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I have family in Gaza and Israel

Since we serve with missionaries around the world and have sent missionaries to serve in Israel and Palestine, some have asked my thoughts on the war in Gaza.

In 2005, the year Israel turned Gaza over to Palestinian control, my wife Jana and I had the privilege of going into Gaza with a CTEN missionary who served there. We were warmly welcomed into the homes of several Palestinian Christian families. As the wives served tea and the children played on the floor around us, I asked about their lives as believers in such a hostile environment.

I discovered they were distrusted, even hated, by most Israelis because they were Palestinian. And, they were despised infidels and traitors to most of their Palestinian neighbors because they were Christians. My eyes were opened as they shared stories of atrocities they had suffered from both sides.



As they shared their stories, I felt anger rising in me but, strangely, sensed no animosity on their part. They were simply telling me about their lives because I asked. Finally, I had to know, “How do you deal with the Bible’s commands to bless Israel when you have suffered so much at the hands of the Israeli government?”

“Oh,” my new friend responded, “The Jews are God’s chosen people. Like you, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem. We pray God blesses Israel.” Then he said something that pricked my heart, “All we ask is, please, while you bless Israel, don’t forget us, your brothers and sisters in Christ. Please pray for us, too.” Wow! I was stunned.

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Yes, I have family in Gaza and Israel – brothers and sisters in Christ. You do, too. I have many thoughts about what is happening there right now but the only one that really matters is this: At such a desperate time, the least we can do, and **the greatest thing we can do**, is honor this Palestinian brother’s request - pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ - both Palestinian and Israeli.

“Don’t forget us,
your brothers and
sisters in Christ.”

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Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.” For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.” For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.
- Psalm 122: 6-9

November 2023 Prayer Calendar

1 - Enrique & Letty Rodriguez - *Mexico* – Please pray for the total funding for the parsonage house for the church in Lagunas.

2 - Irvin & Mari Penner - *Mexico* - Their two prayer requests at Casa Esperanza are for people with addictions in their village to desire to seek help and for finances to build the ministry center.

3 - Jessica Bruccoleri - *USA* – Pray for increased support as she and her fiancé look to the future to serve God worldwide.

4 - Mario & Paige Mino - *Guatemala* – Please pray for a spiritual awakening in the parents of the children as they reach out to them.

5 - Bonnie & Ernesto Teachout - *Mexico* – Please pray for the funding needed for a new mission center.

6 - Jonah & Jessica Cajigas - *Philippines* – Pray for continued recovery from surgery and that God would continue to use their family for his Ministry and glory.

7 - Drew & Cindy Metcalf - *USA* – They ask for prayer for their family’s safety and Divine health.

8 - Todd & Maureen Erickson - *Guatemala* – Pray that Iglesia del Camino will represent Jesus well through this upcoming Christmas season.

9 - Sondra Livermore - *USA* – Please pray for opportunities and resources to start more Christian Training Center Bible Schools in Latin America as they are discipling pastors, missionaries, and Christian leadership.

10 - MiKeila & Facundo Miller-Puentes - *Mexico* – Pray for Facu to rekindle his passion there and learn how to serve with people who work differently than he does.

11 - Ginger & Enrique Ottoson - *Mexico* – Please pray that the Lord would give them discernment and wisdom to continue walking in His will and to wait on Him.

12 - Susan & Juan Fasino-deGarcia - *Mexico* – Please pray for God’s provision, wisdom, and guidance as their Ministry grows. They now have close to 50 children in their therapy program, and most of the children are autistic!

13 - Jonathan & Rebekah Pifer - *Ecuador* – The Pifers are facing new challenges in balancing family and ministry needs; please pray for wisdom in this area as well as wisdom in discipling spiritual leaders in tribal Ministry.

14 - Peter & Esther (Baldelomar) Dukes - *Costa Rica* - Please pray for wisdom as they prepare for launch and provision for them as they raise support.

15 - Sammy & Sarah Evans - *Haiti* - Please pray for their field of work and that God would say a word for the people as they are in political distress and spiritual oppression.

16 - Elise Whitfield - *Zambia* – Please pray for financial provision for all of them to visit the States next summer, 2024!

17 - Rebecca & Clifford Cal - *Belize* – Now that the adoption of their son is complete and his passport has arrived, please pray for monthly support so that they can return to Belize!

18 - Elaine Hurtado - *eSwatini* – Pray for continued wisdom as they grow their Ministry in Eswatini and God’s financial provision for her family as they have had unexpected medical bills the past two years.

19 - Toby & Sara Shannon - *USA* – Please pray for Jeyson, Renzo, Ricardo, and Javier, new believers all connected through motorcycle racing ministry.

20 - Greg & Gail Malczewski - *Mexico* – They will represent their school PCS, Mexico, and Guatemala at a conference in the extreme end of Brazil and ask for wisdom and grace as they share from 1 to 5 October.

21 - Caitlin McDonald - *Guatemala* – Please be praying that she will find a strong church community and begin to make connections within the community.

22 - Daniel & Sarah Zagami - *USA* - Please pray for 14 of their Congolese and Burundian missionary training graduates who have sending churches and are now working on developing their support teams so that they can be sent out to the nations.

23 - Karen Wiens - *Baja Mexico* – Please pray for her support raising as she is currently just under 50% of her goal of \$2,500 a month.

24 - Vicky Abril - *Mexico* - Please pray, as she has recently had some health issues.

25 - Darren Reid - *Baja Mexico* – There has been an increase in gun violence there in Ensenada. Please pray for solutions that lead to peace!

26 - Brian & Susan McCoy - *Baja Mexico* – Pray for them to have greater capacity. Brian and her are both students of their first Bible School there at the ranch while also doing planning and student family video chats for their next Family DTS.

27 - Josh & Nicole Wilke - *Peru* - Please pray with them that the Church in Peru would step into its God given role to see every child in Peru live in a safe, loving family.

28 - Leslie & Samuel Kawooya-Gore - *Uganda* – Pray for wisdom as they direct Revive Ministry, focusing on vulnerable children in Jinja.

29 - Heath Dooley - *Honduras* – pray for direction as he launches a sports ministry in Honduras.

30 - Perry & Roline Smit - *Suriname* – More funding for their growing Ministry so they can save and help more girls.