

JANUARY 2019

# 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

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

— 1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

#### PRAYER FOCUS

With a new year beginning, pray that someone you know who is lost spiritually will find their way to the Lord in 2019.

#### TELLING NUMBER

150

projects have been funded by the microfinance program at Dr. Erol Rene's ministry in Haiti. The program provides low-interest loans to entrepreneurs to start businesses that can help their family's financial well-being.

#### BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 2 Dr. Beatriz Navidad

Jan. 4 Dr. Greg Kuiper

Jan. 9 Dr. Jaime Pineda

Marty Ozinga

Jan. 10 Rev. Chan Thleng

Jan. 17 Dr. Martin Luther Osse

Jan. 25 Dr. Mark Veenstra

#### PRAYER REQUESTS?

Do you have a prayer request? We'd love to pray for our GAP Warriors by name. If so, let us know and we will join in prayer alongside you.





Gracias, Honduras, residents take time to pray during the International Day of Prayer and Fasting, Nov. 20.

## Prayers receive encouraging answers

**By Nathan Stob** 

The New Year is an appropriate time to reflect on the grace given throughout the past year. More than a thousand GAP Prayer warriors cried out for Christ's kingdom to come. Below is an update of how God answered a few prayer requests in 2018.

**January 2018:** Philippines: Ben Cayaon had surgery to close a CSF leak in his brain. \*Update: The surgery was a success and Rev. Ben is functioning fully in ministry. Dr. Kapil Mishra from Nepal also had a successful gallbladder surgery. The Luke Society ministry director in China had successful kidney surgery.

**January 2018:** Cameroon: Dr. Paul Atem had lost a nurse in their rural Okwala clinic. \*Update: A new nurse, Mirable is leading the work in Okwala. Also, the Myanmar ministry continues to search for a successor for its faithful nurse Le Ding.

March 2018: Bolivia: Many were left homeless or died from flooding in Chilimarca. \*Update: Through this tragedy, ministry director Teodocia Cabrera was able to assist many flood victims both physically and spiritually. Recovery and clean-up has been ongoing after mudslides in Matupi, Myanmar, a volcano near Patzun, Guatemala and flooding in Cuttack, India.

**April 2018:** Laos: Clinic construction was halted due to government regulations and suspicion of evangelism.

\*Update: The Lord has provided a temporary clinic in Laos which will officially open in early January 2019. Construction in Cameroon, Chad, and Ecuador is complete. Construction in Senegal is waiting for electricity before they become fully functional. Aitie, Mali construction is ongoing and Lugansk, Ukraine is forthcoming.

May our trust in God's sovereign plan be strengthened as we reflect on His goodness. Happy New Year!

# PRAYER PRAISE

#### **AFRICA**

#### BAMENDA, CAMEROON

■ The political climate in Cameroon remains unsettled with many instances of violence. Give thanks that a dangerous situation in which **Dr.**Paul Atem's wife, Comfort, was taken hostage for ransom ended peacefully.



#### KINSHASA, D.R. CONGO

■ The Ebola epidemic has made a resurgence in DR Congo and other parts of Africa. While it may be more isolated, it is still very dangerous. Pray for the individuals affected, and that if **Dr. Hyacinthe Tudiabioko** does encounter it, he and his staff will be kept safe.

#### LATIN AMERICA

#### OLANCHO, HONDURAS

■ Please pray for **Dr. Nestor Salavarria's** ministry which has encountered some serious financial struggles in recent months. Pray that some of the oversights could be rectified and that the ministry could get on a more stable financial footing.

#### JINOTEPE, NICARAGUA

■ Continue to pray for the ministry of **Drs.** Francisco Moraga and Reyna Sanchez. The political violence in Nicaragua has resulted in difficulties no one could have predicted. Continue to pray for peace and stability in the country.

#### **ASIA**

#### BIRTAMOD, NEPAL

■ Two groups gather for prayer and worship every Saturday in a small room. The groups hope to get access to land for a church building. Pray for the Lord to provide for their material needs, but also for their safety in a time where Christians face many dangers in Nepal.

#### EASTERN INDONESIA

■ Pray for directors **Kurnia** and **Dr. Rani Tulung** as they continue to develop their ministry focus. Pray that the Lord gives them a clear vision of how he desires to use this young couple in dental work and evangelism. Also pray for them in their roles as young parents.

### **EASTERN EUROPE**

#### TRANSCARPATHIA, UKRAINE

■ A new echo-cardiogram machine was purchased to replace aging equipment in the clinic in Munkacs. Praise the Lord for the financial means to purchase the machine. **Dr. Pal Oroszi** also gives thanks for the joy of becoming a grandfather for the first time.



#### NARYN, KRYGYZSTAN

■ Give thanks that ministry director **Mahabat Jhuzambetova** had a successful recovery from surgery last month. Pray for her health going forward and for effectiveness in helping patients of stroke rehab.

