

February 2017 Prayer Requests



Cuba Trip -- January 19-28, 2017

*But I trust in your unfailing love, my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord for he has been good to me.
Psalm 13:5-6*

God's *unfailing love and goodness* certainly has been shown to us!

God's Goodness Expressed in Cuba

Our USA team returned from Cuba three days ago. Life is very difficult in Cuba. Zero positive economic impact has come from the recent "openness". Daily Cuban people ask the Psalm 13 question--*How long O Lord?* Yet, in spite of their circumstances, like the Psalmist, Cuban Christians *trust, rejoice and sing*, because they know *the Lord...has been good to [them]*.

We experienced God's goodness with them last week. This morning I wrote to our USA Cuba team: "What a wonderful Cuba experience we had! That happened because of our excellent, fully engaged USA team, our humble and hungry Cuban Eagle Leaders, our Reach Out staff's exceptional prep, Elio's [our Cuba leader] exceeding array of gifts, and, best of all, the pervasive movement of the Holy Spirit. The Lord used all of that to create a beautiful expression of His handiwork, and to give the movement of reaching and discipling 'Cuba for Christ' an energized boost forward!"

Praise the Lord with us for what He did on this trip and what He will continue doing in Cuba!

God's Goodness in Generous Giving to Reach Out

We surpassed our \$200,000 year-end giving goal! Last month I wrote: *God has always provided enough because He is enough!*

Praise the Lord with us for His generous provision for Reach Out.

God's Goodness Coming in February

Last month we invited you to pray three specific prayers for Reach Out. Will you continue to pray those same prayers in February? These three projects will continue throughout the year.

Reach Out's Future Leader. Due to schedule issues, now we hope to have our new leader by the end of March. We have committed ourselves to the search process and to patiently following God's timeline. *Will you pray for Lamar Slay, our Search Point Person, our Board, and the candidates--that we will identify and call "God's right person" for this role?*

Jesus-Focused Youth Ministry Digital Training. In February we will take the next step through open doors in a combined meeting with our Digital Platform Technology Team and a national ministry for whom they have already created a digital platform. *Will you pray for this next positive step forward toward our JFYM Digital Training?*

\$1 Million. To move toward our ten-year goals we need to raise \$1 million. *Will you pray for the point person needed to lead this fundraising endeavor?*

All of this that we praise God for and pray for, comes from God's unfailing love and His heart of goodness toward all of His children, including us at Reach Out!

Jesus is Lord,



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