

November 2017 Prayer Requests



"--see to it that you excel in this grace of giving."
2 Corinthians 8:7

Greetings!

For 40 years the Lord has given me the opportunity to invite people into *this grace of giving*. Often people turn up their noses at raising funds. Like anything you do a lot, it can get tiring, yet I consider doing it as a gift. I've wondered why. Bottom line: I get to receive from one person who has, and in turn, give to another person who needs. *That's meaningful!*

As you know in November/December people in America do most of their giving. That's why during this season Reach Out is fully engaging in what we affectionately call "Fall Funding". Will you pray with us about our fundraising endeavors--inviting people into this grace of giving?

Graceful Giving--We Ask

Here are a few one-word requests to guide your prayers as we ask people to give:

<u>Surprise</u>. Every year I ask the Lord to surprise us--with larger gifts than we expect from people we do not expect.

<u>Consistent</u>. Consistent givers lead to sustainable ministry. We give thanks that we have many consistent givers--some for 40 years--that make us stable and sustainable.

<u>Sacrifice</u>. Jesus said: *Freely you have received, freely give.* (Matthew 10:8) In a culture of "much", freely giving means sacrificial giving.

<u>Beyond</u>. Each year we pray and set a funding goal, and then ask the Lord to go beyond it. <u>Reach Out's 2017 goal: \$200,000</u>.

<u>Grace</u>. Because grace has been given to us, we can *excel in the grace of giving!*

Gracious Receiving--God Gives

God gracefully answers your prayers--every month. Givers give... Receivers receive. You, in partnership with us, serve as a conduit between givers giving and receivers receiving.

Graceful Receiving

Pray that <u>Reach Out</u> will gracefully receive from God's hand and go beyond <u>our \$200,000 Fall Funding goal.</u>

Pray that <u>Randy Riggins</u>--Reach Out's New International President--will gracefully receive positive responses from <u>65 donors giving \$100</u> a month by year end.

Gracious Giving

As a result of graceful receiving, Reach Out can graciously give. We do that every day in Nepal, Ukraine, Russia/Siberia, Cuba, 13 African countries--and more. Right now we need prayer for these special needs. Will you pray specific prayers for...

<u>Charles Juma, ROYS' Africa Leader</u>. His struggle with his blood pressure, which reached crisis level last month, is even more critical now because his BP is still not stable. We are searching for the rare cardiologist in Kenya who can see Charles quickly, and we pray for protection and healing.

<u>Kim Bearden, ROYS' Nepal Leader</u>. This week he has knee replacement surgery, and then he prepares to go back to Nepal for two years.

<u>Pasha and Tanya Koriakin, ROYS' Russia/Siberia Leaders</u>. They have had difficulty with finding the financial support they need for their family in a sparse financial environment.

And more...

Next month I will update the <u>many answered prayers</u> from God's graceful and gracious hand. In the meantime... *excel at the grace of giving!*

Jesus is Lord,

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