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The new church intern knew he was in trouble as soon as he saw someone wearing the T-Shirt.

As his first assignment, he had been given the task of coming up with ideas to encourage church members to increase their pledge during the annual church pledges drive. He ordered brightly colored T-shirts. The front of the shirt proclaimed, “I Upped My Pledge.” Large letters on the back said, “Up Yours!”

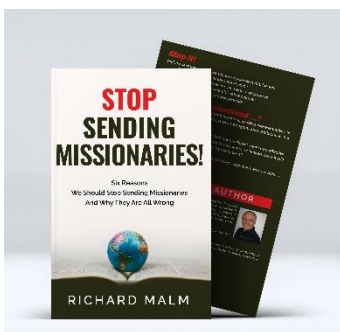
As I consider the coming year, I realize it is time to “up mine.” The cost-of-living increased last year by around 9%. That affects you and me, but it also affects all the missionaries we care about and support. And, for many of them, the impact on their local economies is even greater, causing their buying power to plummet.

Is it time to up yours?

I realized a 10% increase in my giving doesn’t amount to a lot. But it would enable the people and ministries I care about to not just keep up with the economy but actually to do more good and touch more lives in 2024.

Would you consider and pray about joining me in increasing our investment in missions and ministry in 2024? I upped mine. Is it time to up yours? Who knows, maybe we’ll even get some T-shirts printed.

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Prayer Calendar January 2024

1 - Christi Whitekettle - Rwanda – Please ask for protection for their team members- the enemy seems to be targeting several of them.

2 - Neftali & Alyssa Rubio - Mexico – Their church in Guadalajara is praying to purchase a church building in 2024!

3 - Steve & Kimberly Lunn - Hong Kong - Pray for the doors to stay open to preach the Gospel openly to enable them to reach the region for Jesus.

4 - Nathanael & Spring Davis - Belize – Lift up both Jesus Deaf Church in Orange Walk and the deaf ministry through Fountain of Life in Spanish Lookout. Pray that the deaf would feel called to lives of discipleship in Christ, and growth in him.

5 - Adam & Jennifer Bostic - USA - Their family needs God's blessing of a reliable vehicle, a small SUV, to help them with their missionary work.

6 - Loren & Alaina Holland - Italy – Pray that Rome International Church is a place where the lost find Christ and the saved find encouragement to share Jesus with their co-workers/ neighbors in a country with less than .8% who know the Gospel.

7 - Alex & Debbie Izquierdo - Mexico – Please pray for their family health and wisdom to serve the Lord and the people in Oaxaca, Mexico.

8 - LynnAnn Murphy - Guatemala – She would like prayer for discernment in the new direction the ministry is headed.

9 - Taeko Bronner - USA - Please pray that God will give Taeko wisdom and strength to continue reaching out to Internationals in Lancaster, PA.

10 - Raphael & Crystal John - Nigeria – Please pray for their ongoing training in conservation agriculture for national missionaries and pastors, equipping them with high-yield farming techniques as an outreach tool and a way to help them feed the communities they serve, especially in dangerous and difficult to reach areas with high Muslim populations.

11 - Heather & Jose Farrell-Hernandez - Honduras – Please pray for encouragement and provision for the Bible classes and for new students.

12 - Emma Wright - Cambodia – Please pray for Cambodian children to experience the love of Jesus in tangible ways and put their faith in Him!

13 - Whitney & Kossi Akpi - Malawi – Please pray for their family to be unified and to live in harmony so that the overflow of their lives will impact the communities around us and be inspired to live Christ-centered, Jesus inspired lives, which will impact the spiritual growth and wellbeing of the nation of Malawi.

14 - Kevin Cochrane - Japan – Please pray that the many Japanese friends that he has been sharing the Gospel with will believe in Jesus in 2024.

15 - Teresa Kwiatkowski - Romania – Please pray for the Lord to provide guidance in seasons of change.

16 - Bryan & Bonnie Pue - Canada – Please pray for wisdom, financial provision, and grace as they desire to reach more nations and expand their team.

17 - Steven & Andrea Drake - Mexico – Pray that they would find a healthy balance of ministry and family responsibilities so that the two of them flourish

18 - Sean & Claudia Raybuck - USA – Pray for continual growth in abiding, peace, and joy even while dealing with church discipline issues.

19 - Ed & Mary Fox - USA - Pray for the typesetting and funding of the San Andrés K'iche' New Testament translation.

20 - Johnathan & Candice Pulos - USA – Praise God for ten amazing years of ministry! God has truly granted them an opportunity to share the Gospel through the world's technology. They are so grateful for all he has done!

21 - Benjie & Chelsea Wheeler - Nigeria – Please pray for increased interest and funding for the mission from both abroad and Nigerian nationals.

22 - Phil & Eunice Raiford - Mexico – Please pray that their home church will continue to grow.

23 - Walter & Maribel Requejo - Baja Mexico – Pray for Walter's health and for Maribel to finish her college studies well.

24 - Alicia Revell - Mexico – Pray that the Lord would continue to bring more students to her ESL classes.

25 - Dustin & Faith Minter - Japan – Pray for their transition back into ministry from furlough; also pray that they will be granted a 5-year visa renewal.

26 - Catherine & Lambert Bariho - Rwanda – Please pray for guidance and provision of property or land to build on as a long-term home for our ministry here in Rwanda.

27 - Matt & Selena Crenshaw - Nicaragua – Our prayer request is for peace, more trust, and faith as we are in the US raising funds for the ministry!

28 - Ben & Alicia Dewbury - Belize – Pray that they will continue to stay sensitive to God's leading in their lives and ministry.

29 - Jason & Geena Froese - Canada – Please pray for direction in ministry, health, and joy in this season of life.

30 - Jesse & Priscilla Wong - Rwanda – Pray for funds to purchase much-needed medical equipment.

31 - Marc Randall - Zambia – Pray for his chaplaincy program with numerous government agencies.