

Angelus: A call to pray

August 2023

- 1. Please lift in your prayer William Higgins for safe travels as he will be teaching and preaching in Kenya. Pray for a rich time within all the meetings and commitments he will have till August 15 when he will return home.
- 2. Please pray for those planning Fellowship Days at Landis Homes (Sept 1-16). The events raise funds to support residents who have exhausted their financial resources.
- 3. Please pray for Joe and Yvonne Garber, LMC International Partner Delegates to Tanzania Mennonite Church along with four young adults from Byerland Mennonite Church, who will be traveling to Shinyanga (Path of Hope ministry to at-risk children) and Alamayana Maasai Mennonite Church. Please pray that Genesis 12:2-3 "God bless us and make us a blessing-John 7:38 "streams of living water (Holy Spirit) flow from within us."
- 4. Pray for the Mennonite Central Committee's response to the ongoing global hunger crisis and the millions of people who are experiencing critical hunger around the world.
- 5. Pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of love to pervade LMC.
- 6. Please lift the LMC Bishop Elders Team as they will be meeting and preparing for Fall Leadership Assembly. Pray for clear ideas and directions of what the Lord wants to share with the LMC Bishops, Pastors, and Leaders.
- 7. Remember Lancaster Mennonite School administration and staff as a new school year begins this month. Pray that any remaining open positions will be filled and that everyone will experience a sense of anticipation and hope for the upcoming year.
- 8. Please take time to pray for Support for Prison Ministries(SFPM) and the work of our chaplains and volunteers and those incarcerated that they minister to daily.
- 9. Please lift the LMC Credential Commission as they will be meeting today. Pray for wisdom and for their time meeting with the candidates. Pray for the Credential Commission members as they give their time faithfully.
- 10. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Michael Clancy as he interacts with Jubilee Ministries and the students of Lebanon Rescue Mission. Pray for him as he currently walks with three men. Pray for safety as he travels to Alabama to visit PIE (Partners in Evangelism).
- 11. Please pray for the EMM Board as they will be meeting today and tomorrow at the Shalom Council.
- 12. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions and J.C. Ebersole in praising the Lord for providing an administrative director to assist with the work of the All-Nations Association of Bible Schools (AABS) in the U.S. office. Continue to pray for the churches that AABS works with as they receive resources to help train their leaders.
- 13. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Jeremy*, Jennifer*, and Jubilee* as they have said goodbye to Juniper* and Jude*, and as they settle back into their routines in Thailand after a summer home leave. Pray for their relationships and for the ministries they are involved with. Pray for Jude as he transitions to life in Canada and away from family.
- 14. August 14-18 is a week for staff development at Lancaster Mennonite School. Remember them as they prepare for a successful school year and pray for wisdom and strength as they teach and model the life and teachings of Christ for their students each day.
- 15. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Mike and Nancy Hostetter as they serve in Chile. Pray for them as they walk with and disciple people as they discover God's purpose for their lives and as they grow in their relationship with Jesus. Pray for the continued development of the Christian retreat center.
- 16. Join EMM in prayer for Steve and Beth Gibbs, LMC international partner delegates for Peru, as they travel from August 9–31 with two groups. Pray for safe travels for all: for those traveling, and for the Peruvian pastors,



- leaders, and members to be sensitive to hear the voice of the Lord and what He is saying at this time, and for obedient hearts for the next steps.
- 17. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Will and Nina* as they encourage and work alongside the team at a business for transformation in Southeast Asia. Pray for the children in their schooling and relationships with those in their community.
- 18. Please pray for the LMC Bishop Board as they meet virtually. Ask the Lord for wisdom and discernment as they make different LMC decisions.
- 19. Please pray for the STEP orientation for students and instructors as it is happening today. Pray for a deepening of relationships with God and with one another. Pray for the Holy Spirit to anoint the instructors.
- 20. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Sonya Harnish as she serves in Albania. Pray for her and her team as they are in the middle of summer camp season. Pray that God works by His Holy Spirit in the hearts of campers and staff who participate and serve at the camps this summer. Pray for wisdom and grace for Sonya as she trains others on her administrative and financial administration duties in preparation for her upcoming home leave and sabbatical.
- 21. Remember Lancaster Mennonite students and faculty as they begin the new school year tomorrow. Pray that anxious students are welcomed and feel a sense of calmness and are excited and prepared for a good year.
- 22. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Wendell and Melanie Nofziger as they serve in Costa Rica. Pray for continued strength for the many events that take place this summer. Pray that the Holy Spirit would meet with each person who has participated. Pray for the family as they say goodbye to their grandparents, who have lived with them this past year.
- 23. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for A. & A.* as they serve in North Africa. Praise the Lord for the opportunity A* had to teach an art class to women. Pray that relationships can deepen with these women, open doors, and invitations for A. & A.* to resource churches in cities that have Muslim immigrants.
- 24. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Mark and Sarah Schoenhals and the girls as they transition back to their relationships and responsibilities in Thailand after their home leave in the U.S. Continue to pray into the vision to mobilize more church planting in Isaan.
- 25. Join EMM in praising the Lord that Bible translations are being completed faster and more accurately than ever before, thanks to God's provision of modern technology. Pray for Marty Sollenberger as he serves on the global technology and information services team with Wycliff.
- 26. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in praising the Lord for those who answered the call to work with youth ministry in the Nepali church. Pray that the Lord would use answered prayer to draw Binsa's* friend to himself. Pray for continued unity among Nepali Christians.
- 27. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Alan and Carol Wert, who are part of a missional community in Cardiff, Wales, U.K., as they strive to model a biblical lifestyle in a post-Christian culture. Pray for wisdom as they provide discipleship training with their church.
- 28. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in praising the Lord that Austin and Griselda Zeurcher were able to spend some time in the U.S. this summer. Praise the Lord that Griselda received her visa. Pray for them as they return to Honduras and pick up their responsibilities again. Pray for the pastors and leaders who will be attending the International Leadership Institute being held at the base.
- 29. Please pray for the Mennonite Life as they prepare for events and meetings for Fall and Winter.
- 30. Please pray for Karl McKinney of Intercultural Leadership Ministries as he works to introduce the IDI Learning Circle to different pastors and leaders of LMC congregations.
- 31. Please pray for the LMC Innovation Team as they seek the Holy Spirit's heart in developing church revitalization.

"But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us with our weaknesses. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans..." Romans 8:25-27