



2023 Advent Prayer Journey – Weeks 3 & 4 Prayer Guide

Sunday, December 17th – Texas-Mexico Border Ministries

- Pray for new CCCU Missionary Barb Thomas, who will serve in Laredo, Texas.
- As a missionary in Laredo, Barb will use her skills and experience to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, tutor junior high and senior high students, assist with job readiness, and facilitate ministries the CCCU congregation in Laredo (Iglesia Evangelica Unión Cristiana) develops within the community. Pray for the planning that is already underway for new ministries in Laredo.
- Pray for Barb as she meets with individuals, small groups, and churches to share the calling God has placed on her life. Pray for prayer warriors and financial supporters to join her support team.

Monday, December 18th – Honduras

- Pray for CCCU Missionaries Tim and Aleyda Spetnagel who serve in Honduras. Tim and Aleyda serve in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, at Brazos de Jesus, a ministry to underprivileged and at-risk youth.
- Pray for missionaries to serve in youth ministry, discipling young people and planning events, activities, and interactions with community youth.
- Pray for more teachers at El Sembrador's bilingual primary school in Catacamas, Honduras. These teachers will also mentor and disciple high school students living on campus.

Tuesday, December 19th – U.S. Southwest Ministries

- Pray for CCCU Missionaries Doug and Becky Darfus who minister to Native American youth in Arizona.
- Native children come from all over Arizona to attend U.S. Southwest Ministries camps. While at the camps, they receive all the love and support that Jesus showed to children.

- Doug and Becky visit, encourage, and help disciple as many of the campers and their families as possible, so that when the children return to the next camp, they will have grown in their faith.
- Pray for two teachers to teach elementary and high school grades in schools located on Native American reservations.

Wednesday, December 20th – Special Assignment

- Pray for CCCU Missionaries Butch and Leatha Jenkins who serve on Special Assignment.
- Butch and Leatha serve as construction consultants and as WGM's Men With Vision Project Coordinators, helping with construction projects on a variety of fields including PNG. Butch and Leatha also organize work teams and mobilize volunteers to come alongside our fields.
- Pray for more missionaries who can step into key roles to meet critical needs on our fields.

Thursday, December 21st – Papua New Guinea

- Pray for CCCU Missionaries Seth and Veronica Porter who serve in Papua New Guinea.
- Seth works closely with the churches and pastors and teaches vocational skills to young men. Veronica homeschools their children and is involved with the church's women's ministry.
- Planting churches in new provinces is difficult in Papua New Guinea because of the cultural and tribal divisions.
- Pray for three young men who will serve as interns in PNG this summer, working alongside Seth in church planting and the discipleship of young men in rural areas ("the bush") of PNG.
- In the bush, these ministries aren't done in a coffee shop or office but outside or in bush houses. They can look like preaching in a church or marketplace, helping build a church, hiking into remote areas, or hanging out with the young men in bush houses.

Friday, December 22nd – Missionary Kids

- Pray for our Missionary Kids (MKs)! We currently have 21 MKs serving with their parents around the world. These young people play a crucial role in spreading the Gospel by reaching their national peers and opening doors of ministry for their parents.
- Pray for our nine young adult MKs who are in college or beginning careers. Pray for them as they progress through personal, educational, professional, and other important life decisions without their parents close by. Pray also for these MKs as many celebrate birthdays and holidays away from their parents throughout the year.
- Pray for all of our MKs, as they face unique challenges of navigating multiple cultures and homes.

Saturday, December 23rd – U.S. Southwest Ministries

- Pray for new CCCU Missionaries Stephen and Bethany Taylor, who will serve Native Americans in Arizona.
- Pray that the SOAR Ministry (Servant-Overcomer Addiction Recovery) will grow and that God will open doors to expand the ministry beyond the Gila River Reservation.
- Pray for the growth and development of ministries at Siloam Church where Stephen and Bethany will serve.
- Pray for God-appointed opportunities for Bethany to mentor and disciple women on the Gila River Reservation and beyond.
- Pray for Stephen and Bethany as they meet with individuals, small groups, and churches to share the calling God has placed on their lives. Pray for prayer warriors and financial supporters to join their support team.

Sunday, December 24th – Papua New Guinea

- Pray for CCCU Missionaries Shawn and Bethany Waugh who serve in Papua New Guinea. They work at the Christian Union Bible College in Mt. Hagen. God has called them to PNG to help fill the great need for teachers to train national pastors in the Bible so they will be well-equipped to evangelize and disciple their own people.
- Pray for two teachers to lead evangelism and church-planting classes at Christian Union Bible College in Papua New Guinea.

As we close the Advent season, I want to pass on to you a quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer found in his book, *God Is In the Manger*: “A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes - and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.” May we all remember and celebrate with great joy the freedom we have in Christ! Thank you for praying with us throughout the Advent season, and Merry Christmas!

Please continue praying that the Advent Offering will reach the \$85,000 goal so that we can send the Light to those who are living in darkness!

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- Through a contribution to your local church marked “Advent Offering for Missions”



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