping with this job.

3. for wisdom as they take over the Pre-Marriage Course that another missionary family has been leading. It is offered in the native language and is 12 weeks long.
4. for the Ings as they prepare to receive the East Asia team. Please pray for God's guidance as they plan out their schedule. Pray what are the best opportunities for them as they will minister in the Children's Library Family Center, the orphanage for children with disabilities and other areas.
5. for the Ing family as their landlord sold their apartment recently and told them they need to re-locate. Gr. has been looking all week and finally saw one that seems the right size, in a good neighborhood and is a good price. The only problem is that they are still remodeling it and it's not sure when it will be done. Pray that God will lead them to a place that would be comfortable and a blessing to many.

Servants: Bruce and Val Satow

Ministry: Mt. Hermon Special Camp

Requests: Please pray for:

1. unity among staff and a sense of His calling and anointing.
2. good health for staff and campers throughout camp week.
3. wisdom for camp leadership as issues arise.
4. good weather during camp week, not too hot, not too cold.
5. good relationships between Special Camp, College Camp, and Monte Vista Christian School.
6. safety on Monte Vista Christian School campus, Watsonville, in Monterey, for our bowling outing, and at Mount Hermon, for their Main Camp visit, as well as in transit between locations.
7. blessing upon their Bible teacher as she instructs the campers in His Word, and as the aides reinforce the teaching during camper care group time in the evenings.
8. establishment of a sense of family between staff and campers and in the camper care groups.
9. good and clear communication among staff, with other Camps, with Monte Vista Christian School, and minimum of misunderstanding.
10. fun, good times, and enjoyment for campers, as well as understanding of His Word as taught.
11. smooth execution of all plans and preparation.
12. positive attitude and calm prevail throughout the week.
13. that they would not put their own plans above His, but would yield to (and gratefully accept) His perfect plan, His teaching, and His blessing that He has in store for them during camp week.
14. as staff have stepped into others' roles, please pray for His extra blessing and honor as they have taken on more responsibility. Please ask that they have a sense of His assurance and confidence as they do His work.

Please pray for our San Lo short term missionaries:

Andy Morimoto: serving with the Biola Student Missionary Union and OMF, departed for Hokkaido May 31st until July 14th. Praise: their team made it safely to their guest house in Sapporo on June 1st. Andy asks for prayers for safety and health.

Josh Scott: who will be serving on a Campus Crusade for Christ Epic Summer Project in Tokyo June 17- August 3.

Tony and Lori Gacayan: who will be serving on a Hong Kong Short Term Mission July 14- August 1.

Dana Pong, and Ben and Frances Wu: as they prepare for the East Asia Mission trip August 6-20.

Brandon Wong- as he will be living in the Tatalon Slum in Quezon City, Manila for two years.
Here is the link to Brandon's Blog: www.obwong.tumblr.com