

## Global Strategy Praises and Prayer Requests—August 2023

**1—Caribbean & Atlantic:** Pray for the Church of God in the Caribbean and Atlantic region as their annual gathering, Summerfest, is taking place now through August 2. Pray that the Spirit will minister to, encourage, and challenge those in attendance.

**2—Ukraine:** We mourn the recent loss of Pastor Vasya. In February 2021, Vasya and his family had to evacuate eastern Ukraine, ultimately arriving in Germany, where he underwent multiple surgeries to remove a tumor. Pray for his family and church as they mourn.

**3—USA/Bolivia:** Pray for Tabitha Jones, daughter of missionaries Paul & Kattia, as she continues to recover from surgery on her tonsils and adenoids. Tabitha is a music major and is enrolled in a number of choir and vocal music courses.

**4—Africa & Latin America:** Pray for conversations between the Church of God in Latin America, particularly the church in Brazil, and the All-Africa Assembly, regarding a possible ministry partnership in Portuguese-speaking Mozambique.

**5—Haiti:** Praise God that a shipment of supplies from the US to the Church of God hospital arrived basically unscathed! Hundreds of patients will be helped due to the donations and aid of so many from the US and Canada.

**6—Europe & Middle East:** Pray for those experiencing intense heat in the region. Many people and churches do not have air conditioning and are not able to get relief from the heat. In 2022, over 60,000 people died from heat-related deaths across Europe. Temperatures are even higher this summer.

**7—Costa Rica:** Please pray for the Torgeson family as they fly back to Costa Rica on August 8 with a team of youth and adults from Cornwall Church. Give thanks for the youth leaders' retreat that the team will host August 11-13.

**8—Thailand:** Praise God for the return to Bangkok of missionaries Andre & Wansuk Machel after completing a home assignment in Germany. Andre & Wansuk represent the Church of God in Germany as missionaries to Thailand.

**9—Malawi:** Pray for the Church of God in Malawi as it continues to recover from the devastation of Cyclone Freddie in March of this year. The regional gathering of the Church of God in southern Africa has been postponed because of the vast destruction.

**10—Native American Ministries:** Pray that God will call a couple to come work with the ministry among the Lakota people in South Dakota, alongside missionaries Tim & Kim Wardell.

**11—Costa Rica/USA:** Pray for missionaries-elect Brian & Melissa Richey as they begin meeting with people one-on-one and raising support, that God would stir people's hearts to give and partner with them.

**12—UK:** The Tottenham Church of God has identified "Focus on the Family" as their theme for 2023. Pray for the Tottenham church as they focus efforts to build and strengthen families inside and outside the church.

**13—Philippines:** Pray for Pastors Edgie & Ivy So, directors of the First Church of God in the Philippines. Pray for discernment, wisdom, and strength as they lead this group of congregations.

**14—Africa:** Pray for missionaries who have returned to their countries of service following the Africa team meeting, the Convention of the Church of God, and the Global Church of God Alliance meetings that took place in Tampa, Florida, in June.

**15—Global:** Amid the chaos and uncertainty in the world, 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



**16—Latin America:** Give thanks for the group from Honduras and Guatemala that will be traveling to El Salvador from August 17-19 to encourage the leaders of the new church plant, help with a construction project, assist with evangelism, and distribute 200 Bibles donated by the Kentucky CWC.

**17—Spain:** Pray for Alejandro & Carmen De Francisco as they finish their home assignment this month, saying goodbye to family, friends, churches, and supporters in the United States. Pray for them as they prepare to settle back into life and ministry in Spain.

**18—Pakistan:** Praise God for the opportunity that has been awarded Pastor Razia Mushratq of the Church of God in Pakistan to enter the Anderson School of Theology this month.

**19—Rwanda & Congo (DRC):** Pray for the leadership of the Church of God in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo as they respond to intensified violence and the crisis of internally displaced-persons in and around Goma, DRC.

**20—Global:** Pray for the national and regional leaders of the Church of God around the world, in some 90 countries. In these times, may they have the wisdom, discernment, and endurance to lead the church and may they be faithful.

**21—Colombia:** Lift up the ministries of Pastor Israel Osorio and José Jimenez at the two congregations in Bogotá, that the Lord would strengthen them and give them wisdom to serve their congregations in a complex, bustling city.

**22—Egypt:** We praise God for the 12 Egyptian pastors and their families. Pray for them as they gather for their annual retreat on August 28-31, that this will be a time of rest and renewal for their entire families.

**23—Vietnam:** Pray for the eight congregations of the Church of God in Vietnam under the leadership of Rev. Neville Tan. Pray that these churches experience encouragement, vision, and a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit.

**24—Africa:** Pray for John & Gwen Johnson, regional coordinators for Africa, as they embark on an intense travel schedule starting in September. Pray for their health, endurance, wisdom, and discernment, as they continue building healthy relationships across the region.

**25—Pakistan:** Pray for missionaries Drew & Sunny Brown as they work on raising their support in order to minister with the Church of God in Pakistan. Pray that God will provide financial partners to walk alongside them in this ministry.

**26—Uruguay:** Pray for the leadership in Uruguay as the Church of God in Uruguay prepares to host the regional forum for South America in October.

**27—Italy:** Pray for the Italy Teen Camp being held August 27-September 1, for fun and safety, but most importantly that God will work in the lives of the young people as they worship, learn, and grow together.

**28—Bangladesh:** Praise God for funds available through Disaster Relief and Restoration at Church of God Ministries. On June 15, a storm with extremely high winds hit Lalmomirhat and Kakina Mission stations in NW Bangladesh. Repairs are now under way thanks to the response from Disaster Relief and Restoration.

**29—Global:** Pray for peace and justice. Today, in country after country, people and entire communities are suffering in situations marked by an absence of peace and justice. Scripture calls us to pray for peace that we might live quiet lives and that our communities might thrive.

**30—Haiti:** Continue to pray for Haiti, as the country has stalled in a social, economic, and political crisis. In spite of the discord and the hazards, the Church of God has assisted with hunger relief and with rebuilding efforts following flooding in the southern part of Haiti.

**31—Global:** Pray for the children and teachers returning to classrooms throughout the world, particularly in the Northern Hemisphere, after a tumultuous summer season in many countries, a season of severe heat, flooding, fire, and drought, as well as political and economic instability and much more.



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