

Prayer Requests – May 5 - CNH Mission Agency



The Long Trust

If you did not see our CNH Facebook post, this is Melvin and Marvin, the burros. I met them on a walk outside of Seattle last week. These two wanted to be friends with us so badly; however, their fear overcame them. As we walked on down the road, I realized these two burros are not unlike a couple of people in my "neighbor" circle who are considering relationship with a God they do not yet know. "What's his character? Is he real? What does he want? Can I trust him? Does he care?"

With Melvin and Marvin, I had only a few minutes to build trust, and my purpose was largely self-serving. We don't know how long it will take to do this with our human neighbors. Experience tells us it may be a "long trust." At times, it's taken years, and on a few rare occasions, God has opened the door in minutes. We have a God who is invested in us and in the world for the long haul. He does desire even the skittish, the wounded, and the un-trusting to be his own. "Touch my hands and feet; place your hand in my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Will we be patient with those who wrestle with the questions above and more, with those for whom it is a "long trust?"

*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:7*

Mike Lange — CNH Executive Director, Missions

Our mission prayer newsletter rotates through prayers for each of our CNH over-seas missionaries as well as a prayer for staff CNH leaders in the first section. We share 5-7 prayer requests monthly from the CNH mission field in each newsletter. (Archives on website.)

1. Please pray for Sarah (Cusson) Berta-Somogyi and her family. Sarah is the daughter of Pastor Brad Cusson at St. Matthew's in Roseville. Her time as an LCMS GEO missionary has come to an end. Sarah is considering opportunities to continue her missionary service. Pray for open doors, clarity of purpose and God's leading.
2. Please pray for President Bob Newton who continues to empower and lead our CNH District in the missionary reality in which it functions. Ask for safety, health, and spiritual protection for him and his extended family. Pray also for CNH staff Ted Hartman who will soon be having a knee replacement. Pray that the pain would be minimized and the surgery successful.



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CNH Regional Missions

1. Thank God for open doors at Rollingwood Lutheran for Vicar Moises Morales. Rollingwood has agreed to partner with the CNH Mission Agency and Moises to offer space from which Moises might begin evangelistic work among a large Hispanic population around the church. Pictured are Mosies Morales and mentor, Enrique Vallejo.
2. Praise God along with the Chester and Greenville congregations who will be continuing their mission revitalization ministries under the guidance of Pastor Alex Lissow. Pastor Alex and his wife will begin ministry on May 22.
3. Pray for all new graduates assigned to our District. (We have listed these in the *In Touch*). Please focus prayers for Ben Riley, the Cross Culture pastor working among the Chinese and other populations in Circuit 2, operating from Prince of Peace, Fremont, and also Steven Roma who is serving with Resurrection in Santa Clara in relation with the CNH Mission Agency.
4. Pray for St. Matthew's in Kauai who will be sponsoring an outreach event for children and families in Lihue over the Pentecost weekend. Pray that the message of the Gospel would have free course!



Featured Mission Prayer

Please share this with your pastor and/or include in your regular church prayers. *You are welcome to include it in your Sunday bulletin or monthly church newsletter.*



Thank God for the work of Trinidad and Nellie Casteneda in Arvin. Pray for their family, their two boys at OU in Oklahoma, their daughter Maggie at home, and their son in high school in Arvin. God has richly blessed their efforts these first 17 months. The Hispanic group has grown from 0 to over 45 on Sunday morning and there have been several baptisms. Pray for stamina, encouragement, and the loving hand of Jesus upon their family.