

MISSION PRAYER REQUESTS – FEBRUARY

Local Partners

Central Union Mission

- Protection for the homeless from the brutal temperatures

Child Evangelism Fellowship

- Please pray for the 2nd annual fundraising banquet for CEF/NVA on March 24, 2015. Pray for a full house and for people to host a table. Dr. Del Tackett, the author of The Truth Project with Focus on the Family, will be the speaker.
- CEF thanks all you for your prayers for all the After School Good News Clubs teachers and helpers. We could not do what God wants without your prayers.
- Pray for Wayne as he has an important meeting with new people who want to get involved with Good News Clubs
- Continue to pray for Ray Seto as he continues his studies at Children's Ministries Institute in Warrenton, MO prior to joining our team

Fairfax Sanctity of Life

Praises: Thank our Lord:

- For a married, Christian Egyptian couple who has suffered miscarriages because of a heart-shaped uterus. She is now 9 weeks pregnant and the ultrasound looks like the baby has attached to the uterus at a viable location. Please pray that she would have a healthy pregnancy and delivery and baby.
- For a succinct 1 minute video that was produced for free on our behalf. (It effectively depicts SLM's Baby Bottle Campaign...ideal for churches.)
- For the interest of new churches as donor churches. (Pray that interest would 'carry through.')
- For clients who chose life for their babies.
- For clients who committed or rededicated their lives to Christ.
- For abortion minded and abortion vulnerable clients who are making appointments.
- For SOHL Sunday presentations/information table and interest in the ministry

Staff: Please pray:

- For healing for those with long term conditions. (Also a praise...a knee injury is increasingly better)
- For employment opportunity for a staff spouse.
- For clear direction regarding a major life change in employment. (Prayers are resulting in 'activity!')
- For a hedge of protection around families...that the peace of the Lord would preside.

General Prayers: Please pray:

- Because our end of the year giving was down significantly, please pray that people would come forward to make donations to SLM.
- That counselors would find favor with abortion vulnerable and abortion minded clients.
- For SLM's April 10th Fellowship Dinner; for NEW TABLE HOSTS this year and that the table hosts last year would again host this year
- For speaker Ken Cuccinelli's talk preparation; that his talk would be inspirational (even humorous at times) and greatly impacting!

Randy Newman

- Randy Newman – area: college campuses and churches:
- For Randy as his body does not like the cold and his emotions do not like the gray.
- Please pray that professors will volunteer to take a turn leading one of the Thursday Faculty Forum meetings at Mason.
- Randy will be conducting two apologetics workshops for The C. S. Lewis Institute's Fellows Programs on the last two weekends in February - the first one in Northern VA, the second one in Annapolis. It's a lot of speaking and facilitating over Friday night and Saturday morning. Pray for anointed teaching and healthy stamina

Marcia Montenegro (Christian Answers for the New Age)

- That her talks will be well received and people will think twice about becoming involved in New Age

Good News Prison Ministry

- Prayer as they are \$11,000 short of budget
- Need a volunteer administrative assistant

National Partners

Chris and Lori Luhrman (CRU/Campus Crusade for Christ)

- Please pray for our upcoming series of talks at our large group meeting. We will be addressing some controversial hot topics regarding gender, sexuality, and relationships. We want to provide a place where college students can hear a biblical perspective on these issues that are constantly attacked in our culture.
- Please pray for Chris as he prepares for two of the talks in this series. Understandably, he desires to use God's wisdom and discernment to speak truth but also with grace and love.
- Praise God that Aliana turned three months old this weekend! She is such a joy and we are blessed to have her. Pray for Lori to have good balance and discernment as she tries to be involved in campus ministry this semester.

Michelle Bedker

- Praise God for 124 people at our Christmas service!
- Pray for all of the students that connected with us for the first time on Sunday (Dec. 7 Christmas service) - pray we are able to follow up with them well when they return to school in the New Year
- Pray for students to have a refreshing and Christ-centered winter break at home
- Pray for our staff (me included) to have restful Christmas vacations with family & for God to lead us as we plan for the next semester!
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Jimmy Dempsey (CRU/Campus Crusade for Christ)

- As I have mentioned before part of my job is to minister to interns at Walt Disney World and God has allowed me to develop many deep relationships. A few weeks ago I had to say good bye to my friend Tikina who returned to his native country of Namibia. Yesterday said goodbye to another dear friend Omphile who will leave in a few days to his home country of Botswana. Please pray for these friends that they would pursue God when they return home, that they would be able to transition well, and that they will find jobs.
- Please pray for me as I continue to pursue God's plan for my life. I am in the process of deciding what I will be doing next year. I want to continue working with Cru and hope to join staff full time this summer. However I am deciding where I will work. I am considering staying with my current team, which has been an amazing fit so far, or helping to build and lead a web team in Ireland with Cru's ministry to Western Europe.

Joe Summers (Serving with CRU/Campus Crusade for Christ at Virginia Tech)

- Praise for successful "Radiate" conference over Christmas break with many college students coming to faith in Christ and others dedicating their life to Christian service and ministry
- Prayers for his engagement and future marriage
- Prayers for his work at regional Cru office in Pennsylvania

Jim and Diane Dempsey (CRU/Campus Crusade for Christ)

- Praise national and international success of Cru resources especially "EveryStudent.com" and sharing the message of the gospel.
- Prayers for their children: Jimmy - Cru headquarters as Digital Strategies team and ministering to Walt Disney World interns; Katherine - prayers for challenges she faces in her graduate school program at Northwestern University and as she seeks God's will for her life after graduation.
- Prayer for Jim's busy travel schedule
- Prayer for Diane's church ministry at KCC, neighborhood ministry and Christian Embassy administrative ministry

International Partners

International Justice Mission (IJM)

- **Please pray for IJM Kenya as they hold trainings for government prosecutors this week.** IJM UK invited UK barristers to lead these trainings. Pray that the workshops are effective, and that ultimately more people will receive fair trials and just verdicts.
- **Praise God for two healthy babies born to IJM clients, one in Bolivia and one in the Dominican Republic.** Pray that the babies will grow in health and strength. Pray also for the young mothers and the IJM teams supporting them. Pray that these survivors of sexual violence will have wisdom and patience, and ask God to surround them with a loving community.
- **Pray for Gopi, a young father we helped rescued from forced labor slavery in a rice mill.** He escaped from the mill to get help for his 2-year-old son's heart problem. [During that time, he called IJM for help.](#) Praise God that because of this one man's courage, three families were set free from this life of slavery!
- **Praise God for a partner organization that rescued six families from a woodcutting business.** They had been trapped in forced labor slavery for over 20 years. The owners were taken into police custody. Pray for justice as this case moves forward.
- **IJM Thailand is advocating for a client to receive his rightful citizenship. The case has been pending for over six years.** This case is particularly difficult because the client was orphaned as a child and the identity of his parents is unknown. Last week our team met with the local sheriff to ask that he review the application once more. Pray that the sheriff will review the application so this young man can gain the full protection of the law in his country.
- **Please pray for a [Sr. Director of Global Communications](#) to join us and lead key influencers, supporters and partners on broad cultural stages.** We are looking for a talented communications professional to develop and execute strategies to raise positive awareness of IJM as the leading organization in securing sustainable justice for the poor, while managing the risks associated with rapid growth.

Praise for 333 people rescued from slavery at a brick factory in India

Los Mochis, Mexico and Pastor Abner Vallejo

- Sunday Chapel is growing; asking for God's guidance to lead this new group and possible church
- I asked city hall for property. This site will hold a basketball court, pavilion, six classrooms, church bldg, etc. for the new church, (Sunday Chapel people) If this is God's plan, we will need not only the property but also the way to build this project.
- God's wisdom to do what he wants me to do.
- My family, especially for my kids, they are growing and my oldest one is about to go to High school.

Keith and Nahla Kroell (currently on sabbatical)

- Prayers for Keith's knee replacement surgery and post-operative recovery
- Prayer for their continued seeking God's direction in their path of what mission field and organization to serve with upon their return to North Africa/Middle East later this year

Clay and Ruth Buttemere

- They would like prayers for finishing up their end of year community projects and their current mentoring classes.
- A prayer for good health for all 6 kids and Ruth and Clay
- They will not be in the USA for Christmas so they will be missing their family here too

The Persecuted Church

- For all those held in captivity and being killed or otherwise persecuted for their faith in Jesus