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False Accusations Will Come

Last month I was privileged to be part of a gathering of over 1000 pastors from various denominations, different areas of the country, and diverse theological backgrounds. They came to the nation's capital simply to pray for the nation. They asked God to deliver the land from corruption, crime, injustice, and darkness.

This was in Guatemala, Central America. There was great passion and intensity as these leaders asked God to bless their small nation and other nations (including the USA). A fellow American commented to me, "If this happened in the US, the critics would be raging, 'Who do you think you are to ask God to bless America? That's Christian nationalism! That's arrogant, racist pride.'"

How quickly clever accusations like that can silence us. How quickly we slink back into the shadows if someone expresses disapproval. We dare not be offensive. Ironically, we follow One who offended people everywhere He went. In fact, His message, now our message, **is** offensive - the stench of death to those perishing but a sweet aroma to those who are being saved. (2 Cor 2:15)

For the sake of those "being saved," we must continue to proclaim the message no matter what accusations come our way. Our enemy is called *the accuser*, so we should not be surprised when those enslaved by him continually cast lying accusations our way to try to silence us. But we must be careful not to join his camp and respond with venomous accusations lest we slip into using tactics and tools of the enemy's kingdom.

We respond with love, with kindness, in the opposite spirit. We keep giving, keep praying, and keep sending messengers to all who need to hear. Pray for justice, pray for Righteousness to exalt all nations (Proverbs 14:34), and, yes, it's even OK to ...
PRAY FOR AMERICA.

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Prayer Calendar

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1 - Judy Bergen - Guatemala - Please pray that the October team has a servant's heart.

2 - Michael & Sharlene McDonald - Baja Mexico - Pray that God would provide sponsors for all 8 students in La Huerta missions school.

3 - David & Wendy Ashenbrenner - Guatemala - Pray for the students who will graduate from their seminary on October 26th that they will faithfully serve the Lord in their churches & communities.

4 - Mark De Haan - Ecuador - Pray for the completion of the San Antonio de Quito water system and that community members would be blessed with clean drinking water and the Life-giving water in Christ.

5 - Ernest & Lisa Ehabe - Cameroon - Please pray that a church they planted 8 years ago burnt completely to the ground in a fire that destroyed a poor section of Yaounde. They lost everything.

6 - Warren & Victoria Carr - Zambia - Pray with them for deep encounters with God, provision, favor, and guidance on their new journey.

7 - Jill Senechal - Northern Ireland - Pray for God's provision for both spiritual & practical needs as she moves to Belfast to begin her new role there.

8 - Michael & Noribette Day - Costa Rica - Pray for protection for their son Joshua (a Marine), as he will be deployed this month; pray for peace for them as a family.

9 - Dusty Lance - Japan - Pray that the Lord will provide 3 young Japanese males to disciple and see multiplication happen in Gifu prefecture.

10 - Abner & Laura Solano - Nicaragua - Pray for a miracle to keep their Christian school open as they are facing political opposition.

11 - James & Ellie Carr - Guatemala - Pray the Holy Spirit softens hearts as they faithfully share the Gospel while continuing to serve in Guatemala.

12 - Cesar & Nancy Cortez - Ecuador - Pray for the pastors who have received theological training this year that the Lord gives them wisdom and love to continue preaching the Gospel.

13 - Chris & Heather Meatyard - Honduras - Pray for funds for future water wells, for midwifery school (Heather and Kirstyn), and a future birthing clinic.

14 - Andrew & Amy Schmidt - Panama - Please pray for ministry partners to join them in Panamá: brothers and sisters to labor with, serve with, worship, and grow in community with.

15 - Grace Spell - USA - Pray she has wisdom for the 2023 trip schedule and that God would send her a partner in ministry.

16 - Jaci Grooters - USA - To listen to God's guidance on how to best minister to the MKs within CTEN.

17 - Randy & Marcia Orban - USA - Pray for the health and stamina we need to serve well.

18 - Caroline Coil - Guatemala - Pray for God's guidance and provision as they seek to open children's programs in two new locations in January.

19 - George & Jeri McClure - Baja Mexico - Please pray for the 50 children who receive Sunday School packets each week that seeds would be planted in their hearts as well as the hearts of their entire families.

20 - Edgar & Laura Cojon - Guatemala - Pray for opportunities for the youth and young adults in their home and for wisdom as they disciple their kids. Also, for financial provision for the children's home.

21 - Dave & Jen Carroll - Uganda - Please pray for efficiency in developing discipleship resources and for the hearts of young people to recognize and embrace the truth of the Gospel in the midst of so much false teaching.

22 - Kees Boer - Bolivia - Please pray that the groups will be multiplying into other groups and that the Gospel will go forth without hindrance from the government.

23 - Linda DeVault - Guatemala - Please pray for healing for her mental health; she would love to continue to be useful in missions for as long as the Lord wants her to be.

24 - Laurisa Huebert - Mexico - Please pray for the right person to join their team. They are in need of a strong staff member to help with the day-to-day operations of the home and care of the girls.

25 - Fernando & Julia Jaimes - Colombia - They are glad and thankful to God as He has provided a place for their church and seminary. They would like to thank God for His provision of the down payment to purchase the church facilities. Also, they want to thank God for the loan the landlord gave them with very good conditions. (Banks in Colombia do not loan to churches)

26 - Pierre & Natalie Charlotin - Haiti - Please pray for finances to rebuild their house and transition to life back in Haiti.

27 - Chase & Reagan Gray - Honduras - Please pray for his new marriage and work at the international school in Balfate, Honduras.

28 - Michael & Leslie Cesmat - Guatemala - Please pray for their first return trip to the states in hopes of fulfilling their goal for their first budget with only 15% monthly gifts left.

29 - Naomi Heye - Guatemala - Please Pray for Healthy girls and the needed funds for building a permanent home for her special needs girls.

30 - Arryn & Hector Bauder-Nuila - Guatemala - Pray that God would provide for their needs and that they would be good stewards of what He provides.

31 - Carrie & Mark Reichel - USA - Pray for Mark as he "maps" the yet unreached ethnic groups internationally. Pray for Carrie as she directs Child Evangelism Fellowship expansion throughout Southern Colorado.