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	¹ The Schoenhals family is in the US to fix an ongoing visa problem. Pray that all goes smoothly and that they can return to Thailand in a timely fashion, with long-term visas.	² On Election Day in Virginia and around the country, pray for calm and for respectful dialogue even in disagreement. Pray that followers of Jesus will abide with a 'peace that passes all understanding.'	³ Join Norma Teles, serving in Albania, in praying for the group of mothers she relates to, specifically for their personal salvation, for God's blessing on their lives, and for the Lord to fill them with the knowledge of his will.	⁴ Pray for Raleigh and Opal* and their family serving in North Africa. As they build connections among a minority people group and demonstrate integrity and true peace, pray that Jesus will be revealed to many. (*pseudonyms)	⁵ Pray for wisdom and strength for Lee and Peg Martin, serving with SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) in West Virginia as they respond to many applications for home repair assistance during months ahead when there are fewer volunteers.	⁶ Steve and Laura Campbell are participating in a seminar today with church leaders across Montenegro through Freedom in Christ ministries. Pray that this will encourage and strengthen the small evangelical church in that country.
⁷ Lift up tranSend intern Kailey Ross, who serves as a ministry intern at Lynside Mennonite Church, Lyndhurst, Va. Pray that this will be a formative experience as she develops as a ministry leader.	⁸ A family serving in South Asia works to develop faith resources in the language and cultural framework of that people group. Ask God to bless outreach efforts with this material and to strengthen local Kingdom communities.	⁹ Pray for Tyler and Kendra Yoder as they reach their diverse community in Richmond, Va., through the church they planted, Garden City Church. Ask the Lord for open doors and ready hearts as they invite people into faith.	¹⁰ Lift up Elena Buckwalter de Satalaya and her husband Freddy as they serve in Iquitos, Peru. Pray that the local church will be a vessel of God's restoration after a major fire destroyed five homes and the church several months ago.	¹¹ Pray for tranSend intern Nathan Carr, serving in Harrisonburg, Va., who supports men released from a local jail with intentional Christian community and discipleship efforts.	¹² Pray for the Lord's guidance as Shawn and Laura Green, serving in Termoli, Italy, determine if they will be able to do a Thanksgiving meal outreach, normally an event each November. They are considering multiple smaller venues.	¹³ Lift up Armando and Veronica Sanchez as they serve as church planters and pastors in the Shenandoah Valley. Pray for hearts in their midst to be searching and open to God's word as they grow in fruitfulness.
¹⁴ The pandemic has added dramatically to the already high degree of economic hardship for low-wage and itinerant workers in Isaan and throughout Thailand. Pray for the masses of un- and under-employed families during this challenging season.	¹⁵ Lift up D.J. Mitchell and Healing Refuge, a ministry for those at-risk in addiction in Harrisonburg, Va. Pray for recovery and for the church to learn how to incorporate persons who struggle with addiction into the life of the church.	¹⁶ Shawn and Laura Green's church in Italy celebrated the baptism of a young woman last month. Lift up pastors and others in the church who are walking alongside and discipling her.	¹⁷ Pray for the church planting and discipleship networks that David and Rebekka Stutzman work with in Mannheim, Germany. Ask for breakthrough in this post-Christian context.	¹⁸ Lift up Dini and Klementina Shahini, serving in Lezhë, Albania, with Lezha Academic Center and the local church. They are making disciples and mobilizing the school and church to reach all generations.	¹⁹ Hosanna, serving in South Asia, is celebrating her birthday today. Ask the Lord for open doors in this next year for her and her family, for clarity of vision, and for strengthened partnerships with their team.	²⁰ Pray for Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin and their family serving in Nam Yuen, Thailand. Ask God to expand the reach of the gospel by cultivating the next generation of disciples and church leaders.
²¹ As the Mosaic of Grace church reaches out to their neighborhoods in Harrisonburg, Va., lift up pastors and church planters Mike and Risha Metzler in prayer. Ask God to bless their faith-planting efforts with fruitfulness.	²² Jason Wagner serves as a jail chaplain at Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail. Pray that the Christian services and pastoral care he provides will lead many in the jail to faith in Jesus and to life transformation.	²³ Lift up Rafael and Solange Tartari and their family as they adjust to ministry in Shkodër, Albania. They are working in partnership with local leaders to multiply disciples, leaders, and faith communities.	²⁴ Pray for the Eastside College small group including Lydia Musselman as they gather today in fellowship, study, prayer, and discipleship. Lift up this college ministry and the impact for Christ they want to see on campuses.	²⁵ Join Steve and Laura Campbell, serving in Podgorica, Montenegro, in praying for unity as their church's small groups are in the beginning phases of getting to know one another and learning how they function.	²⁶ Pray for tranSend intern Hannah Shultz, serving in Harrisonburg, Va., as she helps children in local Hispanic churches encounter Jesus through Word and song in her music ministry.	²⁷ Lift up Mary Hess in prayer as she celebrates her birthday today in Milot, Albania. Ask God to bless her interactions with those in the church and for the church's outreach efforts along with her husband Dan.
²⁸ Pray for church planter Alfonso Alvarado, serving in Harrisonburg, Va., who invites people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ through the ministry of Iglesia Menonita Monte Moriah.	²⁹ A family serving in Southeast Asia runs an early education center in their slum community called House of Hope. In a place of poverty and sickness, ask God to reveal the source of hope in Jesus in this Muslim-majority country.	³⁰ Lift up Michael and Ruth Hershey as they serve with Immerse International in Millersville, Pa. May this intensive English program's efforts in spiritual formation and missional training bear fruit as participants go all over the world.	“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.” Ephesians 6:18-20 (NIV)			

Call to Prayer

Calling and sending are not an individualized matter. There is influence and impact mediated from one member of the body to the other, according to the movement of the Spirit. The call that my husband Skip and I had was not specific. Our step was simply to make ourselves available. We processed with the people God was using to open our eyes to the needs beyond our local neighborhood where we'd been investing deeply. "Where might you send us?"

The place turned out to be Thailand. God smoothed us through the preparatory process. With our two-month-old fourth daughter in arms, we went through our training. It was all a blur, with the exception of one so very important word that God spoke to me while I was fetching something from our parked car. It stopped me in my tracks. "You think you are doing this for me. No, I am doing this for you." We don't relate to God in terms of sacrifice. We obey, and there is growth and good. I felt comforted. Assured.

But getting to Thailand didn't feel good. We were plunged into a disorienting world where we had the competencies of kindergartners. With the tropical heat bearing down on me like a knife as I pedaled my laden bicycle back from the market, I loathed every inch of clothing that had the nerve to inflict itself upon me. I felt sorry for the birds who had to live in such a sweatbox. Besides that, my identity was hammered. We were stripped of all of the things that helped us to feel good about ourselves. We even looked lame to each other.

God's call, despite being good for me, did not revolve around my definition of myself and what would feel fulfilling.

That was 1989. Twenty years and two additional daughters later, we returned from Thailand. Lives had been transformed: ours and our many rice-farming friends. A church had emerged. They were worshipping and bearing vigorous witness in far-flung villages where there had been no witness to Jesus.

The story God is writing in Thailand continues as our daughter Bethany and son-in-law Steve Horst are investing their lives into partnering with the leaders that we watched become followers of Jesus.

—CAROL TOBIN

Answers to Prayer

- Shawn and Laura Green's church in Italy recently celebrated a baptism. This was especially dear to the church as the young lady was supposed to have been baptized with a group in April 2021 but was dealing with a lot of pushback from family. She became discouraged. Through discipleship by one of the couples of the church, she was able to overcome her apprehension and was baptized with a much stronger sense of who she is as a believer.
- Workers Steve and Laura Campbell, serving in Podgorica, Montenegro, are celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary on November 18. Praise God for their commitment to one another in marriage and to the Lord's church that they have served for many years.
- Lee and Peg Martin, serving with MCC's SWAP program in West Virginia, write, "We are thankful for a summer that was safe, productive in aiding homeowners who needed significant repairs to their houses, and filled with many stories of interactions between local folks and volunteers that we believe brought honor to God." Also, despite being vaccinated, both of them tested positive for Covid-19 in September, and are grateful for healing that has taken place.
- Praise God for healing that has taken place in the life of D.J. Mitchell, serving those struggling with addiction with Healing Refuge in Harrisonburg, Va. He is returning to active ministry and has been speaking to a number of groups at-risk for addiction since August.

Ways to Pray

Pray for boldness.

Mission workers need supernatural boldness to proclaim the gospel, especially in areas where Christians face intense persecution.

You can pray that:

- They will not give in to fear but will remember that God has not given them a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).
- They will be filled with the Holy Spirit to courageously and boldly preach the gospel not just with words, but in power (1 Thessalonians 1:5, 1 Corinthians 2:4).

"Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel." – Ephesians 6:19

Pray for the people they are ministering to.

Through the power of prayer, hearts that are resistant to the gospel can be softened and become fertile soil for the truth to grow and produce fruit (Matthew 13:1-23).

You can pray that:

- Any barriers that would keep people from following Jesus, such as family, fear of persecution, false religions, etc., will be broken down by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Their hearts will be soft, receptive, and open to the gospel.
- God will deliver them from spiritual blindness and supernaturally open their eyes to the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ (2 Corinthians 4:4-6).
- God will lead them to a community of believers and that they will become disciples who produce much fruit for God's glory.