



PRAYER FORCE LETTER Part 2

Calling out to God for the ongoing ministry of Shoreline Church!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Tracy Hartlage

Praise Report: Good morning! God is doing amazing things, no surprise there. I have the joy of teaching Elementary students twice a month and just to hear them talk about God and how they view Him gives insight into Matthew 18:3 when Jesus calls us to return to square one and start over like children. The faith they have stirs my soul! We are blessed at Shoreline with a team of Children's Ministry volunteers who love Jesus and love our little ones. They invest in the lives of our children on a weekly basis, I am truly grateful for them. We ask that you continue the prayers we had earlier this month as we prepare for Super Weekend and planning out the next few months

Prayer Targets:

1. Pray for continued unity amongst our team. We have a team that gets along well together, and we are like minded in serving the families of Shoreline.
2. We are looking for a few team members to join us in reaching Shoreline Kiddos for Jesus. Pray that we would find people willing to go deeper in their faith and get involved in ministry at Shoreline. We would like to add 2 elementary teachers, 3 elementary helpers and 1 Pre-K helper. We are also looking for subs to help on short notice
3. Pray for continued guidance as we make plans for the best way to partner with parents and be active in helping them to grow children who know and love God, love people and get excited to share Jesus with their friends. We will be meeting Super Saturday weekend and want that time to honor God as we plan the year ahead.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Callie Willoughby

Praise Report: We've had some good conversations about identity through our January series.

Prayer Targets:

1. We've got 7 students signed up for the Winter Retreat at the end of February. Pray that God would begin preparing their hearts even now. Pray for the logistics of planning this retreat with other UB churches, too.
2. Pray for opportunities to partner with parents throughout the rest of the school year.
3. We will be starting a new series with the HS called "Can I Ask That?" in February. Pray that they'd bring their big questions to the table, and for wisdom as we help point them to Jesus in the midst of them. We have a big God who is not afraid of our big questions. Pray for wisdom as we prepare for these conversations.

TOTAL CHURCH MINISTRY: Bill Blue

Praise Report: Currently there are 5 Journey Groups, multiplication continues to occur! Two people who completed a Journey Group are leading Bible Studies at this time. The details for Super Weekend are coming together!

Prayer Requests:

1. Ask God to raise up two new leaders to start two new Home Groups.
2. Pray that God would use the Super Weekend to ground our leadership in the absolute conviction that praying is the most important thing that we do! That we would pray and then do, not do and then pray!
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to lay on our people's hearts at least one Pre-Christian to Football Sunday and that one of us would be given the opportunity to share the Gospel with a peer.

CENTRAL ASIA

In some parts of Central Asia, new Christians face persecution immediately after coming to faith in Christ. Viewed as extremists, they are issued massive fines and detained for “illegal religious gatherings.” But for many Christians, the risk of persecution is worth it. After VOM provided a swimming pool to one church for use in baptisms, the pastor sent a photo of the pool’s first use. “Thank you very much,” he wrote. “There is hardly ever a chance (and it is not safe, anyway) to administer baptism in a public place. This blessing from you is very useful for us.”



Pray that believers in Central Asia will stand firm in their faith and that new believers will fully commit to Christ, even at great risk.

MIDDLE EAST Believers Under House Arrest

A young woman in the Arabian Peninsula remains detained by her family after revealing that she had become a Christian. Majida, 29, came to faith in Christ three years ago through the witness of a woman she met at work. When she shared the Good News with her family, they took away her cellphone and forbade her from leaving the house until she returns to Islam. Although her family pressures her daily to deny Christ, Majida has held firmly to her faith. To date, Majida remains under her family’s control, and no one in the Christian community has heard from her. “No one knows how she’s doing,” a VOM worker said.



Pray that Majida will be able to worship freely and pray for others like her who are imprisoned by their families. Also pray that Majida’s family will come to know Christ.



Prayer Ideas!

- Take some time and write out where you have seen God move and then invest some time praising Him for each answer!
- Pray for 1 item under each staff request a day and then for the last couple days of that week, pray for your persecuted brothers and sisters!