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**GLOBAL:**

**Africa Bible University (ABU)** - Kurt and Marlene Schimke in Uganda

Kurt had the privilege of going to a remote northeastern region of Rwanda for three days. This was a very beneficial learning time for pastors and church leaders so that the Biblical view of leadership could be made clear and practical. This is an effective way to build relationships in the region and encourage future leaders to come to ABU. Pray that these relationships will help prospective students become aware of the good resources available at ABU and not travel to a different country or continent for theological education.

**Alternative Missions** operates the Siyabuswa Orphanage in Zimbabwe, Africa. The mission provides food, clothing, medication, and printed Bible stories for orphaned and abandoned children. 130 children are being served with one to two new children being added on almost a weekly basis. Youth have been trained to present Smart Choices to reach children in the school system for Christ.

**MISSIONARIES:** Joe and Averyl Morris

**Bridges International, Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU)** Praise that 13 students including those from the Middle East and Cambodia joined the Bridges P70 program this quarter. 665 international students from 64 nations attended the annual vision conference in Florida in January; three students from UCI joined Trey and Tania. Pray that Haruku (Japan) will have the courage to place her faith in Jesus. Pray for spiritual protection and restoration to health for the Harmon family.

Pray for the bimonthly outreach events and parties at UCI; these are good opportunities to encourage believers and challenge seekers.

**LEADERS:** Trey, Tania, Luke and Maddie Harmon

**Children's Ministry IPUC (United Pentecostal Church of Colombia) Rionegro, Colombia**

Children and youth ministries in Rionegro are supplied with Sunday school and vacation Bible school materials.

**European Christian Mission International** – formerly New Hope International

**New Hope, Bulgaria** Partners: Maria and Dimitrie Todorov

Praise that the first youth camp, working in partnership with local churches, took place in April. Pray for church partners who reach Syrian, Iraqi, and Afghan refugees.

Pray for N & A, former Muslims in Bulgaria who have come to know Christ. Pray for their growth and protection.

Pray for Zahra, who became a Christian and had to flee from Iran. After a long court battle, she was adopted by the Christian community in Burgas and granted asylum status. She is now a hairdresser and helps translate materials for the Farsi speaking Muslim refugees in Bulgaria. Pray for the visiting team from ECMI (European Christian Mission International) the umbrella organization of New Hope Bulgaria as they visit May 7-10.

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Pray for Bulgarian teams as they host US teams to help with VBS, summer camps and pastors' conferences.

Pray for their children, George and Victoria, as they take year end school exams.

**LEADERS:** Maria and Dimitrie Todorov



**New Hope, Ukraine** – Please pray for

- a patient with AIDs in the rehab center who has become a follower of Jesus
- training for those who are working in ministry in the public schools
- confirmation of New Hope Ukraine Statute documents that will conform to new Ukrainian laws
- funding needed to sustain and increase New Hope's ministry

**LEADERS:** Iryna and Roman Matviyiv

**Gospel Through Colombia** has now become Seminario Reformado Latinamericano (SRL), which now has campuses in Caracas and Barquisimeto, Venezuela with 226 students. Professors report that there is not enough food for students; they take turns eating one meal a day; i.e., if they ate breakfast, there was not food for lunch or dinner. Students' passion for learning and the gospel even under these circumstances is indescribable! Lack of food is pervasive; congregations have made schedules so their members also have one meal a day in order to share with other members who do not have anything to eat. The church is growing under a great deal of suffering.

**Heart for Africa** is a ministry in Swaziland. Project Canaan Children provides a safe haven for orphans and vulnerable children. Children's homes and schools provide for the ever-growing number of orphans being left in the wake of the AIDS pandemic. There are 137 abandoned/orphaned children living at Project Canaan, with a new baby added to the orphanage every two weeks. Project Canaan Farm has multiple approaches to agriculture using both outdoor and greenhouse crop production, dairy farming, raising chickens and goats, and growing fruit. Proceeds from farming help Project Canaan become a sustainable community and provide training and employment for local people. Twenty seven Swazi churches partner with the Project Canaan programs.

**Hope Unlimited for Children** in Brazil cares for over 1,000 children that have been abandoned to the streets or exploited and abused; they have life expectancies of only 3 – 5 years unless rescued. Children live together in family groups with loving, committed house parents. The City of Youth and Hope Institute programs nurture through spiritual care and award-winning academic and vocational programs. 90% of Hope graduates are meaningfully employed two

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years after graduation. Mission: To transform the lives of children at mortal risk, providing them and future generations with a productive future and eternal hope.

**International Justice Mission IJM**

The Bay Area Prayer Meeting will be May 21 at the Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto; 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Partner Showcase and Reception: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Prayer and Worship time. At this service you will hear from brave people fighting on the front lines to rescue slaves and transform nations. Pray boldly for the freedom of every child, woman and man being abused, trafficked and enslaved across our world. There are more than 45 million slaves across our world. The end of slavery begins with God's people.

**Medical Ambassadors International (Lifewind)** trains organizations and nationals in an integrated holistic strategy called Community Health Evangelism (CHE). This strategy seamlessly combines evangelism and discipleship with disease prevention and multi-faceted community based development. Several thousand learner-centered, participatory style lesson plans have been developed addressing both spiritual and physical topics. MAI supports dozens of national teams directly training communities and/or churches in many parts of the developing world. Most of their health teaching focuses on prevention and home treatments. CHE training has seen a reduction in malnutrition and infant mortality by 50%. The gospel is shared house to house by neighbors and has a discipleship component that allows new believers to mature and multiply.

**MISSIONARIES:** Dr. John and Madelle Payne

**Mission Encounters International** - Larry and Sheila Benson on Helene Island, Honduras. Donations will be matched, up to \$10,000 when given by December 30, 2016. Funds will go to: Medical missions - MEI, in association with the Municipality of Santos Quadiolas, Christian English School, Where most needed.

**Pakistan Christian Recording Ministries**, Zahoor Ur Haq

Pray for:

- Director/Listeners' Regional Camps/Rallies, Medical Outreach Camps and Church Enrichment Seminars sponsored by PCR.
- Pastors, elders and layment hearing the broadcasts
- Regular production and transmission of radio programs on FM
- Funds for a new weekly radio program in the Punhab language.

**Partners International – Mali and West Africa**

- The Women's Center trains women to make embroidery on linen fabrics and handkerchiefs; make dresses, tunics, socks and scarves
- Quote from a trainee: "I describe my time and training at the Women's Center as one of the most memorable moments of my life. It is amazing how the nine month program gave me new orientation and favored my income. Through handkerchiefs and clothing for babies that I make and sell on the market, I can properly support myself and the needs of my child. The Center gave me the tools to work with my own hands."

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- At the end of the school year we rejoiced in seeing that the trainees who came with preconceptions about the Bible and Christians changed their mentality through Biblical teachings and testimonies of the Center staff.
- Continue to pray for peace and stability in Mali and that women will respond to the Gospel through the Center.

**Partners International** - request from Tinbuktu, Mali, Due to flooding July - September, the harvest of millet was negatively impacted. Partners International distributed three tons of millet to the most vulnerable people in the area. A testimonial from a food recipient and a leader in one of the women's camps stated, "Your gesture of food does not surprise us because you are the only NGO to think of us every year during this lean time." Pray that people will come to know Christ because they see his love manifested in the in the distributed food and that they will respond as they hear and see the gospel presented.

**Plant with Purpose** Prayers answered. Flora, a 60 -year -old widow and mother of three in Tanzania received assistance in learning soil conservation techniques to prevent erosion and increase soil fertility. She also joined the Plant with Purpose community savings group. Over a number of years her farming success and savings program allowed her to be self-sufficient, rebuild her home and provide for her family. Because of her commitment and impressive results, Plant with Purpose staff members awarded Flora with a goat. Flora reported that her relationship with God is growing, she prays daily, is encouraged by group members and is able to give to her church. Pray for Plant with Purpose workers as they work in communities to share the gospel and provide assistance to grow out of poverty.

**Streets of Hope** in Kenya, Africa, provides formerly homeless boys with a safe, Christ-centered home and education. All f the boys, recruited from the streets are given medical checkups; they may have experienced rape, drug abuse, have HIV, TB, venereal disease or be addicted to hard drugs. Each boy receives treatment. Education is provided from nursery school through college. Many boys get involved with church activities such as choir, workshop, evangelizing, and youth groups. Hope is revived, destinies changed and they know the love of God.

**DIRECTOR:** Ruth Mwangi

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**LOCAL:**

**Bay Area Rescue Mission** Partner: Rev. John Anderson

Donor challenge for the month of May- every gift given during May will be DOUBLED by a generous group of donors. You may donate through GraceWay, putting Bay Area Rescue Mission on the check or online.

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**City Serve of the Tri-Valley** is a consortium of churches in Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton which exist to bring Christ's compassion to our cities by sending church volunteers to non-profits serving in our region. It is a subsidiary of the Tri-Valley Pastors Association. City Serve provides volunteers for: Alameda County Parent Association, Children's Emergency Food Bank, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Gideons International, Hope Hospice, Literacy programs, Livermore Homeless Refuge, Open Heart Kitchen, Safe Families for Children, Shepherd's Gate, Valley Pregnancy Center, and Young Life Tri-Valley.

**Habitat for Humanity** The newly proposed "skinny budget" released by the White House on March 16, would cut much needed funding that helps Habitat for Humanity fulfill their mission. The budget proposes eliminating every federal program used by Habitat including Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the entire Corporation for National and Community Service Agency, which implements the AmeriCorps program. Eliminating or reducing funding for these programs would exacerbate local housing shortages and increase the burden of housing costs on families in need of stability. There has never been a greater or more urgent threat to Habitat for Humanity funding. Keep informed about specific needs by going to the Habitat for Humanity web site for advocacy.

Habitat is focusing their Home Repair Program in San Jose to help rebuild flooded neighborhoods. Pray for workers' safety, needed supplies, and comfort for displaced families.

**Livermore Homeless Refuge**

The Refuge needs volunteers during winter months when the weather forecast is for greater than a 20% chance of rain and the temperature is 45 degrees or less. The Refuge will be open for homeless guests to spend the night--if there are enough volunteers to staff the site. Varying shifts from 6:00pm to 7:30am. For more information call 925-895-4167. Complete a volunteer information form: [Livermore Homeless Refuge](#)

**Mercy and Grace Ministries** - Chris and other ministers were at three different prisons on Christmas day- Vacaville, Soledad and Pleasant Valley and did several services at each facility. Currently, the ministry is raising money for the Easter Banquet at Pelican Bay State prison; 90% of the men there are doing life sentences.

**PRESIDENT:** Chris Mullen

**Open Heart Kitchen** serves struggling families with children, unemployed and underemployed, physically disabled and veterans in the Tri-Valley with the simple gift of freshly prepared, nutritious meals. It also provides vegetables, fruit and bakery products. OHK served more than 313,800 meals in 2015. The Regional Food Storage Project, located in Pleasanton, provides expanded refrigeration and dry food storage to optimize OHK capacity to accept food from the community. OHK provides weekend lunches and lunches during the summer to at risk school children in 19 locations.

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**San Francisco City Impact** serves the inner city of San Francisco in the Tenderloin. It has a wide range of outreach programs: Rescue Mission Dining Room, Health Clinic, Inner City Elementary School, Food Bank, Thrift Store, Sunday Church, Volunteer Center, Youth and Children Ministries, Social Enterprise (job creations), Men's Recovery Home, Adopt a Building (reaching shut-ins), Care Host (food delivery), and Leadership Development (internship).  
**LEADERS:** Christian and Cori

**San Francisco Safe House** , Jessica Li, Director  
Pray that the Safe House will continue to be a place of safety and healing for women who are homeless and victims of sexual exploitation.

**Shepherd's Gate** has campuses in Livermore and Brentwood where homeless women and their children can heal from domestic violence, addictions and despair through long term intensive care. Keeping mothers and their children together allows moms to provide stability for their kids and allows moms to focus fully on their recovery. Programs include: counseling, medical services; classes in cooking, anger management and conflict resolution, parenting, finances, household management, and basic life skills. Bible studies take place seven days a week. Women can grow their skills so they can become self sufficient whether by earning a GED, attending a community or technical college, or preparing for job interviews. 89% of the women who graduate from Shepherd's Gate do not return to the abuse, addiction, or homelessness left behind.  
**DIRECTORS:** Steve and Carla McRee

**Valley Pregnancy Center** volunteers Denise Lessard and Brenda Junginger, are the prayer team coordinators for the Center. They are inviting a team of people to join them in lifting up VPC in prayer. The team will meet every other month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning January 10, 2017. The prayer team will meet from 6:50pm to 8:00pm in the VPC Conference Room. Contact Brenda Junginger if you will attend (510-581-6850).