

## Prayer Requests – November 29, 2016 - CNH Mission Agency



### Sharing and Receiving

We often joke in our house that Eddy (the dog) believes he is Matthew's (the son) brother. Even if that is not true, these two love to "share" and "receive" from one another. Maybe you are good at sharing. Perhaps you are better at receiving. In a disciple-making relationship, one needs be about both of these activities.

***"Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches." Gal. 6:6***

In this context, Paul is giving some important counsel regarding how we behave as Christian community. This summative verse drives home an important behavior between those "sharing" and those "receiving." The interchange should go both ways. If we have received, we should be willing to share in grateful response. However, we can infer from this verse that the opposite also is true. If we have shared (been a mentor/teacher), we should also be willing to receive (even from those we have taught). Many of you are teachers/ mentors. Many of you are teachers, pastors, parents, and disciple-makers of others.

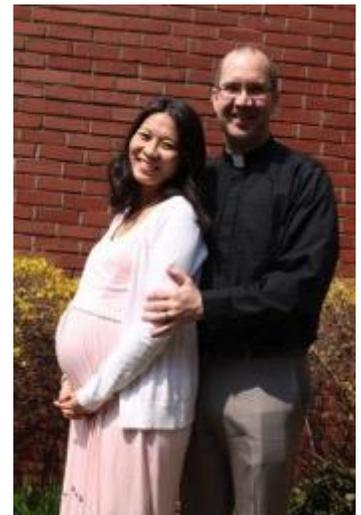
I believe this verse also implores us to be discerning, *and humble* receivers, even from those you have taught. We honor, respect and show important trust when we receive humbly. Our Lord Jesus received humbly the gifts, questions, and help of those who traveled with him. In placing himself in the position of a receiver, he honored and trusted them. Those whom we disciple will benefit from the honor and trust we show. In so doing, we will reap an immediate as well as a future harvest.

*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. Chuck and Jean Hoffman, formerly of Elko, NV, serve at ILC in Taiwan. As you can see in this photo, two have become three? No, four. Praise God for Anneliese and Elsie Hoffman who were baptized on June 12, 2016.
2. Praise God for Doug Benton, our CNH part-time communications assistant. He and his family of four recently were forced to leave their home. God has been faithful and provided new and better housing for them.



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### CNH Regional Missions

1. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for Faith Lutheran Church in South San Francisco who will baptize several more adults this Christmas Day. This Cantonese speaking congregation continues to connect with young immigrants.
2. Pray for Clarence DeLude and those ministering in Waianae with him to the indigenous Hawaiian people. Praise God for our partnership with Lutheran Indian Ministry on this project and the new leadership in that missionary organization.
3. Pray for Temesgen Dabsu and the leaders of the Oromo group who now have opportunity to pour a larger amount of time into this new church plant based in Hayward. (Partnered with LINC Bay Area.)
4. Pray that God would empower Doua Xiong and Khai Lee, Hmong pastors in Merced and Fresno respectively. The opportunity in these two communities and the valley among 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Hmong people is great.
5. Berhanu Didanu has completed his seminary education. He is a gifted evangelist who is quickly developing his bilingual abilities. Pray that God would open doors for the right call so that he might continue to use his missionary gifts.



### Featured Mission Prayer (for sharing with your congregations):

Please share this prayer 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.

**Ask that God would send his guiding spirit to St. Matthew's in Kauai and to William Pierce, one of their deacons. St. Matthew's is working hard to plan their ministry year together and William Pierce is readying himself to begin training for the pastoral ministry as an SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) for the mission ministry on Kauai.**

