

Way2Pray

C&MA Western Great Lakes District

B & M

Creative Access Workers on Home Assignment

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Dear WGLD Kids,

Greetings from Somerset, PA! Our family just arrived back in the US on December 9. We are staying in Pennsylvania until next summer to rest and to ask God what He wants for our family in the future. We were able to visit our family in Missouri for Christmas. It had been 7 years since we celebrated Christmas together! Our boys are adjusting to life and school in the US. It is VERY different from their life in Western Europe.

Here are some of the big differences:

- In Europe, our boys don't really have any Christian friends. In the US, they have a lot of Christian friends.
- In Europe, J (age 12) doesn't have a youth group. In the US, J has more than 60 kids in his youth group, and A (age 5) has 100s of kids in his Awana program!
- In Europe, most of their school day is in French. In the US, all of their school day is in English.
- In Europe, they finish school between 5-6 p.m. In the US, they finish school at 3 p.m.
- In Europe, they play outdoor soccer year-round. In the US, they play indoor soccer in the winter and outdoor soccer in the spring.
- In Europe, we walk a lot or take public transportation (buses, trains, metro, etc.). In the US, we have to drive our car everywhere!
- In Europe, our church has about 50-70 people. In the US, our church has about 500 people.
- In Europe, no one talks about God in school or anywhere else. In the US, our boys have Bible classes at school and memorize Bible verses each week.
- In Europe, J has over 2000 kids in his school. In the US, J is one of 4 kids in his 7th grade class.
- In Europe, there are very few Christians and churches around. In the US, the majority of people are Christians and there are churches on every street corner!

Please continue to pray for our family as we adjust to life in the US. Here are some specific ways that you can pray.

- Pray that A (age 5) will catch up in his kindergarten class. He has to re-learn the alphabet and everything else in English.
- Pray that P (age 17) would finish his senior year well. He has 3 classes at the Christian school here and several classes online. He will graduate in May and then hopes to go to a soccer academy/sports management college in England in the fall. Pray that God will open the door to the right school for P and provide the finances to pay for his studies.
- Pray that M (age 19) would continue to do well in college in Germany. He has one more year and will graduate in 2019. Pray that he will adjust to having us living faraway in the US while he is in Europe.
- Pray that J's (age 12) wrist will heal. He had a snowmobile accident a few weeks ago and fractured his wrist. His cast comes off on February 13.
- Pray for all of our boys as they start indoor soccer leagues and spring soccer season. They are excited to have found teams.
- Pray that God will clearly show our family where He wants us to go next summer and what He wants us to do. Pray that we will have the courage and strength to obey Him!
- Pray that our Muslim friends back in Europe will continue to have opportunities to hear about Jesus and to know the way to salvation.

Valary & Mally McLoughlin, Viroflay, France ~ rivergirl007@hotmail.com

This month starts our budget process. Please pray that it will go smoothly and that the Lord would give us wisdom as we figure out how to be wise stewards of what we have.

Pray for wisdom as Mally and I parent the kids. We want to help them grow into ones who desire to follow Jesus.

Pray that Mally and I would have a longing, a hunger and a thirst for knowing Jesus and walking in intimacy with him. Pray that our marriage, our parenting, our individual walks would keep Jesus at the center.

Pray that Mally would be able to be fully funded as he works at the church. He is at around 85% now.

Tony & Raeni Roos, France ~ roos@roos4paris.com (Fayth & Hannah)

Pray for a new family as they will be joining the long term ministry team of Envision Paris.

Pray for a new partnership with a local church in the business district just outside of Paris.

Sam & Jen Stemple, Black Forest Academy, Germany ~ bfstemples@gmail.com (Jordan, Noelle, Matthew & Katrina)

Pray for our kids as they head back to IWU. For Jordan and Larisa as they finish senior year and begin married life. Pray for balance in school and work and that they would take time to invest in their relationship in the midst of it all. Pray for Elli that she would know the Father's love these days, and that she would be settled where God has her for now.

Pray for Sam and Jen as we get back into life here at the school. Pray for wisdom in our roles, for joy in the daily life, and for a deeper love for the Father as we walk with Him. And for Matthew and Katie...that they too, would know the Lord in a deeper way this year. For Matthew, especially, as he heals from a broken hand. He is ready to get into playing basketball, and had to skip his first 2 games to let his hand heal.

Tou Lee & Tang Thao, Bangkok in Thailand ~ touleethao@gmail.com (Abraham & Selah)

Pray for a new space for Sunday worship our church location that we are renting is closing.

Pray for musicians for our worship tea

Pray for funding as we are opening up an office for our site.



B&M, C&S, E&C, J&J, R&M, S&K, S&W, and T&H—Creative Access Workers around the World

B&M – Europe

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C&S – Asia – On Home Assignment

Pray for our work in Asia and other workers around the world.

E&C – On Home Assignment

Thank you for praying for E's knee. It continues to heal well.

Please pray for E as he is on tour in the Mid-Atlantic district this month. Pray for opportunities to encourage pastors, engage congregations, and to serve. Pray for C and the kids at home.

J&J – Middle East

Praise that through generous giving to our company's relief arm, many more earthquake victims received aid.

Praise that through giving to our own works' special fund, many care packages for the needy were made and are being distributed

Pray for the airport had been rumored to reopen late December, and then again this past week. They have now said they may reopen in mid-May. Please pray that the airport reopens now.

Pray for the Language learning is not only difficult, it is also very humbling. Please pray that we are steadfast in our studying!

Pray for our team, including all of the children, has some extensive travel for some training in early March. Since the airport is closed, this will require very long overland travel through many security check points. Please pray for safe travels, content children, and a time of great spiritual refreshment for our team.

M&L— Africa

Praise: getting into a rhythm of life and language learning after our unexpected move to a different country for security reasons.

Praise: kids excelling at school. S is reading and spelling, A loves multiplication, and both are learning about being good friends, asserting themselves, and including newcomers.

Pray: language study--again. Lack of motivation and unclear future ministry roles make it hard to focus.

Pray: L goes to a Christian medical workers conference in Greece in March to collaborate, network, and retool for more leadership in community health and development as well as possibly training nurses.

R&M – Asia

Pray for our nanny and dear friend, H, as she continues to rebuild her life after the death of her husband.

Pray for unity, peace and cooperation in our family as we transition back into our life in Asia.

S&K – on Home Assignment

Please ask that God would use the problems of the country to build His Church anyway! There are only around 500 Christians out of 6 million people. Every day we want to share Jesus with just one more person. Please ask that God will provide many people who need to hear. There is a need for committed believers to lead the small churches—ask God to give courage Mr. R, Mr. H, and Mr. A.

S & W on Home Assignment

Please pray for W, S and the kids as S heads back out on tour again off and on until mid-May. Pray that S would know best how to connect and encourage people in every meeting.

Please pray for wisdom for W, S and field leadership as our ministry assignment for next term should be solidified in the next month.

Please continue to pray for A (19) as he has had some discouraging news lately at college.

T&H – Middle East

Praise for developing relationships, especially with our neighbors, as well as friends our church.

Pray for the coming under increasing pressure from the community. We are currently using the church office for Sunday services, but the neighbors are trying to get us kicked out. Pray for good relations with our neighbors, and for a better location to hold services. Pray for us as we continue to come alongside the church to serve and support it.

Pray for our security and safety, as an increasing number of International Workers are needing to leave the country. Our American partners at the Church were just called home by their organization due to security concerns.

Pray for peace in the country, and that the Kingdom of God would grow in the Middle East!