

Monday Prayer Resource - Missions

Riverside supports organisations and individuals who spread God's love and the Good News to people. Below, each one has provided a brief description of their ministry and some prayer needs. Please pray for them today and consider sending an encouragement to them especially if the Lord lays something specific on your heart.

Resthaven

Ministry Purpose: Resthaven Ministries exists to be the hands and feet of Jesus — serving the widow, the orphan, the sick, and the poor by providing Christ-centred care.

Prayer Requests

- 1) At Resthaven, our prayer list is long, and whilst financial constraints keep us on our knees, most pressing right now is prayer for wisdom and guidance to deal with HR matters to ensure that our elderly and children are always well cared for.
- 2) Please pray for Steve Rudd's health, that God will send the right doctor / hospital staff to take care of him now and for his future recovery.

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Door of Hope

Ministry Purpose: Door of Hope exists to reach babies that are abandoned. We love them, we care for them, and we create a safe home where they can grow and have a future.

Door of Hope Prayer Requests

- 1) For adoptions and reunifications to increase.
- 2) For our court case to legalise baby saver boxes and our registration to be approved.
- 3) For unity among the diverse staff.

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A Million Beautiful Pieces - Desirae Pillay

Ministry Purpose: My ministry is across denominations where the focus is on connecting women in ministry and supporting young people. My work with women focuses on collaborative efforts to support families, parents, children and their church's Kids Ministry teams. This includes supporting families with a loved one with a disability. This has raised a second stream of ministry to young people to help them navigate life and faith.

Prayer requests

- 1) Prayer for believers in all churches to join ministries serving children and youth. We need people who understand that the future of the church is in the Kids and Youth Ministries of today.
- 2) Seeking the Lord in how to care for our eldest daughter in the long-term.

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Our Friend in India

India is mostly closed to the good news, so we use security protocols to protect the identity of our friend, thus certain words include special characters so it cannot be detected online and compromise her safety.

Ministry Purpose: To share the good news with underprivileged and marginalised communities in North India, who would otherwise have little to no opportunity to personally know a Christi@n. There are 495,000 villages in India which have no Christi@n presence. I have the privilege to serve in the capacity as an occupational therapist.

Prayer Requests

- 1) Please pray for the families we serve as well as our staff, that they will come to know the One and Only True King. May we be bold to share with them in both actions and words and may they experience the Father's love supernaturally.
- 2) Please pray for more workers to join us (local & international), with a heart to serve. We would benefit from: occupational, physical and speech therapists, special educators, carpenters, orthotics & prosthetic technicians, medical doctors & administrators.

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Christ's Hope & New Road Missions

Carmen and Ge live on a farm in Limpopo, and with the help of house moms they care for 31 children. They have just completed building a Life Centre with a hall, 10 classrooms and offices, and are planning to build a further 10 children's houses and a staff complex.

Ministry Purpose: We are involved in ongoing daily care tutoring and training in the ways of the Lord through Christ's Hope and New Road missions, caring for orphans and vulnerable children in their distress. Our approach focuses on sharing God's Word with love, understanding, and respect, allowing individuals to make their own decisions and grow in their faith.

Prayer Requests:

- 1) We are in a daily battle with cultural differences and ancestral worship and need much prayer for this particularly.
- 2) Our children are with us 24/7, and Carmen and I are struggling to switch off and rest.

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Journey

Riverside supports 3 people involved in Journey: Craig Groome, Megan Matcher and Anton van Dam.

Ministry Purpose: Journey South Africa's mission is to equip churches to give people a safe and spiritually supportive place to help them get in touch with their hearts and emotions and integrate their beliefs with their feelings and experiences. Most importantly, we help create safe, bounded time and space to look to God and invite Jesus into our lives through prayer. For many people, the result is healing for the past, a sense of freedom from old habits and, most importantly, a renewed sense of walking with Jesus.

Craig Groome's Prayer Requests

- 1) Please pray for us as we work with teams in various churches to prepare for their courses starting in May. Pray that we are able to help each individual on the teams continue to grow in honesty and transparency with God and community, that they would be reliant on His love and not on their own performance as they make space for others.
- 2) Please pray for Kath and myself as the work of Journey South Africa grows and my role in Journey Global increases. Pray that God would help us find clear balance for life with Him, family and friends as demands increase, and that we would be able to keep choosing life through intimate relationships rather than work.

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Megan Matcher's Prayer Requests

- 1) Please pray that I would have the courage and trust to go where God leads me in this ministry, and the discernment to recognise His leading.
- 2) I'm finding it hard to feel motivated and hopeful lately. Please pray that God would help me persevere or renew my desire.

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Anton van Dam Prayer Requests

- 1) There are changes in roles in the Journey space that potentially affect mine. I can't elaborate but that's a huge prayer point for me.
- 2) My new job is intended to be a long-term vision to free me up to do more with Journey but getting established means in the short to medium-term I will be doing less with Journey. Pray with me that God continues to align my will and my vision with what He would ultimately have me do.

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