

Prayer Requests – August 6, 2018 - CNH Mission Agency

“Love the Overlooked”

Dear Mission Friends,

My friend, Aaron Putnam, the City Director for LINC Bay Area, has a saying regarding the leadership development work of LINC. “We seek to develop as leaders the ‘overlooked and underdeveloped.’” Our own Glenna Sanlis suggested the devotion below. While it made me think of our LINC and mission development mindset, it certainly does have some important application for each of us as we pray for God’s guidance as those who are everyday ‘sent’ and follow *His* lead out into the world. Please enjoy this short but well-done devotional.



May I urge you to love the overlooked? When you talk to the lonely student or befriend the weary mom, you love Jesus. He dresses in the garb of the overlooked and ignored. “Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me,” Jesus said (Matthew 25:40).

You can do that. Don’t so focus on what you love to do that you neglect what needs to be done. Everyday do something you don’t want to do. Pick up someone else’s trash. Call the long-winded relative. Don’t be too big to do something small. 1 Corinthians 15:58 says, “Throw yourself into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.” A good action brings God’s attention. He notices the actions of his servants. He sent his Son to be one!

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Many blessings!

Mike Lange

CNH District President & “yes, still managing Mission Advancement (with assistance).”

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.)



The Conrad Family

1. We praise God for Ryan Alvey, for all the work he is doing on the Hawaiian Islands. Ryan also serves on the CNH District’s Mission Agency Board and gives oversight to two of our mission vicars on the islands. We ask God’s continued blessings on Ryan, his wife Juliette, and their family.

2. Pray for Daniel, Kathy, and Ana Conrad. Dan works hard to re-establish theological education relationship as partners with the Mexico Lutheran Church on behalf of the LCMS. Ask God to give Daniel strength as he continues to mentor and teach national pastors in the different regions of Mexico.

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CNH Regional Missions

1. Pray for the safety of the firefighters that continue to battle wildfires across the state of California.
2. We ask God to bless the ministries of the individuals and congregations, especially in the Redding and Lake County areas, who find themselves with great opportunity to witness and respond in the wake of the 2018 Summer wildfires.
3. Pray for St. Matthew's of Kauai, who has found a temporary location for their meeting space. Ask that God would provide the best possible ministry location for them so that they might continue to connect and reach many more on the islands. In the short-term, pray that the logistics will work out.
4. Praising God for Paul Lauaki and his work with SOYL. We also praise God for the acceptance of Paul into the EIIT program at Concordia Seminary, and thank God that Corey Garrity and Joel Rockemann were accepted into the CMC program at Concordia, Irvine. All these men are involved in a distance learning program that will allow them to work at the new ministries they are planting, and to gain their training and certification for ordination into the pastoral ministry.
5. Pray that God will bless the planning for the upcoming "Churches Planting Churches" event at Sierra Lutheran High School, Carson City, Nevada, on November 9-11.
6. Ask God to lead and guide Berhanu Didanu as he officially opens a new chapter of ministry with St. Paul, Woodland, and continues to work with immigrants and the homeless moving into the Sacramento/Davis and Woodland area.
7. Thanksgiving for the many dedicated church workers in the CNH District. Ask the Lord to comfort and defend them from every assault of the evil one.



Paul Lauaki

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.)



Eric Van Scharrel and kids at the Arvin VBS

Pray for St. John's in Bakersfield, their pastors and their leaders, as they make important decisions for ministry in the greater Bakersfield area and continue to supply support to outlying communities and churches. We pray also for the work at San Juan Valle de Fe. We thank God that he has sustained this ministry and ask that he would raise up the appropriate leader(s) in the future. Praise God for Jorge, a lay leader who has risen to the occasion, assisting in visitation, outreach and worship and translation leading.