



Mission Update and Prayer Guide

NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR THE LORD.....Jeremiah 32:17
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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO DIED

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GOD BLESS AMERICA! AMERICA BLESS GOD!



Memorial Day is one of my favorite days of the year. It is a day of humble, sincere reflection on the cost of our freedom here in the United States of America. I have always appreciated the American Legion's nationwide call for unified solemn reverence in our cities, towns and villages. Many veterans and active duty military men and women lead communities in services around memorials and in cemeteries decorated with hundreds of flags. I have participated in many of these gatherings. The day has been set aside to honor the "fallen"...those who gave their lives, the ultimate sacrifice, to preserve our freedom and defend America. We remember. We reflect. We resolve.

Memorial Day is also a good time for God's people to purposely **pray** for our nation's soul and character to be revived and renewed. Psalm 33:12 declares, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." Proverbs 14:34 states,

"Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to *any* people." In a democracy we are all aware of the importance of voting, participating in the political realm and supporting legislation that upholds biblical principles and truth. As believers we must also be acutely aware of our responsibility to repent, seek God's face and **pray**.

I was reviewing the lyrics to "America the Beautiful". Katharine Lee Bates originally wrote the words as a poem, "**Pikes Peak**", first published in the Fourth of July edition of the church periodical *The Congregationalist* in 1895. At that time, the poem was titled "America" for publication. The music was composed by church organist and choirmaster Samuel A. Ward at Grace Episcopal Church in Newark, New Jersey. Ward's music combined with the Bates' poem was first published in 1910 and titled "America the Beautiful". The song is one of the most popular of the many U.S. patriotic songs. The song is actually a declaration of God's grace and a reflective, penitent **prayer** for God's continued favor over America.

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years. Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

A CALL FOR PRAYER FROM THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

1. Pray for America to love one another

“Love one another. Just as I have loved you,” John 13:34

- Jesus tells us to love one another just like He loves us. This includes every person in America as well as every person in the world.
- Jesus wants us to love every person sacrificially, willfully, and unconditionally because this is the same way He loves us.

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to empower us to do the things that only God can do through us. Therefore, call upon God to move in our nation miraculously, replacing hate with love, division with unity, and criticism of one another with love for one another.



2. Pray for the church in America to love one another

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

- Jesus is telling His disciples, His church, that the distinctive mark that sets us apart from everyone else is only one thing: Love for one another.
- Appeal to God to convict each of us as His church to turn from the way we are treating one another and turn to loving one another. If we are an unloving and divided church, we forfeit the right to call an unloving and divided nation to love and to unity.

Call upon God for the 300,000+ churches in America to love one another and to cooperate together when possible for the greater purpose of praying for America.

3. Pray for families, workplaces, communities, and cities in America to love one another

“Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” 1 John 4:7

- When we belong to Jesus, we belong to love; therefore, call upon God for the families, workplaces, communities, and cities in America to know that love is always God’s way.
- Call families, workplaces, communities, and cities to look to God, who is love, so they can experience the transforming power of love.
- Ask God for America’s families, workplaces, communities, and cities to begin to choose love and forgiveness, love and restitution, love and healing, love and unity, and a future together transformed by the power of unconditional love.

Ask God to raise up a Love One Another movement across America.

4. Pray for all ethnicities and people in America to love one another

“Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.” 1 Corinthians 13:6-8

- Since God’s love is built on God’s truth and we are made in the image of God, all humans are of one race; therefore, loving one another is not optional because love never ends.
- Call upon God to bring us back to the cross of Jesus Christ, where His unconditional, powerful love has torn down all the walls that divide us and opened up a new pathway for us to love one another.
- Ask God to give us the power to repent of anything in our past and choose a new future together where love will not just bind up our nation’s wounds, but this transforming love will lead to the day when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

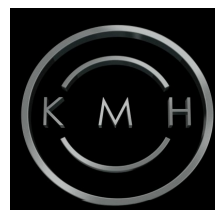
5. Pray we will love God and each other so much that we will agree clearly, unite visibly, and pray extraordinarily for the next great spiritual awakening in America

“Besides this, since you know the time, it is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.” Romans 13:11

- Knowing we are living in a significant moment in history, now is the time for each follower of Christ to wake up in our spiritual lives, knowing our greatest need and hope in America is the next Great Spiritual Awakening. Repentance is necessary.
- Convict the church in America to wake up spiritually, agree clearly, unite visibly, and pray extraordinarily for the next Great Spiritual Awakening to occur in our generation.
- Call upon the Sovereign God of Heaven to shape the future of America mightily through the next Great Spiritual Awakening, just as He did in history through past Great Spiritual Awakenings.



Don't forget to pray for these local organizations right here in our part of America the Beautiful!



**KNOW MY HEART
MINISTRIES**
Terry and Olga Poortenga

From Bhaskar Joseph, Andaman Islands, India -Shalom! Greetings to you Dr David, Daisy and Christian family. How are you all doing? We are **praying** for you all and for your ministries there. I hope Paula is doing well by God's grace. We are still **praying** for her complete healing in the presence of God. Thank you for your valuable support and **prayers** thus far. You have been a great help to us in so many ways. Please **pray** for us continuously and for the ministry here. **Pray** for the village ministries, the hospital ministry, church and Bible school ministry. Please **pray** for our kids and for the building work which is under process. Also please **pray** for the wedding of Selvarasi one of our home children, on 5th June on the Mainland in Tamil Nadu. Please **pray** for safe travel and for the wedding ceremony. May Jesus Christ be praised. Your support was helpful for VBS. Our home children had a great time with many village children. We all enjoyed the presence of God. Please **pray** that we will have more souls coming to church and to Bible classes. Finally we request **prayer** for the Adult literacy program in the rural areas. Please know we are constantly **praying** for you. The attached pictures are from our recent VBS. God bless you all! **Bhaskar**



From Pastor Nicholas Magero, Kenya - We do thank God for His grace that has enabled us to take food, medicine and pastors' support to Pokot territory. The villages of Rereting, Adadat, Chematichor and Kalas are experiencing severe drought. The price of food has doubled and these villages are under severe shortage. So the people of Pokot appreciate the funds you have sent for them. They can eat! The water wells are also producing drinking water. The Pastors are very grateful for the support.

Continue **praying** for us, we are still having the need of drilling a well at Kaprum. We need teachers' support. We have seminars and conferences scheduled to empower people spiritually. We are having an evangelism program. Please **pray** for many souls to be won to Christ! I have enjoyed watching The Chapel services on livestream. I love you all! Thank you for caring and showing us compassion.





By the amazing grace of God, we have ended the month of April triumphantly with several amazing things the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished through our collective efforts. We are grateful to God and thankful to you for all the sacrifices, encouragement, **prayers** and financial support. All of us together, we here and you there, make a great team!

Fasting and Praying: Prayer helps our reliance and dependence on the Lord Jesus Christ. At several of our local churches, weekly activities are still happening and spiritual growth is occurring in the lives of many members by the grace of God. We were effective in holding our three days of **fasting and prayer** to seek the Lord for wisdom to lead and for the resources to support the many ministry expansions that we are seeing in several of our church planting regions.

Short Mission Trip: A few weeks ago, by the grace of God we headed for the South East, specifically Toe Town on a 13 hours rough road drive. At one point during the journey we were forced to stop because another truck was stuck in the mud thus blocking the main road. That part of Liberia is cut off from several basic social services and livelihood. Most people who are assigned there for jobs usually turn it down due to the isolation of the area due to very bad rough roads. However, if the gospel must be preached to the lost, we must brace ourselves to make the sacrifices to go there so others can hear. Nothing is too hard for the Lord.



That was what Enoch did about two years ago just at the age of 17 when he migrated from Forestland Church in Monrovia to Toe Town to live with his parents who went for a business venture. Enoch's name is a reality. He has a deep walk with God and his life is filled with passion when it comes to discipleship and missions. He is a household name in Toe Town. A place of 5000 residents. I walked with him to different communities around town and kids would just pop up and call his name. He has influenced the city authorities, adults, his age group and kids! When we met with the Commissioner he described Enoch as, "A Great Programmer." Magata, a young woman who was cooking for us for a week said, "I wouldn't have gone to church had it not been for Enoch's encouragement and positive lifestyle. He is a great influence on all of us young people."

God has used him to start three church plant points at three different locations in the city and two villages. He was able to mobilize one youth (Daniel Gaye) of his age group and two adults (Pap Patrick and David Kayee) far older than him. Enoch is a student in the 11th grade now and will exit that town soon to seek higher education. He has recruited those two adults to remain in the churches while he exits for college. Amazing!!

During our visit in Toe Town, we conducted three days of leadership training for four strategic leaders Enoch has recruited to replace him when he departs from Toe Town in the next two years. We showed the Jesus film in three separate locations in Poker's Town we showed for three nights with 145, 160 and 165 persons attending to watch the film. Over 200 persons made decisions for Christ. In Gwezoon 65 persons attended to watch the film and 50 persons made decisions for Christ. In Toe Town 375 and 440 persons were in attendance and over 400 persons made decisions for Christ as a result of the Jesus film. A total of **1350** persons were able to hear the gospel through the Jesus film in those three towns in Grand Gedeh County with **855** persons responding to the gospel to accept Christ. The fields are ripe!!



Construction: The construction of the Hilltop Church roof is finally complete and the Nyeen Church construction is still ongoing. Thank you for giving. Your support has made a great difference!



Gracefield: The Gracefield Church was able to celebrate her 5th anniversary. Emmanuel Garpue who serves as the leader worked along with his team to organize these activities. They showed the Jesus film for two nights. During the first night 96 persons watched the Jesus film and on the second night 125 persons came to also watch the film with a total of **76** persons making the decision to accept Christ. On the main date of the anniversary, several individuals who invited were honored and certificated. An Elder was ordained to help serve with Emmanuel as a leader of the church.

Last Invitation: During the month under review Pastor Emmanuel Goldpin from the Assemblies of God in Johnsonville invited our Jesus film team to two different locations in Fendall and Whein Town. Brother Goldpin knew the film would help win more souls. 198 attended to watch the evangelistic movies with 111 responding to make decision to accept Christ as Lord. Most of them were added to the local churches there in that area. Thank you for **praying**. God hears and answers.

Rehab: The rehab program at Forestland land is still running, but the numbers attending has dropped because of God's grace in renewing so many lives. People once living in the graveyards are now back in their homes leading productive lives. Many of them are active in church programs. This has been such a wonderful program. Once again I am prompted to say thank you to our leaders and volunteers here as well as saying thank you to our Heritage AFlame family. Someday in eternity you will see all the fruit from your **prayers** and financial supports.

Guinea Missions: The work in Conakry, Guinea is still progressing holistically. This month, the Lord provided resources to drill a water well for the ministry there. The water well is being drilled on the ministry's property that was purchased last year in a new and growing community of Muslims and non-Muslims who are expected to benefit from the water well before the church can move into that community. As you know from your kindness, provision of a water well for a community in which our local churches are based is a strategy we have adopted over the years. We have seen that it builds a genuine relationship with the community before we move in and it is easier to reach out to them as they recognize us as those who did good for them. The rig was moved in to start and they began drilling. However a day later their machine broke down and it is under repair. Please **pray** for the well to be completed soon.



Up Coming Events

Lord willing we are looking into several more visits outside Monrovia to our local churches before the heavy rain sets in here in Liberia.

An inductive Bible study is scheduled for late May that will help provide hands-on-training for most of our local Pastors in Bible interpretation. We are always stressing the importance of rightly dividing the Word of God.

Prayer points:

Please **ask** the Lord for funds for 3 motor bikes for (Ganta region, Toe Town, Gbarnga, Kakata regions)

Please **pray** for the roof on the Compound Community Church. **Pray** for repentance and commitment at the Community Church, and the Children of Salvation Community Church.

Please **pray** for at least one acre of land for the Light of Christ Community Church in Toe Town.

Please **fast and pray** for souls. Oh that we would see multitudes come to Christ!