

May 27, 2024

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

Colossians 4:2

Dear Texas Mission Partners,

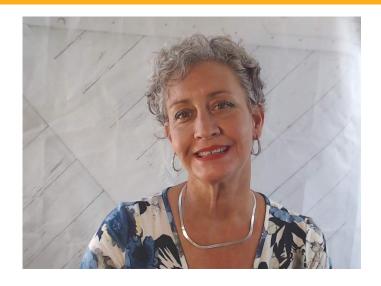
Mission Prayer calls you to prayer. Jesus tells us to ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the harvest. In this, we see the heart of God, the mission of Jesus, and the initial action of disciples in the building of the Kingdom, namely prayer. This is counter to the cultural context that insists we take action and stop thinking. Will you assist in building the Kingdom? Sit down and make prayer for the mission a priority in your life of faith.

Mission Stories



Evangelist Training

Kara San Antonio, TX



Light of Faith: The Journey of Kara, Evangelist Extraordinaire

In the heart of a bustling community, there was a beacon of faith known as Word of Life Church. Among its faithful congregants, one whose light shone particularly bright was Kara. Over the span of a year and a half, I watched Kara's journey unfold, a testament to her

unwavering commitment to her calling as an evangelist.

Kara's path wasn't without its challenges. Wrestling with the intersection of her political convictions and her role within the church community, she embarked on a mission to bridge the gap. She orchestrated a groundbreaking event - a community town hall at Word of Life. Drawing in atheists with discussions on pressing water issues, Kara showcased Christianity's commitment to societal concerns, breaking down barriers and fostering understanding.

But Kara's influence extended far beyond the confines of the church building. She embarked on a deeply personal journey of witnessing to her own family members, leading several of them to want to be baptized.

Yet, Kara's mission didn't end there. With a steadfast dedication to nurturing young souls, she took under her wing two girls who had once been ensnared by the trappings of Wicca, offering them guidance and support on their newfound spiritual path.

Ever the visionary, Kara's mind was a whirlwind of ideas, constantly seeking new avenues to foster faith communities. From hosting gun safety seminars to delving into the realm of decluttering, Kara's impact wasn't limited to her innovative initiatives. A true leader, she held her fellow evangelists to account, reminding them of their sacred calling and guiding them back to the fold when they strayed.

In Kara, I witnessed not just an evangelist but a force of nature driven by an unshakeable faith and an unyielding commitment to her calling. As she navigated the complexities of faith and community, she emerged as a beacon of hope, lighting the way for all who crossed her path.

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Mission Prayers

- Praise for our congregation's second anniversary in June. We started by seeing in 5 in worship weekly, and we now see 15-18 every week.
- Pray for the other group of Vietnamese Lutherans in Pasadena that share our building (Zion, Pasadena), that both our congregations may continue to grow.



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