

April – May Missionary Prayer Prompters

I'm in the middle of reading a book titled REVOLUTION in World Missions by author KP Yohannan founder of Gospel for Asia. Pastor Yohanna is an evangelist from India reaching primarily into India and nearby countries with the Gospel. It's been a challenging book for me. It was written in 1986, but even nearly 40 years later, his points still seem applicable. Pastor Yohannan pounds on the need for believers to pray for the front-line missionaries. We often pray for protection and good health for missionaries, but Pastor Yohanna emphasizes the need for we who pray for all evangelists to pray they boldly proclaim the simple Gospel message. When Pastor Yohanna gave messages before believers, he would encourage listeners to find their pulse on their wrist. He said for every heartbeat you count, there is an unbelieving person from Asia dying and going to hell because they have never heard of Jesus Christ! We must tell all!

As a Mission Council, we have been tasked to stand in the gap between our congregation and the missionaries on the field. It is our task to educate our congregation on which missionaries CrossRoads supports. We want to provide education about the work each missionary performs in ministry and evangelization. We want you to know where these servants work. We encourage communication back and forth with the missionaries and we encourage them to share their needs for prayer as well as their praises for answered prayer.

This list of our missionaries sets out to accomplish these things. Dave Anderson who was a career missionary and supervisor over field missionaries wrote up a list of ideas how to pray for missionaries. Its on the back of a bookmark listing all the names of missionaries CrossRoads supports and information they have sent back to us. Pick up one of these bookmarks to help you pray for each of our missionaries. This prayer guide includes current specific prayer needs and praises sent by each missionary. I hope you find this helpful and useful in your prayer.

January 24 Missionary Prayer Prompts

The Missionaries that CrossRoads Church supports encompasses two classification groups:

1. Trainers or specialists that help Missionaries on the field be more equipped and effective. This usually includes natives citizens from the countries reaching out to citizens in that country.
2. Missionaries on the field, Pastors, Church Planters, Evangelists, face to face contact with a population sharing the Gospel with those who haven't heard it.

Bob and Barb Bartz –Now live in Florida. Bob still works under the umbrella of Far East Radio Broadcasting but is on loan to an organization he refers to as OM (Operation Mobilization). “In the coming year as Media Strategist with MediaWorks, I will continue consulting with ministry teams who are using today's digital media to identify and invite seekers to consider Jesus.

Here are some things the church can be praying about our ministry with MediaWorks:

- Engaging with media ministry teams around strategy can be challenging. Teams are so focused on the operational aspects of social media that little time is left to look at the broader issues. Pray that teams will see the value of the strategy effort to make it a priority.
- As we adopt a coaching approach with individual teams, I am working to enhance the online version of the Media Strategy Framework. Please pray for wisdom as we develop systems that enable a team to apply the framework and get the results they need.
- The Media Strategy team (currently two of us) needs to grow. Please pray we can find and enable new candidates from younger generations to join us.
- As a result of my meeting with OM field leaders in Turkey last October, OM teams in north India invited us to conduct a Media Strategy workshop, most likely in the 2nd quarter of this year. Planning is just getting started. Pray for the details to come together.
- Bob related in his last letter that much effort and time is going into training leaders in Northern India.
- We are also actively involved in ministry here in our community in Florida. Barb is quite active in leading a women's Bible study in our home. Her third study series is set to begin in January. I am also active in our church's worship teams. We also host a small group every week.

For more info: rbartz@febc.org January letter:

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Jim and Lynn Jarman – Converge Missionaries, Nordic Project Leaders, & Church Multiplication Catalysts Serving Denmark, Iceland, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Russia and Beyond. Jarmans changed their home base location to Florida and fly to these countries from Florida. “We have been asked to expand our roles as church multiplication catalysts. Now instead of working with one church network in Sweden, we have been tasked with overseeing and developing partnerships and projects in the five Nordic nations: Denmark, Iceland, Sweden, Norway, and Finland. God has been gracious to increase our sphere of service for Him throughout the Nordic Baltic region, including Russia.” “We have been given the opportunity to influence over 100 thousand people from 45 nations on a daily basis. **Scores have accepted Christ for the very first time.** We are in awe of God's goodness. **Your help is advancing the Gospel.**” God keeps opening doors for us to serve, and we love to walk through them to see what he has on the other side. We now are coaching leaders in eight nations - something that is hard for us to imagine. In the midst of continent-wide conflict and uncertainty, rising national tensions and energy shortages - the gospel is still going forward, churches are still being planted, and people are still finding hope and salvation in Christ.

Lynn focuses on Electronic posts to evangelize and has a very large following. Perhaps you receive Lynn's posts.

Pray for:

Our Transition from Sweden to the USA - **PRAY**

Protection, Health, and Strength for us each day - **PRAY**

Our Work Coaching Leaders in 8 Nations - **PRAISE and PRAY**

Our Work in the Nordic Baltic Nations with Converge and M4 - **PRAY**

People Accepting Christ via Social Media - **HUGE PRAISE**

The Church in Russia - **PRAY**

Monthly Support – **PRAY**

For more info: <https://converge.org/missionary/jim-lynn-jarman>

Group 2: Missionaries on the field meeting face to face with people ministering.

David and Carol J. – Change of Ministry focus. Used to be Converge Director over Asia. But now: Beginning January 1, I will continue as a Converge Global Worker, focusing my efforts in engaging with Chinese and India students in the Twin Cities area as well as training volunteers who work with these students. Hospitality Center (www.hospitalitycenter.org) will be one of several agencies of cooperative work. It is my desire to see many of these students become followers of Jesus, and for each to effectively share the Good News of Jesus upon their return to their countries.

Pray For:

- the creation of open doors to effectively speak of Jesus.
- Jesus to be heard, to be accepted, to be honored and to be glorified.

For more info: <https://converge.org/missionary/david-j>

Stephanie Alderman –Togo, Africa. Church planter working with women and children ministries. Here is the Converge link to the work Stephanie is focusing on: <https://converge.org/project/africa/6-degree-initiative/togo-church-planting>

- You may remember that voodoo is heavily practiced in Togo. Stephanie works the 6 Degree Initiative including Togo, Benin, and West Africa. **The Church she serves has a goal of reaching 100,000 converts from Togo and Benin.**
- I have received no recent news from Stephanie. She did share that she was back in America recently for a few months. I'm guessing she is back in Togo now.

This is a photo Stephanie sent in her last letter in February. This is a sign advertising a Festival of Black Divinity along a major highway. As was said, Voodoo has a strong grip on many in Togo. [see international highway for the voodoo festival.](#)



For more information: <https://converge.org/project/africa/6-degree-initiative/togo-church-planting>

Moa & Phoenix Chong. Asian Missionaries – Converge missionaries sharing the Gospel with Hui Musl*m group living in the same country. This couple has been spending time in “Prayer Walks” through the territory they live and work in. They are praying that God opens the eyes of their hearts to see the deep Love the Father has for the HAT people. Pray for:

- Open their hearts to receive the Word of God, His message of salvation and the person of Jesus Christ.
 - Open their homes to us when we visit them in their hometowns. They come from different county areas 3-5 hours away from our city.
- PLEASE PRAY for the current training that...
- God will call each one of the trainees personally to reach the *Hat* people.
 - Each trainee would see the immense need of the *Hat* people for the gospel and would go to them.
 - Each trainee will come with an attitude to learn, and a diligent heart to apply what they have learnt.
 - More local believers would embrace the vision of reaching the *Hat* people and would mobilize others to join them.
 - Praise for new workers settling in a locality where several Hat people made contact with Christianity through the Green Dorm (hospitality house near a large hospital.). Pray

these new workers can follow up with seeds that were planted and encourage more learning.

Jan Hoffman, Prayer Coordinator for Chongs and all newsletters come from janh@converge.org

Jody Carrell Converge Missionary working in Edinburgh, Scotland. Jody lives in Oxfang Community and ministers primarily to women living in the Oxfang Public Housing Community. Her outreach is to this Community often meeting at “the Hub”. She reaches out through weekly meals at the Hub, Crafting projects at the Hub, Women’s Bible Study – recently growing to 7 regular members, individual encounters and visiting and sharing God’s love.

Prayer requests:

For the Holy Spirit to move stealthily through the Forge training, small group studies and community outreach. For hearts to be softened and truth accepted in Alpha. Continued growth in Hub outreach. God will provide a vehicle for my ministry.

For more information: <http://converge.org/missionary/jody-carrell>

Todd and Karen Indehar – Converge Missionaries evangelizing and church planting in Thailand. You may recall that the church plant area in Bangkok was in the inner-city slums very near the ‘red light’ district. The work in Bangkok continues with another leader. Pastor, Evangelist Todd felt lead by God to move to the Northern part of Thailand in the Uttaradit region to a small town to reach out to an Unreached, Untargeted People Group. UUPG. Fak Tha district of Uttaradit province is where they now live.

Prayer Requests:

1. Mentoring young adult leaders.
2. Advising and helping with a youth group and ESL/Bible study outreach in Uttaradit.
3. Continuing relationships with a group of Thai church planters, including one who is looking to plant a church in a district that has no church.
4. Open working cooperation with other Church plant leaders in the area.
5. **That we stay in step with the Spirit**, intentional in our relationships especially and firstly with the Lord.
6. **To the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers.** As leaders of the Northern Thailand Least-Reached Peoples Project (TNT-LRP) we are praying that God would send *five singles and/or couples* in the next *five years* to serve long-term with us in the *five interior provinces* of northern Thailand. These are the five provinces with the least number of Christians, churches, and church planting workers in northern Thailand.

For more info: <https://converge.org/missionary/todd-karen-indehar>

Mike and Samya Johnson – Converge Missionaries to Muls*ms under Call of Love Ministries based in Ohio. Call of Love Ministries uses secure social media to reach Muls*ms.

“Not only is evangelism a core part of our ministry, but we are determined to walk alongside the new believers after they accept Christ so they can receive sound biblical discipleship, instead of leaving them to figure things out on their own. Our online church grows every week, and now has 540 members who are actively disciplined by our 63 mentors every week– and as we add mentors, we have 50 believers who are eager to begin attending services and learning from a personal mentor!”

Prayer requests:

- The Church in the Holy Land which includes the Messianic Jews, Arab Christians and Muslim converts. Pray for their protection during the conflict and for them to be used a Jesus’s light which is able to bring life in the mist of death and destruction.
- For our Almagd TV Church’s team and for the Lord to use the weekly two online services to help grow the faith of the Redeemed families and reveal mor of God’s truth to them. Almagd TV is a station similar to CBN TV in America.
- For all the nationalities and people groups in the Holy Land who have not met Jesus yet, to run to the true God during this difficult time and seek refuge in His love.
- The Almagd TV 24/7 streaming to reach the remote villages and streets where no missionary can go (including the Gaza strip). And for those viewers to watch and respond to the Good news that is able to bring hope into their lives.
- Our ministry team both here and overseas, to continue pressing on in spite of the challenges. Pray for good health, protection and healthy marriages.
- For Muslims around the world to discover the lies of Islam, have hunger to know the true God, and have the courage to seek the Lord Jesus and have a relationship with Him. For more info: Call of Love Ministries info@calloflove.org If you like testimonies, many are shared at this source.

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Bill Ankerberg, Nordic Baltic Initiative. Converge ministry focusing on the Nordic Baltic region. Several years ago we were told the Nordic countries and the Baltic countries were some of the spiritually darkest places in the world. The Nordic countries have just moved on without God. Their hearts seem to have hardened. The Baltic countries were former Soviet Union countries where belief in God was strongly discouraged by the government. People got used to life without God and few have interest in spiritual things today. The money CrossRoads sends to Converge goes toward the Nordic Baltic Initiative. It is used to provide training opportunities and retreats for ministry leaders and pastors. Bill is a retired pastor and does not draw a salary. Bill recently retired from the position of Director of the Nordic Baltic Initiative. He remains involved in the work but no longer as Director. Bill is an encourager and mentor to many Baltic pastors. Bill was with us May 20 – 21.

For more info: <https://converge.org/missionary/william-ankerberg> hank

Kryukov Church, Ukraine: **Kryukov Sister Church in the Ukraine**. Pastor Oleg is the Pastor of this church and an evangelist at heart. They have a very active group of Elders in this Church who each conduct responsibilities and ministries. But the war and devastation of war continues.

Ukraine has changed a lot. The structure of churches has changed. Many young families moved abroad, and even pastors. Instead of them the churches were filled with refugees, mostly unbelievers. Difficult times urge them to seek help from Christians. Because of war very many people became poor.

Our brothers finish building a house for refugees. All the church take part in this labor. Interior works remains. Pastor Oleg tells us Kryukov Church is considering and praying about starting a second apartment to house homeless refugees who are now living in the church and in member's homes. Join them in prayer about this concern.

The Kryukov church has put on several evangelistic summer camps this summer. And Pastor Oleg shares there have been many baptisms happening this summer also. These have been highlighted in the letters I have passed on to you.

God shows His will for us through material service of your church. The Lord opened a wonderful source of blessings through brothers and sisters of CrossRoads Church. We always rejoice for you and thank God.

Thank you for your prayer support. Hearty greetings to the church.

Our main prayer needs are:

1. The most important one - for the end of the war in Ukraine.
2. For continuing the construction of the second house for refugees. (apartment)
3. For the liberation from captivity of the sons of our sisters in Christ.
4. The need in new leaders for service in groups with refugees.
5. For development of service to the deaf and mute.
6. The need in youth pastor for church.

2Co.1:11 you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through {the prayers} {of} many.

With Christian love,

pastor Oleg.