

Global Strategy Praises and Prayer Requests—September 2023

- 1—India:** Praise God for a successful VBS program with the Shelter girls in Cuttack, India, with the theme “To Serve Others,” taken from Galatians 5:13. The girls learned the values of serving others in love, serving with humility, and serving with patience. Today, September 1, is the 109th anniversary of the founding of the Shelter.
- 2—Latin America:** Pray for the InterAmerican leadership team as they work toward establishing a missions department for all those in the region who feel called to serve outside their home country.
- 3—Africa:** Violence, storms, and drought have left many countries across Africa in turmoil and many people homeless, leading to waves of refugees into neighboring countries. Pray for peace to reign and for wisdom and resources for church as it bears witness to the good news.
- 4—E. Europe:** Praise God for a successful summer teen tent camp. It was a wonderful time for teens, three of whom were baptized. September marks the beginning of the year for the church, which will resume services after a break for vacations. Pray that the Lord blesses the church in the coming year.
- 5—Botswana:** Praise God that the work on the new church building in Shorobe, Botswana, has gotten off to a great start with the help of a team from the US working alongside a local contractor. Pray for those who will be working to complete the building in the coming months.
- 6—Paraguay/Argentina:** Give thanks for a group that Global Strategy director Andrew Gale is leading, today through September 14. May this visit to Paraguay, Argentina, and Brazil be a time of mutual learning and blessing for hosts and participants.
- 7—Japan:** Praise God for the successful student trip to Anderson, Indiana, by 40 students from the Tamasei girls school. The students and four teachers were hosted by Anderson University. Praise God for the volunteers and teachers who made this a memorable trip for these Japanese high school students.
- 8—Latin America:** Give thanks for all who have benefited from the Church of God Theology Training assistance project. Pray that the Lord will continue to raise up donors to support the effort.
- 9—Zambia:** Praise God for the physical safety of Rev. Mailesi Ndao and her family as they were involved recently in a significant auto accident on the way home from church in Lusaka, Zambia.
- 10—United Kingdom:** Pray for Zach & Audrey Langford as they seek churches and individuals who will walk alongside them as they minister at Egan Road Church of God in Birkenhead, UK. And pray for the ministry of Egan Road Church within their community.
- 11—Brazil:** Pray for the national youth convention of the Church of God in Brazil to be held this month, that the Lord would touch the hearts and lives of the next generation.
- 12—Pakistan:** Pray for the Church of God in Pakistan. Recent attacks by Muslim men have targeted the Christian community, with churches and homes being burned in eastern Pakistan. This is retaliation against Christians for allegations of blasphemy against the Koran. Pray for Rev. Samuel George as he leads the church during these difficult times.
- 13—Uganda:** Pray for the leadership of the Church of God in Uganda as plans are made for the upcoming 40th anniversary celebrations of the Church of God in Uganda.
- 14—Spain:** Pray for En Mi Lugar church as they continue to gather for worship and build community on the south side of Madrid. Pray for young leaders to identify their gifts and to be equipped to lead as the church continues to grow.
- 15—Bolivia:** Pray for the Bible Olympics for children occurring tomorrow, September 16. The event will last from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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16—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.

17—New Zealand: Give thanks for the two house churches in the metro area of Auckland, New Zealand. Missionaries Kris & Meghan Gilbert report that the two house churches are full to capacity each Sunday. They are working to identify and train new leaders for a third house church plant.

18—Kenya: Praise God for the successful visit to Kima International School of Theology (Kenya) of a team led by John Walters and Christians Broadcasting Hope. The team was able to upgrade the CBH studio on the campus.

19—Bulgaria: Give thanks for Agape Ministries in Bulgaria as they reflect God's heart for foreigners by creating a sense of home and belonging for both international students and Ukrainian refugees. Pray for this important ministry and their impact throughout their community.

20—Asia & Pacific: Pray for regional coordinators Don & Caroline Armstrong, who resume a busy travel schedule in the region after a summer in the US visiting churches, partners, and family. Pray for health, stamina, wisdom, and discernment as they work with the Church of God across the region.

21—Paraguay: Give thanks for missionary Norberto Kurrle's new book *One Border at a Time*. Pray that it may be a blessing to all who read about his journey on the Pan-American Highway, driving from the United States to Paraguay.

22—Bangladesh: Pray for the Church of God in Bangladesh—for the Lalmonharit Mission group in NW under the leadership of Rev. Tapan Borman and for the Lumbondobok Mission group in NE Bangladesh led by Mrs. Lovely Suchiang. Pray for vision and grace as they continue to lead the church and the outreach ministries to their neighbors.

23—Tanzania: Praise God for Aldersgate Primary and Secondary School in Babati, Tanzania. Pray for the leadership of the Church of God in Tanzania as preparations are underway to celebrate the 25th anniversary this fall of this Church of God institution, which enrolls more than 1,000 students and employs more than 100 staff.

24—Lebanon: Rejoice with the Church of God in Lebanon as they recently ordained Pastor Bashir Sarkis and affirmed the ordination of Pastor Camile Melki. Both pastors planted and continue to lead Hope Evangelical Church in Zahle.

25—Africa: Often the greatest danger in Africa comes from traveling on roads: paved or unpaved; across savannas, deserts, and forests; densely populated cityscapes; or lightly-populated rural areas. Take your pick—car, taxi, bus, motorcycle—traveling by road on the African continent can be threatening to life and limb. Pray for missionaries, national leaders, and church people on the roads.

26—Costa Rica: Give thanks that missionaries-elect Brian and Melissa Richey are already 18% funded. Pray that God would continue to call people to join their team, and pray for endurance and rest as the Richeys raise funds and continue to work their jobs at the same time.

27—Sri Lanka: Pray for the Church of God in Sri Lanka, where the economic situation continues to be difficult. Shortages of food, cooking gas, and other essentials continue. Global Strategy missionaries Steven & Peggy Beverly will be returning to Sri Lanka at the end of October to continue working with church leaders.

28—Côte d'Ivoire: Praise God that Bobby & Jenny Mihsill and their children were able to complete their move from Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, to the business capital of Abidjan. Pray for their children as they settle into a new school environment.

29—Germany: Praise God that the staff of Pink Door is expanding. They are adding two new social workers in order to serve more women in Berlin. Pray for these women to courageously persevere in their painful journeys of healing from trauma.

30—Haiti: Continue to pray for peace and recovery for the nation of Haiti. This country remains in the grip of gang violence, a political vacuum, and economic hardship. Pray that the Church of God continues to bear witness of the good news.



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