



SEPTEMBER 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

"Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."
— Romans 5:3-4 (NIV)

PRAYER FOCUS

Children have returned to school this month, which is a time of transition for many families, especially those sending children off to college for the first time. Pray for our students, their instructors and families.

TELLING NUMBER

10

schools in El Salvador are now receiving health and hygiene education from Dr. Beatriz Navidad in the Metapan region.

BIRTHDAYS

- Sept. 11 Dr. Kapil Mishra
- Sept. 14 Dr. Indielou Dognon
- Sept. 26 Dr. Johny Belarme
- Sept. 28 Dr. Paul Atem
- Sept. 30 Dr. Pushpa Rout

UPCOMING

A final reminder for our special open house at the Sioux Falls central office from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 14. It's a chance to meet all of our regional coordinators, as well as staff and board members. We hope to see you there.



Regional Coordinator John Oduro-Boateng kneels in prayer at the Africa Regional Conference in Senegal.

Ministries grateful for prayer support

By Dan Breen

When most people make a contribution to the Luke Society, it's usually a financial gift. And while those gifts are no doubt vitally important, it's often not the first thing ministry directors mention when asked what they appreciate most about being a Luke Society partner.

During the African Regional Conference last March in Senegal, I conducted video interviews with all of our directors. I recently went back through those and listened to several who talked specifically about the impact of the Global Allies in Prayer.

"Sometimes in the course of our work we get so caught up with what we are doing, and sometimes you even forget to pray for yourself," said Kenya ministry director Dr. Tom Olewe. "Just knowing there's a team of people – an army that is holding you before the presence of God – has made a lot of difference."

This GAP newsletter is mailed out to about 700 households each month. Another 510 are on the e-mail list. Each prayer partner is appreciated by the ministry directors.

"My partnership with the Luke Society International throughout the world has been meaningful for my ministry, especially through prayers," said ministry director Rebecca Wasswa, a nurse in Uganda. "I've seen prayers working through my ministry. Some of the challenges have been addressed."

Your prayers carry a deep meaning to the more than 40 ministry directors.

"I would like to thank God for using them," Wasswa said. "I would thank them for their love, because if it's not love, you can't really contribute to ministries. Through their contribution, we have been able to reach so many people in the community and to touch the lives of many people in Jesus' name."

PRAYER & PRAISE

LATIN AMERICA

JALAPA, MEXICO

■ Lift up in prayer Nobella Marquez, one of the new administrators at **Vida en Abundancia de Mexico**, who suffered a stroke and has brain bleeding. She is on a ventilator in the intensive care unit. Pray that the Lord would bring about miraculous healing.

ASIA

MATUPI, MYANMAR

■ Heavy rains during August have produced a significant up-tick in illnesses. An illness going around called the **elephant flu**, brought 90 patients to the clinic. Fortunately, there have been no deaths thus far. Thank the Lord for the service Li Deng has provided in Matupi. Continue to pray for a doctor to serve the clinic.



REGIONAL COORD.

REGIONAL

■ Pray for the regional coordinators and their spouses who will be **traveling** to the United States for a variety of meetings, speaking engagements and other events during the week of Sept. 8. Pray for traveling safety and that all the plans fall into place for the event. Pray that many will be inspired through the interactions.

AFRICA

MONROVIA, LIBERIA

■ Continue to pray for **Denise Maxwell** and the staff of the **New Community Clinic** after the recent death of the clinic's administrator, Torbor Flomo, who worked in the ministry for 15 years.



KAYES, MALI

■ Give thanks for the children's Bible camp held at **Indielou Dougnon's** ministry. Forty-two children attended from Mali and Mauritania. An event like this is very uncommon in a region like Mali so highly populated by Muslims.

BAMENDA, CAMEROON

■ Keep **Dr. Paul Atem** and his ministry in Cameroon in your prayers as they continue to be engulfed in a very volatile political situation. Recently, while Paul, his wife Comfort, and their son were at home, soldiers sprayed gunfire into their house. Praise the Lord no one was hurt. Bamenda will be in lock down through Sept. 16.

EASTERN EUROPE

NARYN, KRYGYZSTAN

■ Director **Mahabat Jhuzmambetova** had the opportunity to work with and learn from physiotherapists from England and Australia for two weeks recently. Together, they found new patients who could benefit from their services.

