

PRAISE & PRAYER
July 30, 2025
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, thank You for Nehemiah, who, even in the face of opposition, had the courage and leadership to rebuild Jerusalem's city walls and restore the community. Thank You that today You still use people from all walks of life to contribute to Your work, regardless of their position or background. May Nehemiah's example of dedication to accomplish Your purposes and advance Your Kingdom also inspire us to live lives of faith and service to You.

Pray for our workers of the week: Kurt & Katie.

Praises & Prayers:

- We **praise** God for an excellent end of the school year and Summer English Enrichment Program. The Gospel was shared to thousands of students and children, and many team members' lives were changed. All the glory be to God.
- We continue to **pray** for Max's eye pressure to normalize, and for the continued healing of their eyes.
- We **pray** for our last two weeks of furlough, that we would have safe travel and effective meetings.

Thank you for lifting our family up in prayer!

Pray for comfort for Deb & Mike O'Dell and other family and friends in the death of Deb's father, Robert Harter, on July 24.

Pray for comfort for the family and friends of Fred Stauffer, who passed away on July 27.

Persecuted Church: Pray for strength and hope for four Christian house church leaders that were arrested in northern Laos. **Pray** also for the 19 believers in the village where these church leaders were arrested. They are living in constant fear, as villagers and authorities watch believers' every move. **Pray** they will seek God despite the risk.

Pray for 5 unspoken requests.

CHURCH: Ryan Sprunger will be serving with MDS in Conroe, Texas, for most of the month of August.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Swiss Village: Carol Lerdal (in rehab); Ted Biberstine (in rehab recovering strength); Twyla Sprunger (recovering from a broken arm)

Home: Orlyn Lehman (recovering from shoulder replacement surgery); Carol Neuenschwander (recovering from a fall); Dick Smitley (recovering at home); Allyson Gilbert and Brayden Gilbert (recovering from hip surgery); Suanne Sprunger (**pray** for strength as she continues treatment); Lora Sprunger (continuing radiation; **pray** for minimal side effects); Lori Sprunger (recovering from ankle surgery)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Jim & Janet Dennison | • Paul & Evelyn Norr |
| • Olivia Dynes | • Daniel & Kate Steffen |
| • Ted & Hazel Lautzenheiser | • Ted & Kathy Liechty |
| • Dan & Arlene Bauman | • Fred & Sonia Lehman |
| • Nancy Graber | • Dave & Kathy Bauman |

PRAYER:

In Nehemiah 3 we see different groups of people from all walks of life putting their efforts together into rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. Today should be no different. Lord, as we continue Your work we pray that You help us to work as one, regardless of age, gender, race, or job. We are all a part of God's church and have the same goal. If we allow our differences to separate us, the work will never get done. So we ask that You guide us in working together as the united body of Christ in rebuilding Your Kingdom.

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