

## Prayer Requests – October 17, 2016 - CNH Mission Agency



### Loving and Proclaiming to The Nations

“When you look at me, what do you see?” My new friend with whom I had just prayed, sung praises, and confessed faith before our Lord, regarded me with a pained and hopeful expression. A warning bell went off in my head, but I answered honestly, “I see my brother.” He frowned and responded, “Anything more?”

“My brother is of African descent, his speech is southern, his face is scarred, and his words demonstrate an education and experience beyond my own.” For a moment I thought I had caused offense. But his countenance relaxed and his re-

sponse was redemptive. “Thank you for seeing who I am.”

***Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples (Ps. 96:3)***

The nations cannot be blended thoughtlessly into a unity that denies their unique nature, yet they are all “the Lord’s beloved.” The Psalmist declares he will *judge the people with equity*, (v 10), and later that he will *judge the world with righteousness and the peoples in his truth*, (v 13). The opportunity before us is to wade into a world of Christianity that calls for partnership rather than paternity, fraternity rather than partnership, and reconciliation rather than separation. Perhaps the key ingredient is at the end of Psalm 96. He ... will judge the peoples in his truth. He will judge the dominant culture in his truth, he will judge the blended culture, and the immigrant culture. This will be done with righteousness: (His), and truth: (also His). What an exciting Harvest field in which to labor!

*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. Praise God for Pastor Charles and Janet Froh who do catechetical and spiritual formation work in Kenya. Ask that God would reconcile his people unto one another and that the deceptions of the evil one would be muted and exposed. Praise God for the work they do that points many to the cross of Christ and the victory of his open tomb.
2. Praise God that Bill and Marcia Swift have successfully relocated to Livermore, CA. Ask that God would equip and energize them for the work Bill does as LCEF Vice President in the CNH District, assisting in and opening doors for ministry.



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### CNH Regional Missions

1. Praise God for Trinity, Watsonville, who recently sponsored a community carnival at their location, welcoming the neighborhood and families from the pre-school on their campus. Connections were made and the Gospel shared with approximately 80 guests. *(Sponsored by a CNH Mission mini-grant.)*
2. Ask that God would bless the work of Greg Finke and Dwelling 114, who will hold a San Francisco-based mission presentation at West Portal Lutheran on October 29. Pray that God would inspire many to “join him on his mission.”
3. Thank God for the willingness of Grace, El Cerrito and Bethlehem in Berkeley to team with Pastor Temesgen Dabsu. Temesgen serves both these small congregations and 50% of his time has been set aside to plant Oromo ministry in the Bay Area. *(Partnered with LINC Bay Area.)*
4. Pray for newly ordained Pastor Dan Truesdell and the saints at Ewa Beach as they stabilize this ministry. Ask that God would send his spirit so that they might continue to



grow together in seeing the opportunities of harvest that he has placed all around them. 5. Ask that God would empower and enable our young leaders within our CNH District, including our DCEs and youth leaders who minister closely with them. Ask that God would refresh, renew and assist all of his people in planting the Gospel among those who are not yet part of Christ's church.

### Two Featured Mission Prayers

Please share these prayers 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.

1. **Praise God for the work of Lutheran Indian Ministries who sponsor much of the education and work of Clarence DeLude, missionary to indigenous Hawaiian people. Ask that God would bless LIM in their transition to new leadership under Timothy Young Eagle and our Area Director, Rev. David Sternbeck. Thank God for the team ministry between CNH and LIM.**
2. **Pray for Dawit Bokre and Berhanu Didanu, both graduating from Concordia Seminary's EIIT program. Dawit is called to Good Shepherd in Hayward. Berhanu's call is pending. Ask that God would lead both in fruitful ministries in his harvest field.**