

EUROPE

May-June 2025 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends,

The Conflict in Israel:

My thoughts and prayers turn to Israel and the conflict there. Would you pray with me for the peace of Jerusalem? Psalm 122:6 "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

Pray for those who are living there trying to witness for our Savior. Obviously, pray for their safety, but also pray that God uses their presence and their obvious love for the Jewish people to open hearts and eyes to the Gospel. I have already heard how many Hebrews are attending services because of the kindnesses shown.

Candidate School 2025

Candidate School 2025 is now in the record book! We had 48 missionaries attending for this training period. All of them had wonderful attitudes and it was a time of learning, fellowship, and encouragement – encouragement for both the new missionaries and those of us whose role it is to help them! It is an excellent group. You may be getting a call from one or more of them looking for meetings in their deputation process. If you do, I assure you, anyone in this group is worth your consideration!

Looking forward to the last week of June, we have Enrichment Week coming up. This is a time when several of our missionaries who are on furlough are invited in for a special week of refreshment, preaching, fun activities and sweet fellowship. It is especially profitable for the missionary kids who get to see that there are others just like them!

Then in July, we have two full weeks of Camp BIMI, where young people get to come and experience missions. They will be exposed to the realities of what missionary service actually means. Lots of fun, to be sure, but also teaching and one-on-one time with veteran missionaries to answer their questions and help them in their desire to know God's will for their lives. I think both weeks are full, and we are looking forward to seeing God work in their hearts. Would you pray that God would call forth laborers into His Harvest? (Matthew 9:38)

We finish the summer schedule in August with our annual Director's Planning Meeting. Please pray that the Lord directs our thoughts and helps us know the direction He wants us to take this coming year.

After this meeting, Carole and I begin our fall schedule of traveling to Mission Conferences, Mission Emphasis Sundays, Bible College meetings etc. Please pray that God will use us to be a blessing to His churches and that some may be touched in their heart about the great need around the world.

Well, I have asked for a lot of prayer from you – please know that we really do pray for you as well. Always in our prayers for you, we give thanks to God for the privilege of working with you in the greatest job in the world – taking the light of the Gospel to a dark and dying world.

Your friends,

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