

# CALLING OUT TO GOD FOR THE ONGOING MINISTRIES OF SHORELINE CHURCH!

PRAYER FORCE LETTER

May Part 1

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Tracy Hartlage

**Praise Report:** God is so good! We can't thank you enough for your prayers for Miss Tracy's sister, Sarah! Sarah is home from the hospital this week! We have had a great school year and things are winding down for the summer! We just finished our series and Solved the Mystery of Easter! We are excited for our May Series "True Story". We will take an adventure and follow the true story of the early church. Kids will imagine they are explorers and adventurers as they hear stories of Saul's conversion, Peter and Cornelius, Peter's escape from prison, and Paul and Barnabas' missionary travels. By the end of the series, kids will learn and remember that Jesus changes lives, Jesus loves everyone, Jesus gives us freedom, and Jesus helps us share His story!!

### **Prayer Targets:**

- 1. With summer comes many distractions, pray for the Shoreline Kids Team to remain steadfast in their faith, to continue to grow in Jesus and stay unified in the purpose of Partnering with Parents to grow extraordinary kids who love God, love people and are excited to share Jesus with their friends.
- 2. Continue to pray that we have wisdom in knowing how best to move forward with our Wednesday night ministry over the summer and come fall.
- 3. Each prayer letter I am going to ask for prayer for one of our team members, specifically. I believe it is important to support one another in prayer. Please join me in praying for Dawn Segaard. Her son, Spencer, will be graduating in a couple weeks and that is such an emotional time. Pray for God to give her strength and wisdom as she helps Spencer make those decisions for his future. Pray she has a great time celebrating all his accomplishments as the party comes along and that she would enjoy her summer with him before he takes off for college! Dawn, we appreciate all you do!! Praying for you in this season of transition and change! Praying for Spencer to find Christian friends to connect with over the summer and when he makes it to campus.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY: Callie Willoughby

**Praise Report:** It's been awesome to serve alongside our students to impact the community this Spring. Our Good Friday and Easter services allowed us to remember, reflect and celebrate all Jesus has done for us!

#### Prayer Targets:

1. The end of the year is always kind of a whirlwind. Pray for meaningful connections with students and families before the year is over.

2. Pray for opportunities to share the love of Jesus through various service projects this month.

3. Pray for our Senior Mystery Trip (May 11-13th), and that last-minute details would fall into place. Pray for our seniors as they transition and embark on this next season of life.

4. Pray for our End of the Year Cookout Celebration on May 22. Pray that we'd have good weather, a fun time of celebrating, and that this would help with the transition for those who are moving up to the next ministry (5th graders to JH, 8th graders to HS).

More to come..

#### TOTAL CHURCH MINISTRY: Bill Blue

**Praise Report:** The Holy Spirit was active in both the preparations and during the Easter Week Services! The Good Friday Service was a somber reminder that Jesus died to pay the penalty for 'My-Your' sins! The church did a great job of celebrating our risen Savior and we looked at the evidence that supports the resurrection of Jesus Christ! I was excited to hear of those of you who invited your peers to this service! Keep investing into people for Christ! The April 28<sup>th</sup> service with Bishop Fetters was great! Despite flooding and technical difficulties, the service was a great time to be TOGETHER in Christ!

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- 1. Pray for our finances as with so many people out and sick, we are a little behind! God has deep pockets!
- 2. Thank God for those who are making steps of faith, beyond what they would normally take!
- 3. Ask God to lead His people to share the **G**ospel, to strengthen their **P**rayer lives, and that the Holy Spirit would prompt Shoreliners to take specific **S**teps of obedience!





# **URGENT REQUEST**

The three Christians stood in disbelief as police clapped them in handcuffs. They were going to jail, simply for praying for a sick woman.

Surjan, Kolah and Krishna were typical members in a village church in eastern India. They hadn't been openly sharing the gospel in the streets, which would certainly draw persecution. They had simply prayed for the wife of a friend who was ill. But instead of getting better, the woman died, and the villagers blamed the three Christians who had prayed for her. Suddenly the three men were in handcuffs and had no idea when they would see their families again.

Kolah mostly worried about 27-year-old Krishna. The young man had only been a Christian for a month. What would time in prison do to his young faith? In prison, guards called the three men the "Halleluiah people" — followers of a strange religion. Surjan, Kolah and Krishna met every morning for prayer and to encourage each other. As the months passed, they shared the gospel with fellow prisoners; 13 came to know the Lord.

A VOM-sponsored lawyer was able to get the three Christians released on bail after 11 months in prison, but they still face a trial. They may yet face life in prison for the crime of "murder" by prayer. And as for Krishna? Jail couldn't kill the growing love he has for Jesus. He continues to worship with his church and yes, even pray.

"Talking to men for God is a great thing but talking to God for men is greater still." E.M. Bounds "Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is powerful on his knees." Corrie ten Boom

Friends let's pray!!



