



# IM NewsBeat

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## PRE-EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER

In the days leading up to Easter, IM and Women Nationally Active for Christ (WNAC) are asking for your prayers. To see each day's full request or download the **Pre-Easter Week of Prayer** printable PDF, visit <https://bit.ly/3uBRz6A> or click the logo below.

### *Pre-Easter* Week of Prayer

#### DAY 1—ECUADOR

Women are the healthcare decision-makers for their families. Pray that women will be receptive to health education as I share clearly and openly, especially regarding their mental and spiritual health. (Carol Duncan)



#### DAY 2—BULGARIA

Often women in Bulgaria struggle with feeling alone. There are many women connected to the church in Pleven who are widows, single, or with unbelieving husbands. Pray that God would continue to grow the connections that were made among believing Bulgarian women at the women's conference in March, so they would be a great encouragement to one another! (Amy Postlewaite)



#### DAY 3—FRANCE

French women's lives are very similar to American women's lives: trying to balance home, family, work, and church (if they're Christians) and always feeling stretched too thin! Pray that they would somehow make their spiritual lives a priority and be able to eliminate the unnecessary or less important demands on their time. (Cristina Price)



#### DAY 4—INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Some of our international friends are coming as students, and some came to the States because their spouse is a student. These spouses can often feel lonely and isolated. Pray for these students and spouses as they leave everything they know and have to assimilate into a new culture. (Kellie Penn)



#### DAY 5—JAPAN

Many women in Tokyo are the only believers in their family and need the prayer support and encouragement of the greater Christian community. We would love to start a women's fellowship with the four churches in the Tokyo area. Please pray for a Japanese leader for this fellowship. (Debbie Griffin)



#### DAY 6—SAMBURU PEOPLE

Mama Mpaisi (Pastor Francis' wife) & Mama L'Pastai co-lead a women's discipleship group each week that also includes some shepherds who cannot attend the weekly worship gatherings because of their responsibilities with the animals. Pray for good health and that their students will faithfully learn the Word, apply it to their daily lives, and share it with others. (Amanda Simmons)



#### DAY 7—SPAIN

Women from Eastern Europe who have fled their homes because of war, along with North Africans, who have fled their homes for a better life, are able to come to weekly crafting classes at the Diez 42 outreach center. Pray that the space will be what these women need to feel safe, be able to connect with others, and ultimately encounter the Help, Hope, and Healing that they need. (Tori)



# FAMILY HAPPENINGS

## Jacob & Hailee Voltz

welcomed their first child on February 9th!

**Aurora Rose Voltz** is doing well as they settle into a family of three.



IM missionaries in **France** held a **JPense** event for the first time in almost two years! Pray for those who attended this conference as they continue to seek answers and join discussion groups where they will hopefully come to know Christ.

**Emma Morgan**, missionary kid in Spain, recently went on a mission trip to Ireland.



**Ken and Judy Bailey** in Japan shared, "Lucas Delamarter, our grandson, will be starring as Frankie Valli in a production of 'Jersey Boys' during February and March in Tacoma. He

has already been asked to appear in two other plays in the summer and fall. We're very proud of him!"

We were privileged to spend time at the office recently with a couple of our newly-appointed missionaries, the **Heaths** (Bulgaria) and the **Johnsons** (France). They had the opportunity to share their hearts and their ministries with the personnel at the National Offices.



# NEW WMO NEWSLETTER

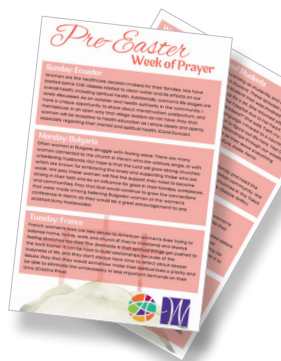
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## PRE-EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER

Join us in a designated week of prayer on **March 24-30**. This year, we partnered with WNAC for a Pre-Easter Week of Prayer inviting churches, WAC groups, families, and individuals to pray through daily requests provided by IM missionaries around the world. Each day has a designated request that focuses on specific prayer for women in different countries. You can download the PDF of prayer requests, find other resources online, and follow us on social media (@imincorg) as we join together for this special week of prayer! Click the logo below or visit <https://bit.ly/34q3p6B>



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## IM BOARD TO MEET IN APRIL

The IM board will meet on **April 29-30, 2024**. Pray for the candidates who will go before the board seeking approval to become missionary interns and career missionaries in the countries where they feel God has called each of them to serve. Please also pray for the many other important topics that will be discussed as we seek God's direction and guidance for our organization.

## PRAYER FOCUS

- ▶ In the last NewsBeat issue, we kicked off a monthly prayer focus correlating with our **2024 World Missions Offering** theme. **March's prayer focus** is to pray for the missionaries currently in the States raising funds and support to get to their fields. Ask God to give them safety as they travel many miles to visit supporters and churches.
- ▶ **April's prayer focus** is to pray for the partners that work alongside IM as they minister, serve, teach, train, and use innovative methods to share the Gospel.
- ▶ If you would like to receive IM missionary and partner weekly prayer requests directly to your inbox, you can sign up for **Hotline** here: <https://bit.ly/3GqESxy>



# MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES



## **Alejandro & Breanna Johnson (France) –**

“We’re Alejandro and Breanna Johnson, and we are recently appointed missionaries to France. We met at Welch College where we were both in the inter-cultural studies program, and we’ve discussed being involved in missions since we met. In France, we will help develop theological training and teach French people who are interested in becoming pastors!”

You can partner with the Johnsons by inviting them to your church to speak or by giving. They are currently Stateside raising funds and support for their ministry. Click the photo above to visit their site.

## **STATESIDE MISSIONARIES**

Why not reach out and invite one of our missionaries who is in the States raising support to your church? They’d love to share about their ministry and how God is working around the world to fulfill the Great Commission.

Visit [iminc.org/our-impact/im-missionaries/stateside-missionaries](https://www.iminc.org/our-impact/im-missionaries/stateside-missionaries) to view the full list of Stateside missionaries and their contact information.

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