

Global Strategy Praises and Prayer Requests—November 2023

- 1—All Saints Day:** Praise God for the legacy of the faithful men and women of God, filled with the Spirit, who have gone before us—whether in global service, in faithful prayer, as financial partners. As the writer of Hebrews reminds us, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
- 2—Brazil:** The Church of God in Brazil is celebrating its 100-year anniversary, November 3-5. Give thanks for this time of honoring the past, celebrating present impact, and looking forward to new initiatives. Pray for those traveling many hours from different parts of Brazil and from other countries to be present.
- 3—Thailand:** Pray for the Church of God in Thailand as they make plans for a church plant on the island of Phuket. Pray for the leadership of Rev. Ajahn Silawech and missionaries Wansuk and Andre Machel in the survey of possible church planting sites on the popular vacation island.
- 4—Costa Rica:** Give thanks for the ministry of Pastor Josué Martínez at the Church of God in Los Guido, who will be ordained in the coming months.
- 5—Middle East:** Pray for peace in the Europe and Middle East region as tensions continue to rise. Cities throughout the region have experienced demonstrations and protests related to the conflict centered in Israel. May all sides find resolution and may innocent lives be spared.
- 6—Liberia:** Pray for the work and ministry of the Church of God in Liberia and for national leader Thomas Siafa.
- 7—Haiti:** Praise God that missionary Mark Fulton was able to travel to the Church of God hospital for a week in October. Give thanks for his safety in travel, for the faithful perseverance of the local Haitian community, for God's goodness in the midst of chaos. Pray that the hope of better times comes to fruition.
- 8—US & Canada:** Pray for men and women, couples and families, to answer the call to missionary service, to join Global Strategy in walking alongside the Church of God globally as missionaries.
- 9—Myanmar:** Praise God for the continued work of the Church of God in Myanmar under very difficult conditions. Services are held, people are baptized, and the poor are cared for. Praise God for the faithful work of the pastors under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Dorothy Colney and Rev. Dr. Shelly Win.
- 10—Kenya:** Pray for the upcoming board meetings and graduation this week (Nov. 11-13) at Kima International School of Theology (KIST). Pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- 11—Worldwide:** In a time when conflict and chaos and injustice seem to proliferate, pray for peace. But not merely for peace, for peacemakers, for those who will stand up. Pray that local churches globally may be conduits of justice, mercy, and righteousness.
- 12—Germany:** The 28th European Theological Conference will be held for the first time in over four years this week (Nov. 13-15). More than 80 people, from 16 countries, will attend. Pray for this conference and for George Lutzer, executive director for Canadian Church of God Ministries, who is the main speaker.
- 13—Global Strategy:** Pray for Global Strategy staff member Erin Rockhill as she undergoes knee replacement surgery today. Pray that the surgery goes smoothly, with no complications, and for Erin as she recovers in the next few weeks.
- 14—Latin America:** Give thanks for regional connectors Jason and Abby Torgeson, who are celebrating their tenth wedding anniversary this month. Celebrate their lives and ministry in the region.
- 15—Nepal:** Pray for Rev. Bir Bahadur Waiba, national leader of the Church of God in Nepal, who works with 11 pastors overseeing 35 congregations with 4,000 people worshiping in the churches. Until recently, it was illegal to convert to another religion in Nepal, but the work was started in Nepal in 1983 by Amos and Semper Moore from the Church of God in Meghalaya and Assam. Under the leadership of Rev. Waiba the church is multiplying and raising up a new generation of men and women for ministry.



16—Egypt: The Church of God in Shoubra (Cairo) is celebrating 100 years of ministry in Cairo. Give thanks for the church, for Pastor Michael, and for all that God is doing through their ministry. Pray for this church as they continue to find creative ways to have an impact in their neighborhood.

17—Italy: Pray for the Church of God in Ostia, Italy, as they collect and distribute food tomorrow (Nov. 18) to those in need. Pray that God will use this opportunity to connect those they serve to the church.

18—Argentina: Pray for the teaching staff at the Daniel Warner Institute in Posadas, Argentina, as they face a number of challenges in their role.

19—Bangladesh: Give thanks for the restoration of the seven homes in Gandapara, Bangladesh, destroyed by fire in late August. Children of Promise responded to the need after receiving gifts from concerned churches and individuals. Country leader Rev. Tapan reports that the homes are being rebuilt and that the seven families are grateful for the heartfelt response from their brothers and sisters around the world.

20—Africa: Pray for ministry of the Church of God across Africa pursuing Christian education efforts among children. The population of Africa is the youngest of all continents, with fully half of the population under the age of 19.

21—Global Strategy: Pray for our missionary personnel around the globe, who are celebrating this year-end season far from family and friends. Pray for their children. Praise God for the faithfulness of these men and women, and pray that they experience the presence and encouragement of the Father in this holiday season.

22—Ukraine: Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. As winter sets in, the Ukrainian government has already alerted people that electricity will be rationed again this winter. Pray that people will be able to receive the necessary supplies to help them through this winter.

23—Thanksgiving Day (US): Pause on this day and simply give thanks to God. For life. For this moment. For family. For love and grace. For provision. For God's faithfulness. For God's presence. For the fact that the Spirit is always working, no matter how dark the time. Give thanks.

24—Honduras: Pray for missionary Deborah Hunnicutt and the students of Samuel Raymond Christian School on Roatán as another school year winds down. Give thanks for a great year and pray for teachers, students, and parents to finish strong.

25—International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women: Across the globe, approximately 1 in 3 women have been victims of violence—physical and sexual. And in times of chaos and uncertainty, violence against women increases. Praise God for churches globally that are recognizing the problem in their communities and standing alongside women.

26—Taiwan: Pray for the Church of God in Taiwan as they prepare to reach out to their community during the Christmas season. Each congregation is preparing for some form of outreach through a Christmas ministry to unbelievers. Pray that seeds of the gospel will be sown in the communities surrounding each congregation.

27—Africa: Pray for the work and ministry of women pastors and leaders like Mailesi Ndao (Zambia) and Mariamu Dana (Tanzania) in the Church of God across the continent of Africa.

28—Italy: Give thanks for missionaries Patrick and Jamie Nachtigall and the work they do as they walk alongside the local Church of God congregation in Arco, Italy. Patrick and Jamie are passionate about building up and investing in the next generation of leaders.

29—Latin America: Pray for the CIID leadership team, that the Lord would give them wisdom as they work to develop a missions department for the region and create another department to help provide support after natural disasters.

30—US/Canada/Asia: Pray for the continued support and funding of missionaries-elect Tim and Jenn Adams, who are actively raising support in order to take up their position in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

