

July Prayer Update

Here is a quick update on some of the people you have been praying for:

Miriam and Pastor Abel– things are at a stalemate and false calm until the wedding comes. They will go through marriage counselling with a couple of pastors and hope to marry in about 3 months time. I “happened” to meet one of the harshest uncles one day at a college. I was meeting a young woman for a Bible Study and he said that it was good for us to be studying the Bible since the college teachers were on strike and it would keep her stimulated and motivated to learn. An interesting conversation from someone who has been against Miriam following Jesus.

Youth Executive Training was an absolute joy!!! These youth leaders love Jesus and are excited to see what God will do in their church among the next generation.



Tamar was an amazing blessing. She is from Trinidad but came to us on an internship with a university in the US. Her and another family were with us for 10 days and another 3 team members joined us for the last 5 days. Their main purpose is to reach young people for the Lord through sports ministry. It was wonderful to see them in action here in Sisaalaland.



Bible Study with Asana and whoever God decides to bring 😊 I never know what to expect when I show up to have Bible Study with Asana. We started studying the Bible at my house before I left for Canada. When she delivered a beautiful baby girl in June, I started to go to her place for Bible Study. Her husband Matthew joined us, next a Muslim friend joined us. One day I showed up and they had decided that I would pray a blessing over their new baby. Another day, an aunt showed up with food, we ate it and then had Bible Study together.



Asana with her husband Matthew and her newborn daughter Candace.

Margaret is her older sister and does not appreciate my kiss 😊



Discipleship Training Program was a special time. Some of the younger ones that are attending this year were just babies when I arrived in Ghana. I started with a workshop on a word study of the heart and through these coming months we will have discussions on how to live our faith practically such as choosing good friends, how to use cell phones with wisdom, relationships, etc. I am excited to see what God has in store. This month Miriam and I will take the girls in a group and have time to talk with them.



Reading Club has been going well. I asked for prayer about someone to help me and God gave me an idea just today to ask Asana. She lives close by and can bring her daughter Margaret who needs stimulation as she is so active and smart. One unexpected issue is that it has been taken over by uninvited mosquitoes so I devised a new way to keep them out.

Rose – I have asked prayer for Rose back in March. She had pain in her body that a bunch of tests could not identify. All these months later, her pain has lessened and she has been able to return to work and school. Even though she still has occasional pain, she is praising the Lord and trusting Him for each day. She called me last week and was so excited about what God was teaching her that she led me in a Bible Study over the phone. What an absolute joy for her to lead a Bible Study for me.

A. has struggled with nightmares and bad health since the death of her son (the one you prayed for that had cancer.) She is secretly going to church and has been prayed over and her health has returned and she is sleeping better. Her husband doesn't want her to go – so she sneaks out for Friday prayers and Sunday church services. Pray as we want to start meeting together with my good friend Esther to do a Bible study. Pray for her husband to open his heart to Jesus.

Farm – it has been a very difficult farming season so far. The rains have been inconsistent, and many people have had difficulty on many fronts trying to keep their crops alive. One pastor planted 3 times before his soya beans even germinated. The cost of everything from fertilizer to sulphate has risen making farming a risky venture because if their crops don't produce, they could lose money. Please pray for these hard-working farmers. This is their livelihood that they rely on to live throughout the whole year.

Spiritual Life Conference: Every year the SIM workers in Ghana gather together for a time of fellowship, worship, workshops, listening to Gods word, testimonies and connecting. This is happening on Aug 12-16. Please pray for a special time together and safety for all the travel.

Lausanne Gathering – I have the privilege to be part of the Fourth Congress on World Evangelization in Incheon, South Korea, in September through Zoom. This congress will set the agenda for global Christian mission in light of the year 2050. Over 5,000 men and women from nearly every country in the world, representing every sector of society and work, will gather together. Thousands more will join the congress through a dynamic virtual experience. With a rich history spanning over five decades, the Lausanne Movement has been at the forefront of global mission through fostering Christian collaboration, platforming missional strategy, and equipping leaders and influencers to fulfil the Great Commission.

The vision of the Lausanne Movement is

- The gospel for every person
- Disciple-making churches for every people and place
- Christlike leaders for every church and sector
- Kingdom impact in every sphere of society

Please pray for this important gathering and that I would soak up all the wisdom and experience.