

# HOTLINE

## Prayer Requests

### Bangladesh

**Bangladesh Partnership** - Please pray for the political situation in Bangladesh. Last year the government that had been in power for many years fell as they tried to squelch student demonstrations, killing hundreds of students in the process. A caretaker-government is in place, and elections have been set for February 12th. However, in recent weeks, radical Muslims have been stirring things up rallying mobs that are attacking Hindus and Christians. Please pray that the current government will manage to keep things under control, that elections will take place, and that a new government can bring stability and peace to the country. Pray for new church planting projects that are scheduled to begin this month.

### Brazil

**Brazil Partnership** - Pray for three of our pastors as they begin fundraising to go on a missions trip to Tajikistan later this year. They were invited for the second time by our partners there to conduct soccer camps as an opportunity for evangelistic outreach.

### Bulgaria

**Jonathan & Amy Postlewaite** - Please pray that God will provide opportunities for us and for the people in our churches to make disciples in and around the city of Pleven. Pray that God will give them boldness to share the gospel with their friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family members.

**Tiffany Carpenter** - Please pray for safe travels as I go to Nashville for training next week. Pray that God blesses our time in the office.

### Cuba

**Cuba Partnership** - Due to political and military unrest in the eastern Caribbean, the pastor's retreat has been postponed. Pray for the Cuban people as they live under a high degree of uncertainty.

### Ecuador

**Adam & Carol Duncan** – Due to the conflict with the US and Venezuela, Ecuador has closed its borders. Since the corruption began, about one-third of the Venezuelan people have left the country; many have immigrated to Ecuador. Pray for resolution and any effects that may trickle down into our area.

### France

**Alejandro & Breanna Johnson** - We have an appointment for Theodore on January 27 to reissue his social security card. We never received the first one. Please pray that this appointment will go well and that we will receive the card so we can apply for his passport!

**Cody & Lauren Herren** – We are traveling a lot this month and planning meetings with potential partners! Please pray for us to trust in His plan for our lives through this process.

## **Japan**

**Doug & Miriam Bishop** - We have CCC (a Korean college team) coming to serve at New Life for the next two weeks. Pray for them as they minister to local college students, and invite their friends to church.

**Nathan & Linda Snow** - In Japan, Christmas is only celebrated in commercial and retail ways. Most have never heard of the Christ of Christmas. However, New Year's is usually anticipated with great hope of new beginnings. This often is a great time for Japanese to think deeply about the previous year, trying to rid the bad of the previous year, and prevent bad things from happening in the coming year. Pray for hearts to be open to the gospel, and to be able to find the hope offered through Jesus that transcends circumstances. Especially pray for the many we are currently sharing the gospel with during this season of soul searching and yearning for new hope.

## **Mexico (Yucatán)**

**Mexico Partnership** - The new congregation which meets in the backyard of Pastor Samuel's house in Mérida rented a venue for their Christmas program and had approximately 40 people present. Pray that many who visited will join those that are meeting on a regular basis.

## **Pakistan**

**Pakistan Partnership** - The ministry of the Vocational Institute, started by Free Will Baptists, has seen much growth and has become an important outreach tool, but they are struggling to keep it financially viable and at the same time accessible to poor students. Please pray for this need.

## **Panama**

**Panama Partnership** - Pray for the National Association that meets on the 10th and 11th. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton will be present to represent IM, discuss our ongoing partnership, and Kenneth will be bringing the keynote message on Sunday morning. Pray for these activities and for their safe travels.

