

## Prayer Requests – December 19, 2017 - CNH Mission Agency

### The "Gift-pointer"

*The messenger appears bearing The Word.  
Doubt made dumb as The Spirit is promised.  
Child of God's presence even from conception.  
Voice of the mother draws joyful response.  
Doubt's mouth opens by words of obedience.  
Prophetic father foretells a Son pointing:  
Repentance, Salvation, Messiah!  
(based upon Luke 1- John & Jesus)*

I am struck by the influence of the Holy Spirit in Luke 1. We see him active through the message of Gabriel. Zechariah is assured that the spirit will dwell richly in John even prior to his birth, and clues Elizabeth in on this as she welcomes a newly pregnant Mary. Elizabeth and Zechariah believe and obey God's will as communicated by the angel, and Zechariah prophecies regarding his Son and the one the Spirit and his son will point towards: the ultimate gift to mankind.



When we read the word of God, the Holy Spirit is active. Through the New Testament, the Spirit is active, sharpening our awareness and directing us unflinchingly towards the life, purpose, and victory of the anointed gift of God. The Holy Spirit, the "gift-pointer," leads us to the Gospel message of Emmanuel, who is present among us. The Holy Spirit is the "gift-pointer" who makes clear that Jesus is the WORD made flesh for the life of the world.

Because the spirit lives in you, granting you life through the sacrifice and victory of Jesus, you and I can expect that he will use us, and "call us out" to point to the GIFT that makes such a difference in our lives and for the life of the world.

Many blessings to you on behalf of our Almighty God, the Prince of Peace!

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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.)*



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1. Remember those in prayer who have been nominated for the office of District President and First Vice President in the CNH. Ask that our missionary God would work upon their hearts, preparing men for the task of leadership in His church.

2. Rev. Dan Conrad and family request your prayers and send their greetings. Dan is a missionary in Mexico City and serves as a theological educator in the seminary there.

### CNH Regional Missions

1. Praise God for forward traction in the ministry at San Juan Valle de Fe in Arvin. Thank God for stability in ministry and within the Castaneda family. The Sunday prior to Thanksgiving was their largest worship ever at 90 plus. New leaders continue to be trained.

2. Pray for the ministry and leadership of Addis Kidan as they begin an English-language worship. Worship begins at 9:00am, prior to the Amharic language worship at 11:00am.

3. Pray for the leaders at Peace, Arroyo Grande, as they work towards outreach in Avila, CA, through a LifeTree Café outreach method.

4. Pray that God would grant grace upon his people at Chester and Greenville, CA, as they consider the next steps after saying goodbye to their pastor, Alex and Barbara Lissow.

5. Ask that God would give strength and endurance to Pastor Dan Truesdell who balances a full-time job as a naval officer and the revitalizing of the ministry in Ewa Beach, HI.

6. Thank God for the new Spanish-only service beginning at Trinity, Watsonville, allowing them to reach even more people. Ask that God would continue to assist this congregation in keeping a unity of mission and activity together.

7. Praise God together with Temesgen Mengasha and wife, Lidya, who celebrated the baptisms of their children Sifon and Fenam this past Sunday. Temesgen serves Grace, El Cerrito and Bethlehem, Berkeley. In addition, he is planting the Oromo language congregation based out of Hayward.



### **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.)*

**Please remember Jose Cervantes and Trinity Lutheran in San Jose in your prayers. A fruitful partnership is forming between these two entities as they embrace the opportunities in Hispanic ministry together.**