

## Prayer Requests – June 29 - CNH Mission Agency

### Interruption or Opportunity?

The man to the right is one of my friends and an unintentional mentor. Frank Spiva moved back to Colorado recently after working with the CNH District and the Lutheran Church Foundation here in our District. I miss his wisdom. We shared office space for a number of years and enjoyed several informal conversations in which I was the receiver of priceless wisdom. Once, when bemoaning the numerous interruptions that had occurred that week, Frank gave me a twinkle of a smile and said, "Michael, ministry happens in the interruptions."



Sunday's worship at St. Andrew's in Stockton under the theme of "living as a disciple" reminded me of Frank's words. I would suggest an additional modification to Frank's quote. "God's mission to the world will surface in the interruptions." Why would this be? Simply this: God's timing is not subject to our timing and his ways are higher than our ways. Does this mean that we rush to respond to every circumstance that might be an opportunity? Not necessarily. God has given us the responsibility to be discerning. However, we would do well to expect God to pour out opportunity and blessing even in the interruptions. When we respond to where God is sending us, we can expect the unplanned, the adventure, and the practice of depending upon our God for His wisdom and providing.

*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,  
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,  
who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:7*

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*Our mission prayer newsletter rotates through prayers for each of our CNH over-seas missionaries as well as a prayer for staff CNH leaders in the first section. We share 5-7 prayer requests monthly from the CNH mission field in each newsletter. (Archives on website).*



1. Melissa Karges, daughter of principal, Lonnie Karges, is a Mission of Christ network missionary in Hungary. Melissa is stateside training with MCN, working on an advanced degree and will visit the CNH in August. Pray for her renewal and for open doors for English language camps in towns within her area of influence. Camps offer significant Gospel outreach opportunity. To contact Melissa to speak or to connect for support, email her at [melissakarges@missionofchrist.org](mailto:melissakarges@missionofchrist.org)

2. Ask that God would give needed rest and renewal to your District President, Rev. Robert Newton during his vacation. Pray that God would refresh him for the leadership that will be needed in the upcoming months.

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### CNH Regional Missions

1. Pray for CMC vicar at Addis Kidan, Muluneh Taye. Muluneh is studying for the pastoral ministry through Concordia Irvine's cross-cultural program. Pray for an understanding employer, balance of multiple responsibilities, and fruitful ministry.
2. Ask that God would bless the work of Alex Lissow and wife Barbara as they launch into the busy summer ministry season around Lake Almanor at the mission revitalization ministry through the Chester and Greenville churches (Nevada circuit). Pray for strength, open doors, and footholds for Gospel ministry.
3. Timmy Hamilton and William Pierce, lay deacons at St. Matthew on Kauai, ask for prayers that they would be bold in their personal evangelistic witness, modeling for and encouraging the congregation. (*supervisor: Rev. Ryan Alvey*)
4. Ben Riley is the new cross-language pastor at Prince of Peace in Fremont. Pray for Ben, Amy and son Oliver as they adjust and that God would give him guidance in this new ministry. Ben and Amy were previously missionaries in Taiwan and China.



### **Featured Mission Prayer**

Please share this with your pastor and/or include in your regular church prayers. *You are welcome to include it in your Sunday bulletin or monthly church newsletter.*



Please keep Aaron Putnam and LINC Bay Area in your prayers. Aaron is the City Director for LINC Bay Area. In an effort to grow and enable indigenous leaders in the Bay Area, LINC will offer a non-accredited Bible Institute for lay and professional leaders that will enhance and fill out their ability to lead and mentor others. Leadership development and training prior to formalized seminary training is an essential step for sound mission expansion.