

Global Strategy Praises and Prayer Requests—September 2022

- 1—Japan:** Praise God for the completion of the Futsukaichi Church building in Japan. The official dedication of the building will take place later in September, but the building is already being used for worship services.
- 2—Caribbean-Atlantic:** The Caribbean Atlantic Assembly held their 3rd CAA Summerfest online. Rev. Lennox Boyce writes: “We give God thanks for a great time of refreshing and empowerment from July 31 to August 3... May God use us in our different locations and with our unique fittings to glorify and serve Him.”
- 3—Europe & Middle East:** Pray for the missionary kids in the Europe and Middle East region who are starting school this month. Pray for a smooth transition back into school and for each one to flourish.
- 4—Zambia:** Pray for the family of Rev. Mailesi Ndao as her family continues to experience the harsh realities of COVID. Most recently, two additional family members died of complications from COVID.
- 5—Latin America:** The InterAmerican convention of the Church of God is being held this week, September 6-9, in Santarem, Brazil. Give thanks for the time of fellowship, worship, and teaching that delegates from around the region will enjoy, and pray also for the election of new leaders to the executive committee, which plays a key role in building up the Church of God in Latin America.
- 6—South Asia:** Flooding has been intense in recent months in Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan. Pray for the families who have lost their homes and livelihood to the floodwater.
- 7—Caribbean-Atlantic:** Pray for a new generation of committed Spirit-filled leaders to rise up to spearhead ministry in this region.
- 8—Germany:** This month, after a three-year pause, a choir of Nepalese and Ugandan sponsored kids and singers will tour German churches. This event promotes the German child relief program and brings many new contacts into the circle of these churches and their outreach programs. Pray for safe travels and open hearts.
- 9—Botswana:** Recent church elections brought new leaders to the National Executive Committee elected to oversee the work of the Church of God in Botswana. Praise God for these individuals, and pray that they are filled with wisdom to lead the church through the challenges of these times.
- 10—Bolivia:** Give thanks that Paul and Kattia Jones have recovered from recent health challenges. Paul is teaching missions and evangelism in the Bible institute, while Kattia continues to work with the Sunday School teachers, attending a variety of needs of the churches in the different departments of Bolivia. The Joneses are also walking alongside the churches in the departments of Tarija, Sucre, and Potosí.
- 11—Asia & Pacific:** Praise God that countries across the region are opening up and re-establishing connections after more than two years of intense COVID controls. Continue to pray for those who lives have been devastated by this pandemic.
- 12—Haiti:** Praise God for the Church of God Convention in June held in Saintard, near the hospital. It was a success, with more than 1,000 people present in this relatively rural location.
- 13—Bulgaria:** Pray for Kenneth and Svetlana and their family as they lead the Agape Faith United Ministry in Plovdiv. Pray for the ministry that they lead among international students who are studying in Bulgaria. Pray also for the work they are doing in support of Ukrainian refugees who have fled to Bulgaria.
- 14—Kenya:** Pray for the government to formally approve the accreditation of degrees at Kima International School of Theology (KIST) in Kenya. This approval is vital to the continued success and development of the school.
- 15—Honduras:** Give thanks for the Church of God's discipleship and entrepreneurial training programs, which teach new believers how to walk with Jesus and use practical small business principles to help them care for their families and make disciples in their community.



16—Asia & Pacific: The Asia Pacific Conference of the Church of God is meeting in person for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. Pray for leadership of the Asia Pacific Conference as they plan the conference to be held this coming October in Seoul, Korea.

17—Trinidad & Tobago: Pray for the West Indies Theological College and its mission to develop leaders for the Church of God across the Caribbean-Atlantic region.

18—Egypt: Pray for the pastors of the Church of God congregations in Egypt as they work together in leading their congregations and in encouraging one another in their ministry.

19—Uganda: Healthcare is one of the many vital ministries of the Church of God in Uganda. Pray for missionary Kaitlin Smith and the team of Ugandan professional who oversee the essential work of the church's health clinics in Uganda.

20—Latin America: Give thanks for the opportunity to assist with Church of God theological training in Latin America, and pray that funds would be provided to help the next generation of pastors, missionaries, and leaders receive a quality education as they prepare to serve the church.

21—Myanmar: Continue to pray for the strength of the Church of God in Myanmar under difficult and trying civil restrictions imposed by the illegal military government.

22—Haiti: The Church of God hospital remains hobbled with the current situation in Haiti, as supplies and travel are limited, but praise God that lives continue to be changed, health assisted, and hope given, in Christ's name. Pray that the hospital staff continue to commute safely and that supplies are available to do their work.

23—Ukraine: As the war continues in Ukraine, pray for those who have been forced from their homes and for those who have fled their country. Pray for those who are providing support to the Church of God congregations and leaders.

24—Africa: Pray for Larry and LeAnn Sellers, who have agreed explore new ministry opportunities across French-speaking Africa. Lift them up in prayer as they continue to minister alongside the Church of God in Côte d'Ivoire and also explore a wider regional role.

25—Argentina: Pray for this country struggling to reign in rampant inflation. The government recently raised interest rates to 69.5% in a hope to slow an inflation rate of 70%. Pray for our brothers and sisters, as well as Church of God congregations, that are struggling to make ends meet and continue to serve people in need around them.

26—Haiti: As the gang violence worsens and lives of ordinary people are devastated, pray for peace for Haiti, for an end to this violence. As malnutrition and economic hardship worsen, pray for relief for the people of Haiti.

27—Italy: Praise God for the baptism of two people in the Church of God in Arco, Italy. Pray for these believers as they begin a new chapter in their spiritual life.

28—Children of Promise: Pray for the work of Children Promise as it continues to meet the physical, social, educational, and spiritual needs of sponsored children and families across the globe.

29—Costa Rica: Give thanks for recent activities that the pastors have done to grow closer in their personal relationships with each other. Pray for Pastor Noily as she serves as the head of the pastors' committee and look for ways to strengthen her colleagues as individuals and ministers of the gospel.

30—Yap/Guam: Pray for missionaries Gary and Gwen Bistrutan as they transition from full time missionary service into retirement. Pray for this new beginning in their lives after 38 years of missionary service on Guam and Yap.

