

"There is no Rock like our God...He will guard the feet of His faithful servants. It is not by strength that one prevails." Excerpts I Samuel 2 NIV

Persistence in prayer

"It is not that God is slow to act, or that we are trying to persuade God (for prayer is laying hold of His highest willingness).

Prayer requires persistence because it is also an act of warfare against 'the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms' (Eph. 6:12).

Such prayer reverses the Fall, in which Adam asserted his independence. In it, we say, 'Not my will, but yours be done.'

We fight with God to liberate enemy-occupied territory, knowing that while the victory is certain, the length of the battle is not."

Pete Greig

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

As world events change around us, we feel the undercurrents of uncertainty. How much more our missionaries and their families who are serving in Europe and Asia!



Our teams in Hungary and the Czech Republic are reaching out to care for needy refugees flooding into their country. Some of the missionaries in our region served previously in Ukraine and are heartbroken at the plight of their friends there.

You have the opportunity to reach out to Ukrainians through WGM's missionaries and trusted partners in Hungary, Ukraine, and the Czech Republic to show them the love of Jesus. To learn more visit Ukraine Crisis Fund - World Gospel Mission (wgm.org).

Member Health Team Retreat 2022

Bill and Kristi Gaultiere, founders of Soul Shepherding, led our weeklong retreat where blocks of time were spent alone with God enjoying His creation. What a blessing to engage in the very habits we encourage our missionaries to practice! In an effort to better serve our missionaries, we along with others from the Member Health team are participating in Soul Shepherding Institute's two year training in spiritual formation. (Below are pictures from our time together in Florida.)









A 60 Second Challenge

Epaphras is mentioned three times in the New Testament. He traveled with Paul, the great pioneer missionary, and witnessed firsthand the exhilaration and exhaustion sharing God's message brought.

We do not know the full extent of Epaphras' ministry. Paul describes him in the letter to the Colossians as "... always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured." (Col. 4:12 NIV).

Would you take the next 60 seconds to pray for WGM's missionaries serving in Europe & Asia?

Like Epaphras, ask God to help them:

- Be people of character and courage
- Stand firm and mature in spiritual growth
- Be convinced and fully assured in everything willed by God
- > And finally, ask God to help us know how to best serve the missionaries in our regions of Europe and Asia.

Travel Plans

The Eternal One says "My intentions are not always yours, and I do not go about things as you do" (Isaiah 55:8 Voice translation).

We had planned to begin international travel in 2020. Due to COVID and travel restrictions, our plans were changed. After recent communication with WGM leaders in Europe and Asia, they believe we will be able to visit and spend time with missionaries beginning this fall. How reassuring to know God leads our paths; He knows best.

After so many years living in South America, travel within the US is so easy! If you are interested in meeting with us or having us share in your church or small group, we would love to find a time to reconnect!







As we drove to Florida for the Member Health retreat, we spent precious times with friends along the way. Pictured above are Lori's uncle and aunt whom we had not seen for 12 years as well as two former missionary colleagues from Bolivia.

Thank you Liberty Orape! Family for your faithful ministy to us.

Rick & Loni

Many in the world around us are experiencing life between a rock and a hard place "in a difficult or uncomfortable position with no attractive way out" or on the rocks "in a state of destruction or wreckage". Our prayer is that you are anchored to the Rock of Ages; held safe and secure in the winds and storms of life.

Thank you for your faithful involvement and encouragement to us!

Your missionaries,

Rick & Lori