

PRAISE & PRAYER
February 4, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we praise You that You are the source of all wisdom, and that You have a plan for us. Thank You for the gift of discernment, which helps the Body of Christ distinguish right from wrong, and good from evil. Thank You for opening our eyes to see situations from Your perspective and insight to rely on Your power.

Pray for our workers of the week: Dan & Arlene B.

With the start of a new year comes many blessings and challenges, but our God is faithful and will accomplish His purposes through the good and the bad times. Thank you for your faithfulness in lifting us up in prayer as you partner with Wycliffe in the work of Bible translation so all may hear and understand the Gospel. God bless you.

- **Praise** God for the dedication of the Onobasulu New Testament on Jan. 17, bringing God's Word to more people in Papua New Guinea. **Pray** that God speaks powerfully through His Word in Onobasulu homes, churches, and communities.
- **Praise** God that Dan finished preparing the recorded book of Ruth for the Glefe language group to be flown out for distribution to the people. Dan is thankful for God enabling him to get it done in a short amount of time.
- We thank God that communication with the PNG team is improving, allowing Dan to complete work in a more timely manner.
- We enjoyed good family time over the Christmas holiday as Scott & Twila came up from Texas for several weeks and we were able to video chat with Michael & Debby in Malaysia.
- We thank God that Arlene's dad and step-mom are in reasonable health.
- **Pray** for new PNG personnel to fill the management gaps, as my immediate boss is retiring the end of the year. **Pray** that our coworkers there can learn and fulfill the new responsibilities well.
- **Pray** that Dan & Arlene know how to best support Arlene's sister and nephew as they are going through major financial and planning challenges in their business. **Pray** that they can see God's hand leading them through it all.

Pray for 5 unspoken requests.

Pray for comfort for Trevor & Roberta Maxwell and other family and friends in the death of Trevor's father, John Maxwell.

CHURCH: Bill Beachey is assisting with maintenance at Freedom International in the Dominican until February 7. **Praise** for the Canner Committee and all of the volunteers and local businesses who generously donated their time and resources this year.

Persecuted Church: Extremists continue to target Christians in India. **Pray** that believers would be spared violence and ask God to comfort those who have suffered attacks.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Hospital: Paul Lehman (scheduled for surgery today at Lutheran for a broken bone in his hand)

Swiss Village: Myrna Bauman (scheduled to come home today after her recent hospitalization); Betty Reinhard (recovering in rehab following her recent hospitalization); Joanne Balyeat, Linda Page's mother (is on hospice; **pray** for strength and peace); Diane Von Gunten (recovering in rehab)

Home: Ted Lautzenheiser (recovering at home after his recent hospitalization); Alan Habegger (recovering from knee surgery in Florida); Lois Lehman (continuing rehab); Suanne Sprunger (**pray** for healing, strength, and minimal side effects as she begins another round of chemo in February); Andrii and Ina (**pray** as Matvi adjusts to being home)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • John Brewer | • Abby Tumbleson |
| • Chris, Michelle & Carlie Sealscott | • Corbin, Ava & Duke Hirschy |
| • Roger Von Gunten | • John Foster |
| • Steve & Mary Beth Huser | • Terry Jones |
| • Zack, Becca, Eden & Isaac Sharp | • Nate, Victoria, Malcom & Maxwell Murphy |

PRAYER:

Lord, in a world filled with noise and confusion, we pray for discernment. Teach us to tune out the voices of the world, and hear Your gentle whisper. Open our eyes to see truth from Your perspective. Silence the distractions of the world and open our hearts to hear Your voice. Grant us patience to listen attentively, and the discernment to understand Your subtle guidance.

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