

Global Strategy Praises and Prayer Requests—August 2022

- 1—Paraguay:** Give thanks for the many connections that missionaries Norbert & Nancy Kurrle have made and the joyful moments they have shared during their time in the United States. Pray that the Lord would continue to provide partners for their ministry in Paraguay.
- 2—Ukraine:** A Ukrainian pastor in Germany asks: “Continue to pray for us: gratitude to the Lord for the protection of life, gratitude for those who remain alive in Ukraine and continue to serve the refugees. Pray that our church will be able to fulfill the Great Commission even in these difficult circumstances. There are many nonbelieving Ukrainians here in Germany next to us.”
- 3—Sri Lanka:** Pray for the country of Sri Lanka, which is experiencing severe economic hardship. Pray for wise leaders to emerge to guide the country. And pray for the Church of God in Sri Lanka as they navigate these very difficult economic times.
- 4—Africa:** Praise for the successful completion of the All-Africa Assembly. In June, Church of God leaders from 11 African countries met to listen to one another, talk about strategy, and elect regional leadership.
- 5—Haiti:** Pray for safety for those who have to navigate the unsafe roads to the Church of God hospital in Saintard. Kidnappings continue to be on the rise. Pray for the families who are struggling in this time of economic hardship in Haiti.
- 6—Native American Ministries:** Pray for missionaries Tim & Kim Wardell and Rob & Kari Cotton, walking alongside the Lakota Sioux in South Dakota. Pray that their witness to Christ is marked by grace and hope and humility as they respond to a challenging situation on the reservation.
- 7—Mexico:** Lift up the Buena Tierra theological training institute as they prepare the next generation of pastors and church leaders to serve in Mexico and the rest of Latin America.
- 8—Germany:** Pray for host families in Germany, where Church of God congregations are collectively hosting hundreds of Ukrainian refugees. Many Germans have sacrificially opened their homes to provide a warm welcome to refugees from Ukraine.
- 9—Bangladesh:** The country has experienced some extreme flooding this year. Give thanks for the 350 families in Sylhet, Bangladesh, who received assistance after flooding occurred in June.
- 10—Botswana/USA:** Praise for Abby Stocksdale’s successful surgery and that the entire Stocksdale family has been reunited. Pray for them as they navigate a short and intense home assignment in the USA.
- 11—Europe:** Praise God that missionaries Patrick & Jamie Nachtigall have been able to find and finalize paperwork on an apartment in record time. Continue to pray for housing for regional coordinators Nate & Stacy Tatman, who appear to be nearing an agreement on a new apartment.
- 12—Africa:** Praise God that Gwen Johnson has successfully completed radiation treatments in June following her cancer surgery earlier this year. Pray that she continues to experience healing and recovery.
- 13—Italy:** The Italian Youth Camp will be held August 15-22. Please pray for those who are leading and for the youth who are attending this camp. Pray that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of all those attending.
- 14—Europe-Middle East:** Pray for the Europe and Middle East missionary team meeting in Prague, Czechia, August 15-21. This is the first time in three years that the entire team will be together physically. Pray that all experience a time of personal growth, encouragement, and restoration during this week together.
- 15—Latin America:** The InterAmerican conference will be held next month in Santarem, Brazil. Pray for the Lord to provide the funds needed to get delegates to this important time of fellowship, worship, and teaching for the Church of God across Latin America.



16—Asia-Pacific: Sharon and Casey Bernhardt have recently completed their time in the Asia-Pacific region. Pray for them as they move to the Austin, Texas, area and pursue new ministry opportunities.

17—Botswana: Pray for church leaders in Botswana as they respond to new and unforeseen changes in the requirements for legal registration of churches in Botswana. Pray for insight and wisdom, that they might rise to the challenge.

18—Global Strategy: Pray for gifted and Spirit-filled men and women to hear and respond to God's call to missionary service with Global Strategy as we walk alongside the local church globally.

19—Africa: Pray for the ongoing development of sub-regional (East Africa, West Africa, South Africa) networks in the Church of God and opportunities for unity, cooperation, and partnership.

20—Hungary: Praise God for the generosity of the Church of God in Hungary, which has been supplying provisions for displaced Ukrainians in southern Ukraine. They are making weekly runs across the border to provide food, clothes, and other needs.

21—Peru: Give thanks for the monthly Zoom services being held for the national church and for the opportunity of leaders to come together in unity for a time of worship and teaching.

22—Korea: Give thanks for the Church of God in Korea, which has agreed to host the Asia Pacific Church of God Conference this October in Seoul. Pray for all those who are involved in planning and leading this event.

23—Kenya: Prayer for Kima International School of Theology as school leaders work to establish a cooperative agreement with Highlands University in Kenya, which will provide accreditation for their bachelor of arts degrees.

24—Global: Amid the chaos and uncertainty in the world today, pray that the global church, made up of individual congregations embedded in diverse communities, is a faithful and true witness of God and a vibrant witness of God's enduring faithfulness.

25—Myanmar: Praise God for the partial opening up of Myanmar, allowing limited travel out of the country. Continue to pray for this country still in the grip of military repression.

26—Europe-Middle East: The 3W Leadership Network event is scheduled for Oct. 31-Nov. 4, with the theme "ReEmerge." The goal is to encourage young leaders under the age of 45 to lead their ministries and churches well as they re-emerge from the events of the last few years. Pray that God would provide scholarships to get these leaders to this event.

27—Colombia: Give thanks for the annual convention of the Church of God held last month in Puerto Asis and for the decades of tireless service Pastor Angel and his wife Jeanet have dedicated to the kingdom in a very difficult region.

28—Pakistan: Pray for financial partners to come alongside Drew and Sunny Brown, missionaries-elect to Pakistan. They are seeking partners to help them reach 100% of their financial needs.

29—Africa: Pray for the newly elected leadership of the All-Africa Assembly: Rev. Cyril Pillay, South Africa, general director; Rev. Mailesi Ndao, Zambia, general secretary; and Rev. Daniel Mdobi Kiula, Tanzania, treasurer.

30—New Zealand: Praise God for the growth of the church in Auckland. Missionaries Kris and Megan Gilbert wrote recently, "We are on the verge of launching another house church, as our house is bursting at the seams, and we have another couple ready to lead a new church."

31—Brazil: Praise God for the missions department that has been formed to support evangelism in Brazil and around the world. Pray that the Lord would give them a vision for how he is calling them to be a part of his mission.

