



AUGUST 2019

GAP

GLOBAL ALLIES IN PRAYER

“I LOOKED FOR A MAN AMONG THEM WHO WOULD BUILD UP THE WALL AND STAND BEFORE ME IN THE GAP ON BEHALF OF THE LAND.” EZEKIEL 22:30

VERSE OF THE MONTH

“Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings.”

— Hebrews 10:22-23 (NIV)

PRAYER FOCUS

Take time to pray for the pastors of your local churches. They carry a difficult, but divine calling to bring the Word to God’s people each week. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be active in our churches and communities.

TELLING NUMBER

11

individuals serve on the Luke Society Board of Directors. Many of them have selflessly provided wisdom and guidance for the organization for many years.

BIRTHDAYS

- Aug. 11 Dr. Tom Olewe
- Aug. 14 Dr. Erol Rene
- Aug. 17 Char Feikema
- Aug. 19 Dr. Jose Luis Guerrero
- Aug. 20 Dr. Rani Tulung

UPCOMING

Keep Sept. 14 free on your calendars. We will have every regional coordinator in Sioux Falls for a final retirement send-off for Dr. Apolos Landa. Watch for more promotion on this in the next couple of weeks.



Dr. Erol Rene discusses the community development sewing program with the PMT for Cayes-Jacmel, Haiti.

PMT program resourceful for ministries

By Nathan Stob

REGIONAL— The Luke Society is thankful for the faithful blessings of our Partnership Ministry Team members. Please be in prayer for this group of devoted and wise servants of the Lord.

Many of the Luke Society ministries are partnered with a dedicated medical professional and/or business person. This partnership acts as an extension of the central office staff, traveling to the ministry sites and developing relationships with the director and their staff.

This is no easy task. PMTs take time out of their schedules, pay their own expenses and may leave children behind during their travel. During a ministry visit, they often sleep and travel in uncomfortable locations. They faithfully return home to pray for the ministry, respond to reports and help raise financial support.

Pray for solid relationships to be formed between the PMTs and the ministry directors. These lifelong relationships are often the most enjoyable aspect for PMT members.

Pray for wisdom and discernment as one of the main tasks of the PMT is to tactfully offer suggestions and advice to help the ministry move forward without managing or directing it.

Pray for safety in travel, a deep desire to help the ministry directors reach people with medical help and the Gospel, and continued interest in the Lord’s work overseas.

PRAYER & PRAISE

ASIA

PAPUA, INDONESIA

■ Continue praying for Asia Regional Coordinator **Dr. Julius Surjadi** who suffered a heart attack on July 18. He had immediate surgery to insert a stent after doctors determined he had a 100-percent blockage in a main coronary artery. He spent a couple of days in the ICU of a hospital in Indonesia, but was discharged on July 23. Pray for his continued healing.



SOUTHERN LAOS

■ Last month our director in Laos, whose name must be concealed for security purposes, underwent an **emergency appendectomy**. He is doing well, but pray for a full recovery.

PALAWAN, PHILIPPINES

■ Pray that the Lord will provide a pharmacist for the clinic in the **Philippines**. If a pharmacist cannot be hired by Aug. 6, the pharmacy will face a government closure.

UNITED STATES

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.

■ Be in prayer for an exciting, yet challenging event to be held in **Sioux Falls** next month. Each of our regional coordinators, the board of directors and the staff will come together the first week of September for a time of meetings and a farewell to **Dr. Apolos Landa** who has retired from his role as regional coordinator.

AFRICA

KINSHASA, DR CONGO

■ Give thanks for the results **Dr. Martin Luther Osse** is experiencing in his clinic from the addition of his operating room. He recently conducted the first hysterectomy in the O.R.

EASTERN EUROPE

LUGANSK, UKRAINE

■ The ministry team in Lugansk is reporting positive progress in obtaining a medical license for its rented clinic building. Pray for the efforts of **Dr. Alexander Shevchenko** and his team. The state fee for the license was paid in June. Pray that it will be a speedy process.

LATIN AMERICA

TRUJILLO, PERU

■ Praise the Lord for the new ministry center that **Asociación San Lucas** recently moved into in Buenos Aires. The facility will enable the staff to better minister to the needs of the children who are a part of the programming in that community. Pray for lives to be won for Christ.



GRACIAS, HONDURAS

■ Several transitions are likely to happen in the ministry over the next year in **Gracias**. Pray for **Rev. Carlos Mendoza** and his staff as they continue to do the Lord's work and reach out to the poor and underserved in Honduras.

