

PRAYER REQUESTS**SALVATION**

Outreach ministries, Evangelistic contacts, Good News Clubs, VBS decisions, friends & loved ones

DISCIPLESHIP & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- Those in discipling & mentoring relationships

OUR CHURCH

- Pastors, Directors, Staff, Elders, Deacons, Christian Education Team & Ministries, Missions Team & Missionaries, Property & Finance Team & Finances
- Small Group Ministry
- Vision - Mature, Mentor, Multiply

VENTURE CHURCH NETWORK MID-ATLANTIC

Butch Deslatte, Jeff Grant, Keith Wittel, Jim Harrison, Steve Luxa, Paul Decker, Jim Madas, Byron Hand

OUR COUNTRY & LEADERS

President Donald Trump	Supreme Court
Sen. Cory Booker	Sen. Andy Kim
Rep. Frank Pallone	Gov. Mikie Sherrill

OUR TROOPS

- Andre Sylvester - Air Force
- Arthur O'Connor - Marines
- Dan Miller - Navy
- Dominic Culley - Coast Guard
- Sean Callahan - Army

FAMILY, HOUSING, JOB, & FINANCES

- Carol Beck - finances (alimony discontinued)
- All who have job and income loss and concerns

MISSIONARIES

- Ray & Noel Anderson - new marriage, ministry in Kenya

IN THE NEWS

- Situation in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Iran
- Hurricanes, Typhoons
- Persecuted Christians around the world
- Those in prison

HEALING & SHUT IN

- *Lester Strittmatter* - right hip replacement, Thu July 9
- Missionary in Peru's dad - pneumonia, heart problems
- Caitlin Spatz - unspoken request (wisdom, comfort, calm)
- Kay Denton - arthritis, spinal disk compression
- Jane Johnsen - discharge expected today, OP therapies
- Tom (Beth Edwards' father) - stroke recovery
- George (D Drylewicz' nephew) - kidney disease
- Ken (D Drylewicz' nephew) - second stroke, kidney transplant list
- D Drylewicz' great-nephew - depression, struggling with going back to rehab
- Sean Johnsen - congestive heart failure
- Tom (Beth Edward's dad) - stroke, cancer, pacemaker
- Wai Wong - a-fib
- Josh (D Drylewicz' nephew) - in recovery program

PRAISE for ANSWERED PRAYER**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

- *Jason Swieringa*

KEEP IN PRAYER

- Alice (J McCullough's mother)
- Andrew Coleman
- Beth Edwards
- Carmine (D Tillotson SIL)
- Carol Beck
- Corrie Susan (S David's cousin)
- Diane Kahan-Feller
- Diane Swieringa
- Dot Lee
- Heather Coleman
- Jennie Yesse
- Jill Hruska
- Jim Henderson
- Jody Dominguez
- Joe & Jane (M Infusino's sis & BIL)
- John Lamberg
- Juliet (A Lai's sister)
- Kevin Beck
- Lina Tylka
- Megan LaFrano
- Nancy Cashmere
- Nancy Swartz
- René Murphy
- Robert Conlin (C Duncan's dad)
- Steve Barkaszi
- Vincent (D Graziano's son)
- Wendy Kukowski
- Winston & Elizabeth Griffith
- Ven Davis

MISSIONARY UPDATE

07/04/26

David Wilson

Worldwide Proclamation

I always pray for divine appointments so I can be a witness for the Lord. On my flight to Bolivia via Houston, I was tired. A middle-aged man, who looked like a hippie, sat down next to me. I said hello. He smiled, but immediately began texting on his phone. Then he opened his laptop and put in his ear buds. I found myself looking forward to a good sleep as it would now be impossible for me to witness to him. But he looked exactly like a hippie called Hunter, whom I had led to the Lord years ago, and whose life was transformed. I couldn't sleep.

When snacks were given out, I made one last attempt to reach him by telling him the snack was delicious. He removed an ear bud and gave a comment. Then I asked him where he was going. He said to Mexico City. Carefully I asked, "Why?" He said he was looking for answers and for finding a purpose in life. I told him that I had those answers! He closed his laptop, put away his ear buds, looked straight at me, and told me to speak! My tiredness instantly vanished. I asked God to give me the words. A conversation began for the next 100 minutes as I answered his searching questions. His name was Scott, 43, and he was a divine appointment.

He said he was leaning towards being an atheist. I spoke about the universe and the atom, all showing the hand of a Designer. He admitted there must be a force. He said his mother was a devout Christian who was praying for him. I said that this was the reason I was sitting next to him right now. He said his father had just died. One moment he was there and the next he was gone. I explained about the soul, and he agreed there must be life after death. He could not accept that only one religion had the answer. I said that the answer was not in a man-made religion, but in the Son of God who said, "I am the truth". I told him how a pilot flying in the clouds follows an instrument that shows him the only way to find and land on the runway. If he looks for guidance outside of this one way, he will die. If he focuses on the true guidance given by the instrument, he will live. Jesus said, "No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Scott had trouble accepting a God who made conditions for entering His heaven. Why wouldn't He accept all? I shared how God loves us and wants us to love Him. He doesn't want a kingdom of robots, so He gave us a free choice. "One day," I said, "if he fell in love with a beautiful woman and wanted to marry her, would he say to her that she must love him without a choice. Would he force her to say 'I love you,' even if she didn't mean it, and then try to have a happy marriage." He said "NO". Then he stopped me and said this was the best illustration I had used. He now understood that God has given us a choice.

He said that he didn't know if the Bible was really true. I told him about a lady who read a book and found it to be boring. Then she met the author and the book became a wonderful love story. So it is with the Bible. When we are born again into God's family through faith in Jesus, we meet the Author of the Bible. It becomes the greatest story of God's love that we have ever read.

Finally, Scott said he would believe in Christ, but at the end of his life. I warned him that he may not get the time. He agreed, telling me he had been in a bad car crash that could have killed him instantly. As we parted, I prayed for him, believing he will come to know the Lord soon, for the Bible says, "If you seek me, you will find me, if you search for me with all your heart." (Jer 29:13)

PLEASE PRAY

- For Scott that he may soon receive Christ as his Savior and have the gift of eternal life
- For our faithful national evangelists in Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Jamaica, Ukraine, Russia, South Asia, Kenya and Congo for their protection and support
- For my coming trips: Paraguay in Aug, Congo in Sep (depending on Ebola), Angola in Oct