



Prayer Requests: September and October 2006

September

1 FRI - JAF Phoenix: Area Director Gary DeVelder will lead a WFTW⁺ team to Ukraine Sept 2-14. Pray for smooth, safe travel for the team and the wheelchairs. Pray for hearts to be open to the gospel.

2 SAT - As schools start all over the country, pray for the students and teachers. Especially pray for the disabled children as this is a change in their daily schedules.

3 SUN - JAF Central CA: The Hmong Alliance Church of Fresno Youth Group will be hosting an outreach dinner tonight called "The Power of Love." Pray for a positive outreach to touch the lives of those who are invited but do not know the Lord.

4 MON - Brenda fell from a horse and is now a paraplegic. Pray for her to be encouraged and be filled with God's strength. Her family lives far away.

5 TUE - JAF Chicago: Pray for the interview and hiring process of a new Program Manager/Retreat Director. Pray that God would give Sandy Hay wisdom and guidance in this process.

6 WED - JAF Dallas: Pray for the invitations going out for our annual fundraising luncheon, that table captains would be successful in filling their table and that God would move in the hearts of those who attend.

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

7 THU - JAF Eastern PA: Our annual Walk 'n' Roll and FR* Reunion is Saturday. Pray for a fruitful day and safety for the families who will travel to Lancaster.

8 FRI - Pray for Dawn who is a young mother of two and recently broke her neck in a boating accident.

9 SAT - JAF Chicago: Pray for a local church who recently held a disability ministry workshop, that God would bless this church's ministry and cause it to take root and bear fruit.

10 SUN - Susan's husband is a minister and he recently became disabled. Pray for them as their congregation and family have abandoned them.

11 MON - JAF Eastern PA: Our Wives' Club support group begins meeting again tomorrow. Pray for these ladies as they support each other.

12 TUE - The Christian Fund for the Disabled Committee meets today. Pray for God's direction in making decisions as to who should be awarded grants.

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God.

2 Corinthians 3:5

13 WED - Pray for Katie who was a passenger in a car accident. She suffered a fractured neck, punctured lung, and spinal cord damage.

14 THU - JAF Knoxville: Our Board of Development and staff will be engaged in a day-long strategic planning meeting tomorrow. Pray as we seek God's direction for the next five years and beyond in the ministry.

15 FRI - Joni will address over 8,000 women tomorrow in Atlanta at the *International Women in the Church Conference* of the Presbyterian Church in America. Thank you for praying for safe travel as she speaks to women concerning the needs of people affected by disability.

16 SAT - Carole is bedridden with MS. Pray for her as she battles with depression.

17 SUN - Pray for traveling mercies for JAF staff going to California for the various conferences.

18 MON - Please continue to keep praying for all our financial needs, especially as we prepare for our move to our new building next year.

He who heeds the word wisely will find good, and whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he.

Proverbs 16:20

19 TUE - JAF International: Pray for the "Total Access" team, headed by Paul Palmer. As the first pilot project in Bangalore, India, they are equipping the national church to evangelize through making various public buildings accessible.

20 WED - JAF Minneapolis Satellite: Bethlehem Baptist Church is sponsoring a Harvest Project to Cameroon Oct. 22-Nov. 3. The team is led by Board members Bob Horning and Noel Piper. Pray for safety, strength, and for the gift of Jesus to be received.

21 THU - Pray for the Family Retreat Forum today through Saturday as they plan for the FR*s in 2007.

22 FRI - Pray for the preparation being made for Urbana '06 in late December. JAF will be an exhibitor there in St. Louis for the largest student missions gathering in the world! Pray for responsive hearts!

23 SAT - JAF Central CA: Pray for our TTR* workshop today at Northwest Church in Fresno. May the Lord use this training to further the work for His kingdom.

24 SUN - Lori's mother has lung cancer. Pray for her and her salvation as she faces chemotherapy.

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

Habakkuk 3:17-18

25 MON - JAF Bay Area: Pray for the planning and implementation of our benefit concert.

26 TUE - JAF Knoxville: We are holding our second annual Luke 14 Dinner in October. Pray for our area churches to sponsor a table. Our goal is 75 sponsored tables.

27 WED - JAF Bay Area: Pray as we begin to approach the missions departments of the churches we have established relationships with. Pray they will become financial partners with us.

28 THU - Pray for Christi who is 12 and disabled in a wheelchair. She is struggling with friends at school and lack of support from others.

29 FRI - JAF Ohio: Our fall Walk 'n' Roll is tomorrow. Pray that many people will come and the Lord will bless us with 10% of our annual budget to be raised through this event.

30 SAT - Min. Assoc. Iris Smith: Today I have a concert outreach planned. Pray that God would provide strength, protection, and wisdom for this event. Also, that it might bring more unity to the body of Christ.

But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened."

1 Peter 3:14

October

1 SUN - JAF Ohio: Our Luke 14 Banquet will be held on Oct. 13. Pray for many local churches to get involved and sponsor tables.

2 MON - Wilma has a speaking ministry that she travels with and she is 83. She recently broke her neck and now is in rehab. Pray for her to be encouraged today.

3 TUE - The West Coast TTR* Disability Ministry Summit is Oct 20-22. Pray for excellence and smooth execution for all plans and details. Pray for us to meet our goal of 400 attendees representing 125 churches.

4 WED - Praise God for the wonderful first International FR* in Odessa, Ukraine, Sept. 5-11. 128 people attended and 75% were non-believers. God worked in wonderful ways.

5 THU - Min. Assoc. Beth Pederson: Praise God for the beginning of a new year serving children in the area of prayer, and pray that some children will have the desire to be matched as Prayer Buddies for JAF.

6 FRI - Jane is growing very weary as she takes care of her paralyzed son. Pray for her to find support and be filled with the Lord's strength.

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5

7 SAT - JAF Dallas: Pray for the Trinity Christian Academy's Crossroads Leadership group as

they spearhead efforts to embrace enrollment of children with disabilities.

8 SUN - JAF Bay Area: Pray as we share about JAF at Valley Community Church today.

9 MON - JAF South Florida: Pray that the new churches we have contacted will support the ministry. Pray that God will provide wisdom before we speak and in the decisions we make.

10 TUE - Pray for Jean Kingery, Director of proVISION ASIA, our JAF International Affiliate, as she travels to India today to work with the Indian staff for three weeks.

11 WED - JAF Eastern PA: Area Director Bob Weaver leads training on Sat. at the church of a FR* family in Florida, NY. Pray for receptive hearts.

12 THU - JAF Knoxville: Our Luke 14 Dinner is tonight at the Knoxville Convention Center. Pray that every guest will respond to the gospel message and be encouraged by churches and individuals that have sponsored the tables.

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:20

13 FRI - Joni and Ken are in St. Louis tomorrow for the JAF Bob Flaig Award Banquet and to encourage the JAF outreach in that area. Pray for a comfortable flight and opportunities to enlarge the ministry in the Midwest.

14 SAT - JAF Bay Area: Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church is hosting a WFTW⁺ drive. Pray for a successful event in not only collecting the wheel-chairs, walkers, canes and crutches, but also in casting the vision of God's heart and mandate of Luke 14.

15 SUN - Pamela's husband fell in April and he is paralyzed in three limbs. Pray for him and his family as he needs therapy and adjustments needed to be made to their house.

16 MON - JAF Ohio: Pray for ware-house space for WFTW⁺ in Akron.

17 TUE - JAF Chicago: Pray for Paul Von Tobel as he travels to attend the TTR^{*} Summit in California. Pray for safety and that the Lord would bless his time as he gains ideas and information for the Chicago Summit in Spring of 2007.

18 WED - Nancy's ten-month-old niece was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy. Pray for her and the family during this difficult time.

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

19 THU - JAF International: Pray for Ian and Carmina Spiers, directors of our Affiliate in Portugal, as they move to Brazil to continue in ministry. Pray God uses them as effectively in Brazil.

20 FRI - The West Coast TTR* Disability Ministry Summit starts today. Pray for the speakers, workshop leaders, and volunteers. Also, pray for a great attendance and for the Lord to be glorified.

21 SAT - Min. Assoc. Beth Pederson: Pray that I may remember to give thanks in everything for this is God's will for me in Christ Jesus.

22 SUN - JAF Eastern PA: Pray for Church/Development Coordinator Mike King as he speaks at Ridgeview Mennonite Church today. Pray the congregation will welcome the disability ministry message.

23 MON - Pray for Marlene to have courage and strength in the midst of loneliness and despair. A recent car accident has affected her ability to work.

24 TUE - JAF South Florida: Praise God for the Niteroi Leste Rotary Club, our partners in Brazil. We also praise God for the U.S. team that worked with them as they served the poor.

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

Philippians 4:11

25 WED - JAF Chicago: Pray for all of our FR* families, that as the season turns cold, they would be reminded of the sunshine and blessings received at FR* and that God would encourage weary spirits.

26 THU - Pray for Roselle who is in her 70s and recently became a Christian. She is in a wheelchair with advanced Parkinson's and suffers from severe depression.

27 FRI - Min. Assoc. Joan Borton: Pray for connections, wisdom and insight for Doree, our volunteer doing Special Deliveries. She has a testimony of hope to share with families affected by disability.

28 SAT - JAF Eastern PA: Our office, along with Elverson Evangelical Free Church, are holding a Day of Pampering today. Pray for the volunteer service providers and that the ladies attending will have a great day of respite.

29 SUN - Pray for Harry who fell through the roof of a chicken coop and broke his neck. He is now paralyzed and in need of an electric wheelchair.

30 MON - Pray for Lynn who is 64 and recently had a stroke. He is now paralyzed and his speech is difficult. He struggles because he was a talented soloist who toured with famous choirs.

31 TUE - JAF Bay Area: Pray as we begin to plan our Thailand WFTW+ outreach scheduled for Feb. 2007.

- * *FR* - Family Retreat
- + *WFTW* - Wheels for the World
- *TTR* - Through the Roof

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