

Harvest Mission International, Inc.

# PRAYER LINES

*'Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with perseverance, making supplication for all the saints and also for me, that utterance may be given in my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel.'*  
Eph. 6:18-20

## We are here to pray for you.

We at Harvest Mission International (HMI) are rejoicing! Our invitation for you to join us in prayer for the special needs of others has been answered. Some of you have joined our prayer group. Isn't that already an answer to prayer?

## Now, another invitation.

If you need the prayers of others for yourself or for anyone else who is in need of prayer, we invite you to submit your request so that those who have volunteered can keep your situation in prayer. Either email your prayer requests to [prayerchaplain@harvest-mission.org](mailto:prayerchaplain@harvest-mission.org) or call us at **260-471-5129**. Please also let us know if we can use your name. If not, we will still describe your situation and needs so that all of us can pray.

In this way, we at HMI are not only requesting prayers for ourselves, but we are praying for *'all the saints,'* as the Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 6:18-20. It may be a prayer for you in the midst of spiritual, physical, or economic challenges; it may be a prayer of thanks and praise for God's gracious deliverance and continued care for you.

## You can also join those who are praying.

You may still become part of our prayer group. To do so:

- ◆ Submit your email address so that we can transmit to you the prayer needs of others.
- ◆ Faithfully pray in the Spirit to our heavenly Father that, for the sake of our Lord Jesus, the needs expressed will be met according to His gracious will.

Know that HMI's staff will be bringing the same requests before God as we gather during the work week.

We invite you to join us in prayer. Please send the following information to us by email at: [prayerchaplain@harvest-mission.org](mailto:prayerchaplain@harvest-mission.org) or use the form below and send to: Harvest Mission International, 1145 S. Barr St., Ft. Wayne, IN 46802.

Yes! Trusting God's call for prayer and His promises, I want to pray for others.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Our Mission: To equip and mobilize God's people to spread the Gospel across all cultures.*

Just as the apostle Paul asked the faithful at Ephesus to pray for him that he would boldly proclaim the Gospel, we at HMI also ask for your prayers that God would use us to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to the world in which we now live.

HMI's mission opportunities in the past weeks have been:

- ◆ Helping to expand the mission vision of congregations and districts during the mission festival and workshop recently held in New York state.
- ◆ Meeting with Gypsy mission leaders in Slovakia and planning for the expansion of Gypsy outreach in Europe.
- ◆ Gathering with local missionaries and lay volunteers to share experiences of being a friend to someone from another culture, to encourage one another, and to pray for each other.
- ◆ Encouraging congregations to look for mission opportunities in their own backyard.
- ◆ Praying with local lay missionaries as they mourn with a Bantu (African) family on the loss of a newborn baby, and praying for doors to open for witnessing to the family.
- ◆ Sharing HMI's mission and vision during a benefit music concert held in Fort Wayne. Join us in giving thanks to God for the young men who donated their time and talents to raise money for His mission!

Please pray:

- ◆ A prayer of thanks for HMI's faithful financial supporters.
- ◆ For protection from the Evil One for the HMI staff & their families.
- ◆ God's protection and blessing over all who serve Him.



*From the Prayer Chaplain:*

Let me introduce myself this once: I am Luther Strasen and I have been asked by Pastor Merino to be the Prayer Chaplain for HMI and to coordinate our prayer endeavors. I am retired from active parish ministry, having served 38 years, the last 28 at Peace Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, IN. When Pastor Merino moved into HMI's ministry full-time, I served as the Interim Pastor at New Life Lutheran Church, where he had faithfully served 15 years.

I must tell you, I found myself in the midst of a small, but highly spiritual, flock, where prayer for many people and many situations is part of the fiber of the congregation. Sometimes we think prayers have to be for only the most serious matters, but here's one example of how God desires our prayers for **any** situation and answers according to His gracious will:

On Wednesday nights, New Life offers a free meal for those in need in its immediate area. Goeglein's Catering, a long-time Lutheran business in Fort Wayne, supplies the left-over food from their events. But if their business has been slow that week, New Life has to find other means to provide food. Early in my ministry at New Life, about three weeks went by without any left-over food. The first thought was to ask God for more food, until one lady said, 'Let's pray for Goeglein's that their business would prosper.' Already the next Wednesday the serving table was bountifully provided by Goeglein's.

**God does answer prayer!**