

Lord of all the earth, grant justice and peace to all the people of Myanmar. We pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ that the Lord will grant them strength, courage, and boldness during these difficult times.

D.R. Congo – Due to the pandemic, it has been a couple of years since the pastors and leaders of the CCLC have gathered for their annual conference. They are planning a conference and pastoral training seminar when Missionary Ohlmann visits in December. The conference will be held at the recently built CCLC headquarters and seminary building in the southern part of the DRC. Forty pastors, evangelists, and leaders will attend this four-day conference.

Lord Jesus Christ, we ask your blessing on this this conference and safe travel for all who attend.

The Philippines – We continue to correspond with an independent Lutheran pastor in the Philippines. Missionary Ohlmann and a Board of Missions member are planning an initial face-to-face visit.

Heavenly Father, bless this correspondence that it might lead to a unity of faith and teaching that glorifies You. Provide all that is necessary for Pastor Jordan to continue to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

Missionary Visits – Tomorrow Missionary Ohlmann will leave on an eight-week visitation trip to Nigeria, DR Congo, Tanzania, and Zambia. He plans to return before Christmas. In early 2023 he plans visits to Kenya, Nepal, Bangladesh, the Philippines, and possibly Myanmar.

Lord Christ, Grant him safe and uneventful travel. Protect Missionary Ohlman and his family while he is away.

Mexico – It has been some time since a visit was made to our brothers in Mexico. Missionary Ohlmann is hoping to find a Spanish speaker to accompany him on a visit in 2023.

Heavenly Father, bless Pastor Olvera's efforts to preach Christ in Mexico and to train others to join him in this vital work.

We pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, who, by God's grace, are dedicated to proclaiming the truths of God's Word trusting that His Word will not return empty but will accomplish that for which He sent it. Amen.

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Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you... 2 Thessalonians 3:1

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Liberia - Our part-time visiting missionary to Liberia, Pastor John Hein, has been diagnosed with some very serious health issues.

Lord Jesus, we pray that you provide healing, if it is your will, through the treatments he will undergo. We thank You for your perfect love and the power of Your Word to strengthen, encourage, and comfort Pastor Hein, his wife Janelle, his children and friends, and all those he has been called to serve in the U.S. and Liberia.

Kenya – The Kinship supported school in Etago recently lost a few teachers and their school headmaster, who had been serving in that capacity for twelve years.

Lord Christ, we ask that you provide faithful teachers and leaders for the school and grant wisdom and faithfulness to the leaders of the Kenya-CLC during these challenging times. We also give thanks to the Lord for the privilege of assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ in training these young souls, which we support through Kinship, at St. Davids Kinship School and Emmaus Millimani School in Kenya.

Zambia – Our fellow believers in Zambia have faced trouble with other ministries in the Livingstone area who are jealous of the Z-CLC outreach efforts with the Mission Helpers this past July. False reports have been filed with the government about the registration of the Z-CLC and Pastor Ibrahim's immigration status. Nevertheless, Pastor Ibrahim reports several new contacts and a few prospective students for the Martin Luther Bible School.

Heavenly Father, grant Pastor Ibrahim an extra measure of patience and wisdom as he continues to confront those who wish him and the ministry harm.

Nepal – Heavy rains have caused damage to parts of Nepal where the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession is at work spreading the Gospel. No church buildings were destroyed, but road damage and infrastructure have made travel and outreach efforts difficult in recent weeks. Pastor Raju reports that things are being cleaned up and repaired and expects things to be back to normal soon.

O Holy Spirit, we thank you for the many and continued blessings on the evangelism efforts of the HCLC-Nepal and the work of training more faithful preachers and teachers of God’s saving word to take the Gospel to the unreached areas of this predominantly Hindu/Buddhist nation.

Togo/Missionary Evensen – Missionary Evensen returned to Togo in late August where he continues teaching pastoral training classes at the Bible School along with translation (French) and editing courses and lessons for the Online Theological Studies website. He recently finished the colloquy correspondence with Pastor Jacques Pondi Lumiangou in Kinshasa, DR Congo. The congregation in Lomé is also facing some challenges with their land and church building and is being forced to relocate.

We ask you Lord Christ to continue to bless Missionary Evensen’s labors to teach God’s word and train more faithful preachers, teachers, and church leaders in Togo and other French-speaking countries. We also thank the Lord for His provision of suitable land, through a recent MDF Grant from the Board of Missions, to build a church and Bible School to teach and preach God’s saving word!

India – The leaders of the BELC and CLCI both continue to report many opportunities to proclaim the Gospel, even amid the ongoing threats and dangers of persecution in this Hindu-dominated nation.

Lord Jesus, grant them continued boldness, confidence, love, and wisdom to our brothers and sisters in India as they unashamedly preach Christ crucified in this predominantly Hindu nation.

Tanzania – Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary students in Arusha are scheduled to complete their first-year pre-seminary course in November. They have studied basic theology, Bible History, and English. The faculty will evaluate each student at the conclusion of this pre-seminary year of classes.

Some students will receive an Evangelist certificate and be assigned to a congregation. Students who demonstrate the necessary gifts and commitment will move on to the three-year seminary program to prepare for ordination and a call into the pastoral ministry. Pastor Paul Nolting is scheduled to spend a couple of weeks in Tanzania teaching in the seminary.

Father, bless these students and those called to teach and train them. Grant safe and uneventful travel for Pastor Nolting and bless the lessons he will teach.

Pakistan – Pastor Tim Daub continues to teach online video Bible lessons to a group of Christians who are eager to start a Lutheran church in Pakistan. The Board of Missions has authorized Missionary Ohlmann to accompany Pastor Daub on a visit to Pakistan in the future.

Lord, bless the teaching and learning of Your word. We thank you both this opportunity and the technology to proclaim the Word in this way.

Nigeria – Classes continue with six students at Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in Efa, Nigeria. A recent grant through the MDF has allowed for repairs and improvements to the seminary classrooms, library, office, and dormitories.

Lord God, provide the necessary wisdom and resources for these proposed projects. Bless their efforts to train pastors to preach the Gospel in Nigeria.

Bangladesh – Pastor Monotosh continues to spread the Gospel in new areas of Bangladesh. He recently reported that several adults, children, and infants were baptized and received into membership of the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM). Over the past few years, they have had to move several times because of persecution.

Spirit of Truth, we ask that you continue to bless the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the BLCM. Grant them wisdom as they search for a place to erect a permanent building to conduct the work He has given to them.

Myanmar – Our brothers and sisters in Christ in Myanmar continue to struggle under the harsh rule of the military Junta, which has brought much pain, suffering, economic hardship, and uncertainty.