

Monthly Prayer Companion

June/July 2010

Conference Call Prayer: Every Monday (except June 28), 6 – 7 am ET, Dial 1-218-339-4300 – Access Code 199729#

Internet Prayer: Thursday, June 17 and July 15, 9 – 10 am ET, at <http://peernet.peerservants.org/chat.html>

Neighborhood Prayer (e-mail prayer@peerservants.org for specific addresses):

- Fireside Prayer: Saturday, June 19 and July 24, 9:30 – 11:30 am ET, Steven/Angie Bowman Residence – Acton, MA
- Oceanside Prayer (Dawn Watch): Saturday, July 10, 5:30 – 9:00 am ET, Kathleen Bissonnette Residence – Lynn, MA
- Hillside Prayer: Sunday, July 11, 5:30 – 8:30 pm ET, Ramesh/Sheba Telore Residence – Roxbury (Mission Hill), MA

Answers to Prayer and Thanksgiving:

- Thanksgiving for the wonderful blessing God bestows upon us by giving us the Holy Spirit to guide, comfort, and strengthen us
- Thanksgiving for the successful and safe trip Dave Ryder and Todd Engelsen had to South Africa and Uganda in May/June
- Thanksgiving for Jesse and Vicki Ratichek and the impact they have had on the lives of many in Africa and beyond through microfinance
- Thanksgiving for our inaugural Spring Celebration Event, the funds raised, and the steps we can take from here to build the event
- Thanksgiving for the great job Andy Williams did as our Director of Operations and for the opportunity to now serve in the Dominican Republic
- Thanksgiving for Patrick Opija, Acting Executive Director of CAFECC/Uganda, and the gifts God has given him that are enabling CAFECC to proceed so well
- Thanksgiving for our May CAMED Forum and the opportunity to gather and plan with Ghena Russu (Invest Credit/Moldova) and other supporting organizations
- Thanksgiving for Nancy Paredes and the 50 years of life she recently celebrated and blessed Kallarisunchis in Peru as a result
- Thanksgiving for safe and fair elections in the Philippines and southern Sudan and for the new leaders God has put in place to lead the people

Prayer for our PEER Servants Volunteer Partners/Staff Partners/Board Members:

- Employment for **Seth Paine, Kwadwo Poku, Kathleen Bissonnette, Bob Anantua, Val Boudreau, and Sandra/Abraham Cusihualpa**
- Protection and safe delivery of the new July additions to the families of **Andy/Marie Williams and Jeff/Heather Takle**
- Effectiveness for **Devin Erhardt** as she serves MFIs in East Africa and **Obi Ndukwe** as he leads a missions team to Sao Tome
- Healing for the mother of **Sandy Smith** as she was recently diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor
- Wisdom and direction for **Scott Purcell** as he seeks God's will regarding his consulting practice and future employment opportunities
- God's healing for **Walter Hicks** as he continues his lung cancer treatment
- Blessings on **Abraham Thon** and **Brenda Sanya** as they are both home in Africa for at least a portion of the summer months
- Strength and a Christ-centeredness for the **marriages** within PEER Servants members
- God's provision and protection for the **children** of our PEER Servants family

Prayer for Current Issues in PEER Servants:

- For our Donor Relations Team as they work on our "G2G" (Group to Group) Initiative connecting groups of microfinance clients with groups of donors
- For our Reciprocity 2011 Retreat as the Planning Committee members devote the weekend of July 16-17 to stay at and prepare the conference venue
- For the late July/August visit of Dave Leach, Todd Engelsen and others to South Asia to meet with our existing partner and meet a possible new partner
- For the late July/early August visit of Jesse Ratichek and Reverend Shadrach and Chuwang Samuel (need visas!) to the Philippines as the next phase in STI
- For Doug Mostrom and the work of the Lydia Award Committee as they select the semifinalists and we then vote online and at the July 24 Lydia Award Celebration
- For a qualified Director of Partner Relations, Director of Volunteer Relations, and Director of Donor Relations who can effectively round out our current full-time staff
- For new volunteers to assist in a number of areas, most especially website development, communications, and accounting
- For the 2010 Walk for Economic Empowerment planning taking place
- For the provision of an office at a very low price so that we can work better together as a team while using the resources God has entrusted us with well



Prayer for our Microfinance Partners:

- Aloga/South Africa – For success in raising much-needed short-term funds and cutting expenses so that the MFI can become sustainable
- ACLAM/Haiti – For an extra measure of God’s grace as they continue to work in a very challenging environment for microfinance
- CCT/Philippines – For an ability to hire an additional almost 200 staff people (primarily loan officers) in the coming weeks to support their desire for further growth

Prayer for Staff Members of our Microfinance Partners:

- Mambo Charles/Uganda – For ongoing effectiveness as a CAFECC loan officer and as a leader in his church as they reach out in a predominantly Muslim community
- Dan Popa/Moldova – For grace in assuming a growing number of responsibilities with Invest Credit and an ability to take some of the weight off of Ghena’s shoulders
- Pastor Alick Kalonga/Zambia – For insight and wisdom as they explore possibly launching the program outside of Lusaka given cost and impact considerations

Prayer for Board Members of our Microfinance Partners:

- Dr. Philip Usman/Nigeria – For effectiveness in chairing the GSED Committee and adding strategic new members to the Committee to support GSED’s growth
- Sathy/South Asia – For effectiveness in chairing his Committee and adding strategic new members to the Committee to support the organization’s growth
- Roland Brown/Peru – For vision and enthusiasm as Kallarisunchis pursues their Expansion Phase to complement their sustainability with greater transformation

Prayer for Entrepreneurs Served by our Microfinance Partners:

- Claudine Mashiane/South Africa – For this 2007 Lydia Award winner and blessings on her tailoring business and the support of her family and church through it
- Icelia Charles/Haiti – For this 2007 Lydia Award winner and blessings on her restaurant and the people she employs and serves through it
- Mama Jesca Zoodia/Uganda – For this 2007 Lydia Award honorable mention winner and blessings on her new chicken broiler business to complement her fish selling

Prayer for the Countries of our Microfinance Partners:

- Uganda – For God’s protection as the country takes additional steps to prepare for national elections to take place in the coming months
- Moldova – For God’s direction as the country considers a major change in electing the President – transitioning it from Parliament to a people election
- South Africa – For a great outpouring of God’s Spirit as churches prepare to present Jesus to the many who will be coming to the June/July World Cup

Prayer for our Upcoming Triennial Conference, Reciprocity 2011:

- Prayer for our keynote speaker, Reverend Oscar Muriu, and for God to speak through him powerfully to challenge the North American church
- Prayer for our Partner Teams as they continue to raise funds to enable our MPs to come to the conference
- Prayer for the Reciprocity 2011 Planning Committee, especially as they continue to work so hard to make this a great event

Prayer for our Donor Partners:

- For the churches in New England that support us and blessings on establishing strong church partnerships with a much larger number of such churches
- For an Artaxerxes who, like in the days of Nehemiah, can provide for many of the needs of PEER Servants in ways that go far beyond what we can imagine
- For progress in the raising of personal support for Jesse Ratichek, Linda Olofernes, and Todd Engelsen

Prayer for Other CMED Organizations:

- Endpoverty.org – For effectiveness in managing their microfinance programs around the world and the clients they serve. Pray that they may see holistic transformation – financial, social, and spiritual – in the lives of their clients. Pray for their staff that they may walk closely following Christ and that, through them, their clients may be blessed. Pray that they may have the financial resources they need to carry out the work God is calling them to.