

PRAISE & PRAYER
November 5, 2025
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the brave men and women You have called to the mission field. We thank You for each worker, whether serving locally or in far-off lands, who has answered Your call. Thank You for equipping them with the specific gifts needed to share Your Word and for enabling them to service across barriers of race, language, and culture. Thank You for their tireless work, their sacrifice, and their willingness to leave the comfort of home, family, and familiarity to share the love of Christ with others.

Pray for all of our workers of the week:

- **Pray** for open doors. Many workers are in restricted access countries, or areas which are resistant to the Gospel. **Pray** that God will open doors of ministry, blessing, partnership and friendships.
- **Pray** for boldness in witnessing—that they minister effectively in others cultures and languages, overcome the opposition of evil forces, and overcome the fear of embarrassment or failure.
- **Pray** that the Word of God will spread without hindrance. Obstacles must be removed if the Word of God is to flow freely. Remember that the struggle is against spiritual forces, which can attack in any area.
- **Pray** for physical protection—that God will keep the workers safe from those who might seek to harm them. **Pray** that they will also be protected spiritually, and are able to minister effectively despite spiritual attacks.

Pray for 5 unspoken requests.

Persecuted Church: Twelve-year-old Alicia has experienced significant persecution in Oaxaca, Mexico. This includes her family losing access to basic services and receiving violent threats. **Pray** for the freedom to follow Jesus. **Pray** for the local community leaders in Alicia's area, that God would soften their hearts to allow the building of a local church where they can gather and fellowship without fear of any kind.

CHURCH: Pray for the members of the college age Sunday School class as they continue DTS training on Sunday afternoon. **Pray** for Brian Fox, who was ordained last Sunday at his church in Spain. **Pray** as the church is in the search process for a Co-Childrens' Ministries Director and a Youth Pastor.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Hospital: Kyle Yoder (at Lutheran Hospital following a heart attack); Matvii, son of Andrii & Inna (in NICU at Riley Children's Hospital); Carol Neuenschwander (at Parkview Hospital)

Swiss Village: Carol Lerdal (**pray** for continuing strength); Ted Biberstine (in rehab)

Home: Joe Meyer (was released from the hospital Tuesday); Alvin Lehman (had a heart procedure at Lutheran Hospital today); Dave Keim (recovering from ankle surgery); Brian McGavic, brother of Chris Hyman (diagnosed with prostate cancer that is also in his pelvic bones; **pray** for wisdom and healing as they seek treatment options); Iris Sprunger (at home following a brief hospitalization); Sheree Barkley (**pray** for strength as she recovers from surgery); Lora Sprunger (continues immunotherapy through the end of the year); Suanne Sprunger (**pray** for strength and healing as she continues treatments); Roger Beck (recovering from a fall); **pray** for those with memory care loss and their caregivers.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Dick & Janet McKean | • Sharlene Lehman |
| • Matt & Becky Buckingham | • Nancy Yoder |
| • Mitch & Rosemary Sprunger | • Marjorie Wulliman |
| • Kip & Linda Summersett | • Myrna Bauman |
| • Charlie & Kathi Tooley | • Brian Lehman |

PRAYER:

Lord, we lift up all those You have called to serve as workers around the world. We pray that You cover them with Your hedge of protection against illness and physical danger. Grant them spiritual, physical, emotional, and spiritual strength. Provide them with wisdom and discernment, and open doors for their message. May their lives be a testament to Your goodness and glory.

Please phone Praise & Prayer items to the church office, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 589-3108; or Jim Schwartz, 525-0124