



Angelus: A call to pray

July 2024

1. *"My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is increased by the LORD. ... I rejoice in your deliverance." 1 Samuel 2:1a*
2. Joe & Yvonne Garber, LMC International Partner Delegates to Tanzania, with Joe Bontrager will leave July 8 for the church leader's conference July 11-13, and the selection of several new bishops to replace retiring ones. Pray for safety in travel and for the Spirit's presence as they teach on missional leadership, Church History, and servant leadership.
3. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in lifting John and Debbie Coates in prayer as they serve in Cambodia. Pray for John as he teaches and disciples local Christian leaders. Pray for wisdom for Debbie who is involved in public health education and frequently sees patients who have not been able to get help elsewhere.
4. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Phil and Linda Gottschalk as they wrap up vacation and travel and then settle back into their routines of work and teaching in Romania in August. Pray for their physical health and stamina.
5. More than 100 million people have been forced to flee their homes globally. Join Mennonite Central Committee in prayer for those who help people find safe homes in their communities.
6. Please pray for the health and safety of the Landis Communities team members who work outdoors and those caring for HVAC equipment that is so important to more than 1,100 persons.
7. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Tim and Julie Groff as they continue to discern their primary ministry focus areas for the next couple of years in Belize. Pray for the outreach taking place in the village of Georgetown.
8. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for the women who attended the Tanzania Mennonite Women's conference in June as they take home materials to share Bible studies with others. Pray for the ongoing classes by Zoom for Vietnamese leaders from the Gospel of Mark on Monday nights.
9. Lancaster Mennonite School invites interested families to schedule a personal tour of the school during the summer. Pray that families considering a Jesus-centered education at LMS will find answers to their questions and concerns as they speak with administration and staff.
10. Please pray for LMC Credentialing Commissioning as they will be meeting today.
11. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin and their family during this time in the U.S. Pray for times of refreshment and meaningful connections with family and friends. Pray for financial provisions to meet their budget.
12. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in praising the Lord for the support that has come in for John and Jeanette Puckett. Continue to pray for the finances still needed. Pray for the whole family as they continue to plan and prepare for the move to Cambodia.
13. Pray for maintenance and custodial staff at Lancaster Mennonite School as they work through the summer months to prepare the buildings and grounds for the new school year.
14. Naomi and Leon Zimmerman are assisting Kebede Tuli of MKC in Ethiopia in a writing project. They are hoping by the end of 2024 to write a 10-module marriage curriculum. This work will be made available to couples throughout MKC's 1400 churches. Couples will work through the curriculum by themselves and then meet with a leader and other couples to review and discuss things further.

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15. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in lifting Alexander and Maria* in prayer as they serve with their family in Central Asia. Pray for Alexander as he continues to mentor businessmen. Pray for their oldest son as he serves as an assistant camp counselor at Spruce Lake this summer.
16. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Timothy and Madison* and their family as they wrap up their home leave. Pray for good transitions back to Southeast Asia.
17. Peter Sensenig asks for prayers on the country of Chad as they are in presidential elections and they hope there will not be any violence. Pray as well for a just and inclusive government.
18. Pray for Peter Sensenig and his family in Chad as the rainy season has relieved the heat but made the roads difficult. Pray for safety in travel.
19. Please lift in your prayers the LMC Conference Executive Council as they will be meeting today.
20. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Elizabeth* as she has begun her home leave in the U.S. Pray for rest, times of refreshment, and good connections with family and friends.
21. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for those attending the Oasis Retreat. Pray for spiritual enrichment and opportunities for refreshment and connection.
22. Please pray for Peter Sensenig as one of his students passed away delivering twins. Pray for her family and the whole seminary community as they grieve the passing of the student.
23. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions and Binsa* in praising the Lord for the youth group that has formed. Continue to pray for this important ministry. Pray for her in the many opportunities she has to relate to those in her community of Buddhist and Hindu faiths.
24. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in praising the Lord for the relationships that Nate and Krystle Thorne are forming in West Africa. Pray that these will continue. Pray for the children as they continue to adjust to their new home and relationships. Join Nate and Krystle in asking the Lord for discernment in ministry involvement.
25. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Lea* as she wraps up her assignment and transitions to the next thing God has for her. Pray that she will continue to have the opportunity to connect and disciple those she has gotten to know in her years of ministry in Central Asia.
26. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in lifting Austin and Griselda Zeurcher in prayer as they serve in Honduras. Pray for Austin as he gives leadership to the team at the Honduras VidaNet base as well as mobilizes the church through mission and leadership courses. Pray for Griselda as she educates and discipled mothers at the El Nido prenatal center.
27. Please lift Ministerios Peniel Internacional in your prayers as they meet regularly for prayers to seek God's direction as a church. Pray for the pastors for wisdom and for the Holy Spirit to anoint them in all the ways possible to be able to continue to shepherd their attendance.
28. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Leon and Naomi Zimmerman as they assist in writing a 10-module marriage curriculum. The curriculum will be used by couples in the 1,400 Meserete Kristos churches. They hope to complete the curriculum by the end of the year.
29. Pray for the continued labor of love of many pastors who are involved in the communities around their church trying to help their neighbors with their needs. May the Lord multiply his finances and efforts so that they can meet the needs that arise with his ministry.
30. Pray to the Lord for those churches that are seeking pastors for their congregations. Praise the Lord as well for those who have already been blessed with the new pastor.
31. Please pray for the next Fall Leadership Assembly that is planning and processing for September and the new EXPO for the resource partners organization in collaboration with the Fall Leadership Assembly 2024.

"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

**Name(s) changed or the last name(s) omitted for sensitivity reasons.*