

Shenandoah Baptist Church
One Million Minutes of Prayer
May 2018

Dear Praying Friends,

In his recent prayer update Dr. Dan Anderson, President of Appalachian Bible College, shared the following verse which I hope will energize your missionary praying this month:

"Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live." Psalm 116:2

Have you ever had difficulty hearing? When that happens, measures such as cupping your hand around your ear or leaning your head toward the sound might help.

The Psalmist reminds us that God demonstrates His interest in hearing us by using the imagery of "a cupped ear" or "a leaning head." God can certainly hear us under any circumstance. But to assure us even further, the Psalmist portrays God's attention to our prayers as though God cups His ear as He leans our direction to listen.

With confidence that God hears us, our response should be to "call upon Him as long as we live." Thanks for joining with me as we call upon the Lord. His "leaning ear" hears us!

Praying with you,

Pastor Rob Gribbin

May Birthdays

5 - Hee Tee	19 - Eddie (son of Andrew)
7 - Kayla Roberts	20 - Lillian (daughter of John & Rosie)
10 - Jozef Kováč	24 - Katie Roberts
15 - Gerald Mitchum	25 - Dominika Bassara
18 - K.C. John	29 - Dameria (daughter of Domu)

May Anniversaries

16 - Akim & Delia	16 - Lance & Sandy Roberts
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Pray for Appalachian Bible College
PREPARING SERVANTS IN WEST VIRGINIA

Praise the Lord

- For outstanding meetings with our Board of Directors. They are truly dedicated to the Lord and ABC.
- For a precious time with our staff at the staff retreat. I am so blessed to serve with such dear colleagues.
- For a productive day for our campus work day. The weather was perfect!

Pray

- For our students as they take their final exams. Pray they will finish well.
- For a generous response to our matching gift challenge. We must raise these funds by the end of May to receive the matching amount.
- For God's blessing on our concluding Bible Conference. Our theme is "*Servants Who Please Him.*"

Pray for Alan & Rosemary ARMSTRONG
SERVANTS IN IRELAND

Praise the Lord! We have really appreciated our sabbatical but need to return to the ministry early. We are required by a new law to complete paperwork for data protection. We would appreciate your prayers for this and hope to take the remainder of our break later on in the year.

Pray for the small team (Marc Barbour from Virginia) coming to help us in June.

Pray for Bogdan & Agnieszka BASSARA
SERVANTS IN EUROPE

Praise the Lord! Bogdan is recovering from a broken foot. There is still a little pain while walking but things are going in the right direction.

Pray

- For Bogdan's trip to CEF Headquarters in early May. Pray about the important meetings with leaders from all regions of the world. A new initiative, "*Every Day,*" has been launched and we want to discuss the ways we can get the children to read God's Word every day. We are seeking partnerships.
- For the CEF Central European Conference in Hungary. Bogdan and his two sons, Filip (9) and Piotrus (5) will be attending. Pray for all the meetings with the country leaders but also for the boys. Pray they will grasp even more by meeting with people from many countries the need for missions! Pray for Agnieszka and Dominika (13) as they are staying home. It is an important time at school for Dominika and she can't miss it.
- For a special event we will organize in the local school from late May to early June. We are getting 20,000 Lego blocks to build with kids. It is a week that kids have days off from school due to a Roman Catholic holiday. During this event we aim to clearly present the Gospel in the four-hour program we have with the kids each day.
- For the SBC Missions trip to Poland! Pray for the preparations for the VBS and the Bible Conference in August in Piasek. We are excited about using English to reach the kids and their parents from the neighborhoods!

Pray for Czesław & Helena BASSARA
SERVANTS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE TEACHING MINISTRY

Pray

- For my preaching locally, namely in our village of Piasek and Tychy in May. In the months to come God has led us to spend more time in our own country of Poland.
- For Bogdan and Konrad. Both of their families plan to take part in the CEF Central European Conference in Hungary. Pray God will use all of us. I will be responsible for teaching the Word of God. More than 140 workers from Central Europe will be there!
- For Helena and myself as we take part in the European Leadership Forum in Wisła, Poland. More than 800 evangelical leaders from Europe will come together. Pray for all of us as we seek opportunities to reach Europeans with the Gospel. We will be a part of the group of the advanced Bible teachers. How much we need your prayers!
- For God's blessing on my teaching during the Bible Conference in late May in Chorzów, Poland.

Pray for Carlos CALDERON
SERVANT WITH PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL

Pray! Greetings from Bangladesh! I am in the middle of a training course with representatives of some 8,600 churches. Thank the Lord with me and ask Him for the energy to continue forward. It's been two heavy weeks of travel, in humid and hot places, witnessing the Lord's work. We have some sixteen different indigenous organizations represented, mostly working among the least reached.

Pray for Miguel & Dalia CASTRO
SERVANTS IN PORTUGAL

Praise the Lord

- For the wonderful time at the Hope Festival in Lisbon. The total in attendance was 27,800. The people were enthusiastic about the truth preached by Franklin Graham. Many young people responded and gave their lives to Christ.
- Miguel was invited to represent the evangelical church in a public debate with a Muslim Imam from Porto, a Catholic monk and several university professors and other important people. The theme was: *Religion and Equality: Citizenship Challenges*. Miguel shared his personal testimony during that public debate and it was a great blessing from the Lord.

Pray

- For wisdom from the Lord for another public debate with the theme: *What Place for a Religion?*
- For the ministry as they visit Public Schools in April, May and June. The goal is to have more Bible classes and more Bible teachers at the public schools in the Braga District.
- For the preparations for the 32nd Couples Encounter with Christ Conference.
- For the preparations for the English Music Camp in July. Pray for the team from Shenandoah who will be serving during the English Music Camp.
- For wisdom to counsel people from the website.

Pray for **Sam & Sadie DOHERTY**

SERVANTS WITH CEF, WORLD-WIDE BOOK MINISTRY

Praise the Lord for the way you have prayed for us and for the missionary projects we have initiated and developed down through the years. God has really blessed them.

Pray

- I really need your prayers for my present project. Let me explain and give some details. I believe young people everywhere (and especially those who don't have a good church) need to know how to build their lives on a good doctrinal basis. For years I have searched for a daily devotional guide which I could give to young people – a book which would focus, each day, on the explanation and application of one aspect of Bible doctrine. But I could not find one. So I felt I should write one and I have found it to be a great challenge. Each of the 365 pages will contain approximately 450 words and explain, simply and in an interesting way, one aspect of a Biblical doctrine which the reader should understand and believe. It also includes how that truth is related to everyday life. Explanation plus application! When complete, this book will actually be a simple handbook on systematic doctrine for young people in 365 short, interesting presentations. It will be titled "*Voyage of Discovery*." I am still working on the first draft and have, so far, got to the end of August! I would like the book to be completed and printed by the end of this year so it could be used by young people on a daily basis in 2019. Pray God will enable me to be simple, interesting, Biblical and practical on every page!
- For our health. We are both experiencing some health problems.

Pray for **Cash & Ann GODBOLD**

SERVED IN AFRICA

Pray

- For our class on Islam. Pray it will yield fruit.
- For the thousand or so "*30 Days of Prayer*" as we distribute them in the churches. Pray for the logistics, communications and that people will get them and use them to pray for the advancement of the kingdom.
- There is a great struggle going on right now in our nation. Pray God's children will seize the opportunity to advance righteousness and to lift up Jesus.

Pray for the **Ministries of the
International Christian Centers for the Deaf (ICCD)**
SERVANTS IN CUBA, MEXICO AND THE BAHAMAS

Praise the Lord

- For His continued protection in Mexico as the team ministers to the Deaf throughout the region.
- For seventy-nine deaf and nine hearing folks who prayed to receive Christ as Savior in Cuba during the first three months of this year!
- For the faithful support and zeal for the Lord we enjoy with our partnering church in Nassau, Bahamas, Abundant Life Bible Church.

Pray

- For Mexico. Pray for safety as the team travels to Mexico with Tom Turner and Gerald Atkins in May. Pray for successful completion of the projects scheduled.
- For Cuba. Pray for spiritual growth and guidance for the recent deaf and hearing converts.
- For the Bahamas. Pray for the details of the four camps scheduled for Nassau and the Family Islands. Pray God will prepare the hearts of the Deaf to grow in their faith and for salvation for those that are unbelievers.

Pray for **John & Rosie**
SERVANTS IN CENTRAL ASIA

Praise the Lord for the way He continues to provide for John, Rosie, and the girls to be able to increase in their ability to communicate. Continue to pray God would sustain them with energy and discipline in their language studies. Pray they would be able to make steady progress throughout the coming summer!

Pray

- God would continue to call out new workers for the field of Central Asia who would be equipped, ready and Spirit led!
- The nations of Central Asia would remain open for workers who would bring the Gospel message. Pray governments and local leaders would allow believers to gather and worship with increased openness.
- For those throughout Central Asia who have heard the Gospel. Pray they would be loosed from their fear of social and familial annexation if they decide to trust Christ.

Pray for **John & Rebecca KEEFE**

SERVANTS IN PARAGUAY

Praise the Lord for all of you! We are honored to have you as faithful supporters. Thank you for taking time to pray and give so that together we can bring praise and honor to our Savior. We continue to see and experience God's unconditional faithfulness in our lives. Recently we experienced God's goodness even in a dramatic event with Douglas. Douglas went swimming in the river with friends while we were home visiting with neighbors. While swimming, Douglas stepped on a large stingray which stung him in the ankle. It was extremely painful. Rebecca and I took him to the local clinic. And would you believe it...the electricity was out so they had to treat him by the lights of their cellphones. They gave him pain shots and an IV but said we needed to take him across the river to the government hospital in Brazil. We first had to go to the Ayore village and from there we got someone to take us across in their motor boat. The Brazilian marines called the ambulance which took us to the government hospital. We had fun trying to communicate with them since they spoke Portuguese and we were trying to communicate in Spanish. Praise the Lord they were very nice and a doctor took care of Douglas. He gave him shots of Novocain around the sting area along with other pain medicine. The hospital personnel took us back to the river port. We didn't know how we would get a boat to take us back without our phones which we left by mistake! I walked to the edge and saw a motor boat coming toward the shore so I called out to see if he was available to take us across. Yes, he said he had just come to wait for someone else. Praise the Lord. We arrived home safely. Douglas had a few hard days but has healed up great. Praise the Lord for how He took care of us during that time.

Pray

- For wisdom on how to teach in such a way that the Truth will upset the Ayore's security in their own beliefs and they will be drawn to Christ and Him alone.
- We will be able to complete the necessary paperwork for Douglas to qualify for a US passport.

Pray for **Monique LADOSZ**

SERVANT IN RWANDA & UGANDA

Praise the Lord! Monique is feeling a little better. Monique has been having some serious health issues since January. She was having difficulty breathing and some generalized weakness. After seeing a cardiologist, her weakness was caused by a very slow heart rate. Please continue to pray as the doctors decide the best course of treatment for Monique's recovery.

Pray for **Jay & Michele LESTER**

SERVANTS TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT VIRGINIA TECH

Praise the Lord for His blessing on the International Christian Fellowship (ICF). Participation has been strong and new people continue to come. On the other hand, a few nonbelievers have drifted away.

Pray

- For God's guidance as we seek to connect with newcomers to ICF. Pray each person would feel welcomed and loved, that relationships would be established, and that each person would be encouraged in their faith or drawn to a saving knowledge of our Lord.
- For those who have drifted away from ICF. Pray for our outreach. Pray nonbelievers would realize their need and be drawn to the Lord.
- For the "*Highland Retreat*" in May. This retreat is designed for both believers and seekers. Pray for Jay and others as they prepare messages. Pray for good response to this opportunity. Pray the retreat would be used to transform hearts for God's glory.

Pray for **Gerald & Frances MITCHUM**

SERVANTS IN MONGOLIA

Praise the Lord! Our teams to the countryside have had great attendance in their herder training programs and families are responding to our character training. Many want to hear the Good News message. Some have accepted Christ as their Savior!

Pray

- For our many teams. Pray they will continue to go to many different communities helping herders, teachers, families, veterinarians, and others as they share about Jesus.
- For new believers to grow in their faith and that our Lord will protect them from false teachers.
- For Michael, from Tennessee, who had a severe knee injury. There is a possibility that he will have to go to Korea for knee surgery. Pray God will lead them to do the right thing.
- For our short-term missionaries coming in May to help with our different projects.

Pray for **Lance & Sandy ROBERTS**

SERVANTS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Pray for our annual leadership retreat for the pastors and teachers who are part of the Bible Institute and publishing ministry in the Czech Republic. There is a spiritual battle taking place right now on several fronts in some of the churches connected to the institute and we need your prayers. One issue came up at the Baptist Union at its annual delegates meeting. They could not muster the votes to expel a church embracing homosexuality. We believe we must leave. We felt we should have left earlier, but there was not unity to do so. Even now some still seem wobbly. This will be a topic of conversation at the retreat. Lance is planning to speak on the tolerant church Jesus condemned in Revelation 2:18-29 and would greatly appreciate your prayers. This is a critical moment in the Czech Republic.

Pray for **TONY & IRIS**

SERVANTS IN THE PERSIAN SPEAKING WORLD

Praise the Lord

- For the good Spring Conference with fifty participants. Some were baptized. Please pray that what was learned would be put into practice. There is a need for solid Bible teaching, especially for new believers, from the house church leaders who are devout and have a steadfast belief in the true Gospel.
- For the one million hits from Persian Speaking people who are listening to the audio New Testament which Tony recorded a few years ago. We know God's Word accomplishes what He intends. May many more be set free by the truth.
- For the two former addicts who became followers of Jesus. They are now free from their addictions and growing in their new faith in Jesus. May their testimony bring glory to God and be effective in spreading the Gospel message to many addicts.
- For the believers who in spite of suffering persecution in jail have remained faithful to Jesus. Please pray they would continue to be strong and if it is God's will, be released from jail.

Pray for **Guillermo VILLANUEVA**
SERVANT IN MEXICO

Praise the Lord

- Brother José Luis Villeda in México recently held a crusade where sixty-two people accepted Christ!
- I had surgery on both eyes in February. They were quick surgeries but delicate. The doctor removed the cataracts and placed a tiny stint in the back of my eyes to remove the pressure. Praise God, I came out OK but not 100%. I still have problems seeing far away objects with my left eye and cannot freely read with both eyes. Please pray for healing.

Pray

- For open hearts as I share God's Word in May at the Border Mission in Hidalgo, Texas.
- For wisdom and receptive hearts as we minister to people who support our ministry in Mexico City.
- For wisdom and open hearts as I share God's Word on the subject "*How to Disciple the New Converts*" to a group of pastors in Northwest Mexico City in mid-May.
- For open hearts as I share the Gospel in Tapachula, Chiapas, Northeast Mexico, in late May.
- That many souls may be reached with the Gospel throughout the Spanish speaking world by our radio programs.