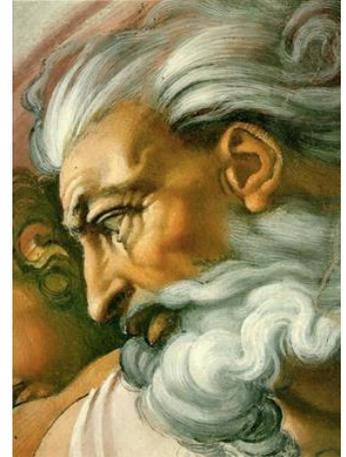


Prayer Requests – July 24, 2017 - CNH Mission Agency

“We had a father!”

Many of you know that my human hero passed from this life into eternity a few weeks ago. Jarring and disorienting are the words I use to describe the emotional after-shocks. Being fatherless even in my fifties is daunting. (My own dad’s father died suddenly when he was only five.) He was once asked, “What was it like for you (and your siblings) to grow up without a father?”

His confident reply was packed with faith and substance. “We had a father!” This salient statement didn’t deny the need for human mentors, heroes, or even fathers. It simply and powerfully underlined the loving faithfulness of the *good good father* to which we all have unlimited access. When the dad of our family (the human hero to our family of 41) went to meet Jesus a few resurrection mornings past, we are reminded that even now we have present with us a father. He is a *good good father*, bigger and more powerful than the most wonderful memories that live in our hearts. We have the living eternal father, the hero that rescued and leads us. One who through his first and greatest son, paid for and made our future.



You have a *good good father*, and what’s more, you are *loved by him*. This message provides security for sure, but moreover, a platform from which to live out your place in the family. You are called to engage in the “full of faith” dance as children of God, living and following the lead of the Spirit. You bear the blood-bought legacy of a *good good father* into a world longing for hope and its people who feel fatherless, those who even now are *loved by Him*.

(Italicized words above inspired by Chris Tomlin’s song, “Good, Good Father.”)

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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. Please keep in your prayers Aaron Putnam, who assumed the full-time executive director position of LINC Bay Area as of July 1st. LINC is an integral partner in CNH Missions.
2. Chuck and Jean Hoffman ask that you remember them in prayer in their work in Seoul. Ask God to daily use them to effectively and compassionately share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people they encounter where they live and work.



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CNH Regional Missions

1. Pray for God's strength and grace for Pastor Trinidad and Nellie Castaneda and the congregation at St. John's Valley of Faith in Arvin. Pray for protection, healing, and guidance. Praise God for St. John's, Bakersfield, the mother congregation.
2. Ask that God would open doors for the people at Waikoloa Lutheran as they discover the unique calling and opportunities God gives to serve and plant new on the Kona side of the Big Island. Ask that God would provide mission leadership.



3. Thank God for a national LWML grant that will fund important community tutoring work in Waianae and for the upcoming VBS for the indigenous Hawaiian ministry in Waianae under Clarence DeLude. *(Last year's VBS pictured at the historical Hawaiian church property in Waianae.)*

4. Ask that God would open doors for those who have received Mission mini-grants recently, that their outreach efforts in their communities would be fruitful. (Redeemer in Fresno, and Resurrection in Santa Clara.)

5. Pray for new DCEs and pastors who are recent graduates as they begin their professional ministry life. *Ask that they would keep their heart open for those not yet connected in faith.* (Angela Duerr, DCE intern in Elk Grove; Mark Duerr, pastor and teacher at Sierra High School; Nick Shults, pastor in Sunnyvale; Nick Teller, pastor in Pinole; Allyssa Guynes in San Jose; Corey Garrity in Redwood City; Kristen Kocsis in Brentwood; and Nathan Linehan in Yuba City.)

Featured Mission Prayer

(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.)

Pray for the inaugural class of School of Young Leaders. Pray for each person in the group by name (Lakai Taunahalo, Vanessa Marie, Princess Maalona, Sateki Finau, Tivase Tamale, Silas Perez, Cliffonda McCarver, Steven Finau, Liban Kielbessa, Paul Lauaki). Five of the nine are associated with our CNH congregations. Paul Lauaki (pictured) is the Director of School of Young Leaders, SOYL. (SOYL is a ministry of LINC Bay Area and conceived and directed out of Bethany, Menlo Park. The CNH District's Mission Agency closely partners with this effort.)

