

PRAYER UPDATE

Missions Engagement in the North Central District of the C&MA

Intercession for our IWs is vital!

The intent of this monthly prayer update is to help you stay engaged with our IWs and aware of their respective ministry situations. You are encouraged to subscribe to their own updates, newsletters, blogs and prayer requests.

Together...we pray!

Chris & Rachel (aXcess - Mid East/CAC)

- The family departed MN on 3/18. Pray for their "first days" in country & for this transition. Soon the journey of language learning, acculturation, and, simply, life...begins.
- Continue to pray for peace in this land...

Brad & Julie Nelson (Envision - Japan)

- Brad's parents came for a visit last week. While we were in Tokyo, my dad slipped on the sidewalk, injuring his foot. Turns out, he fractured 3 toes! Please pray for complete healing of dad's toes & even an opportunity to share about Christ's power with the doctor.
- Will you please pray for Eleanor? She's had a fever & we found out she has influenza. Pray for her recovery & protection for the rest of the family.
- Pray for all of us as we help with the English camp, for the kids & staff to be healthy & their hearts receptive to the Gospel.
- Pray, also, for Brad as he prepares for the Easter message at our church's family event.

Nate & Megan Yoder (aXcess - Germany)

- Thanks for continuing to lift up "A" in prayer! He finally has a test date for his pharmacy exam - April 9. I told him that he would have lots of people in the USA praying for him as he prepares & sits for the exam. He was thankful to this! It is Ramadan, so he will especially need to stay focused & have strength.
- Thanks for praying for our Story Night! The turnout wasn't large, but we expected that since it was the first time we offered something like this. Still, God was able to answer your prayers, & Megan's, that an opportunity to make a connection between a story from an Arab land & a German story would arise. It did!
- We've had Germany Teams Forum, where all the Alliance USA-sent teams meet together for renewal & business. We're attending as a whole family.

Justin & Brittany Siemens (Envision - England)

- Our Envision journey started with a "get-to-know" visit to Taiwan in 2015. A month later we were committed to a 2-year residency with Envision Taipei. Friends generously supported us financially to make this a reality. Fast-forward to 2024...and we're 3 months away from our expected departure to develop a new Envision site in Manchester, England. It's a vulnerable place to be, but we're thankful for the many that pray for us regularly. We've seen God work faithfully in the past & confidently share our needs with you as we plan ahead for our June departure.
- *Did you know?*...about 1/3 of the people in Manchester consider themselves "Christian", with fewer than 6% of the UK are practicing Christians.

The time is now.

Pray for:

- One new IW per week from US churches
- One new open door for Alliance Missions

Andre & Kate (CAMA - SE Asia/CAC)

- We've been in-country for 5 months. After a few disorientating & "overloaded" months, we're now feeling more comfortable in our environment. We're establishing a good pace of life & starting to make some new relationships that give us a sense of community. The kids' favorite lunch is food from the "chicken lady". She sells sticky rice & grilled chicken with spicy roasted eggplant sauce! Opportunities like this allow us to hone our language skills. We enjoy these growing relationships in the market, with our language tutors & with those on the farm.
- We're happy to have Paloma in the family! Thanks for keeping the delivery, Kate & baby in your prayers. We were overwhelmed by how God cares for us all along the way & for our every need!
- We found a good, used, 2009 vehicle...necessary for visiting villages and farms that can often have muddy & pothole riddled roads in the rainy season. "Thank you" to everyone who generously gave towards the purchase of this vehicle!

Local Church Missions Mobilizers there is [a specific link*](#) just for you on the C&MA website to learn about missions.



CLICK on the asterisk* text for resources.

JOIN ONLINE*

April 3

6:30 PM CT

Pray for the Muslim World:

Ramadan began March 10. As we go to the *Hard Places*, pray for Muslims around the world to encounter Christ. This 30 day prayer guide* can be used in your personal, and corporate, prayer life.

Heidi (Envision - Mid East/CAC)

- Earlier in March, we had graduation night for the English group. Their term ended well & we had a good celebration with *knafeh!*
- Thanks for praying for me to stay focused & persevere. God has sustained me each day & given me the energy I needed.
- Prior to the beginning of Ramadan, I was able to have many opportunities to connect with local friends. Continue to pray for open hearts & wisdom as I re-engage with them after 30 days.
- My visa requires that I leave the country, briefly. Since things “slow down” during this holiday, I’m taking a quick trip to England to meet with friends.

Justin & Katie (aXcess - MidEast/CAC)

- We have enjoyed being back in the clinic & serving many refugees through medical care. Pray for opportunities to bring hope & draw them to Him
- We’ve finished our English teaching semester. Pray that God draws us to the students who are seeking & for developing deeper relationships.

Don & Lynne (Marketplace Ministries- SE Asia/CAC)

- I (Lynne) just returned from a visit to the country we were in for almost 30 years! This center cares for 126 special needs students & their families, who live throughout the region. Returning to familiar language, food & culture just filled my heart. Thank you for your part in making this trip possible! While there, I was able to come alongside of 40 teachers & support them through music teacher education training.
- Elisabeth fulfills her 6 month commitment to work with us the end of March. She just returned from an amazing trip, teaching music for the past month in Cambodia. She has done a wonderful job investing in the lives of our students, while sharing our love for music & passion for teaching!

Stephen & Jennie Jones (Envision-Germany)

- We miss having the Siemens on our Berlin team... please continue to pray for them as they start an Envision site in England!
- Our team continues to find our new normal, which has also been impacted by health challenges. We are grateful for your prayer support! Jennie has assumed the role as site Residency coordinator, in addition to the Internship coordinator role. Our residents have really dug into the work & learning that is involved with connecting with the community & serving alongside of us.
- Stephen took his B2 German language test in February, but is still awaiting the results.
- The book project, Tulips To Ashes*, has been an enjoyable process. We have been able to send out books to our Kickstarter supporters. Our plan is to publish 2 books each year. The process always has some complexities that are new to us, so we truly appreciate your prayer as we work through the complexities.
- As always, we are grateful for you, your friendship, love & support!

Chad & Nicki (aXcess - Africa/CAC)

- We’re about at the half-way point of Ramadan. In countries where this faith is the majority religion, all of life rotates around these 30 days of fasting & religious observance. Pray for all of our IWs ministering in these countries this month.
- Pray for believers who have come to faith from a M background. They face significant persecution for their decision. Pray for deep roots of discipleship to grow and for Jesus to be their source, their refuge, and their ever-present comfort in the midst of persecution and suffering. Pray for courage for them to be able to reach out to the family, neighbors, and friends with the hope and life that Jesus has given them. As you intercede, pray John 15.5-8 over these believers.

Mike & Elissa Picconatto (Envision - Germany)

- Please keep Elissa in your prayers. She’s had a few good days, but her back continues to cause her a lot of pain.



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The Core Characteristics of an Alliance Worker:

Diverse leaders from The Alliance family have recognized six core characteristics that are foundational for effective ministry: *Kingdom-Minded, Biblically Grounded, Spirit-Dependent, Competently Skilled, Self-aware, and Self-Disciplined.*
 — C&MA Church Ministries Handbook