

September 23, 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

Oikos Church Houston, TX



# Pop Up Praise: Transforming Hearts Through Consistent Worship

With a deep desire to look for moments that could transform people through praise.

Rosalinda comes from a large extended family in Houston, TX. Many in her family are far from Jesus, have been hurt by a church or church leader, have a broken home life or past, and/or are caught up with this world and can not find time to spend time with Jesus. Her heart is broken for these permanent relationships she shares with those who do not know Jesus or have forgotten him.

Through the Evangelist Training, Rosalinda filled out her Oikos Prayer Map and realized that most of the people the Lord had put on her heart were family members. She began praying how she could connect with them while sharing Jesus at the same time. One of the reasons her family members are not connected to a faith community is because a lack of consistency in their own lives. To work with this, Rosalinda decided to not focus on trying to get her family consistent but to instead, step into their inconsistency and during those times, praise Jesus.

This is how Pop Up Praise has begun. Her goal is to be consistent with praising Jesus with her extended family while continuing to invite them into a deeper

life with Jesus. Ultimately a faith community could develop from these efforts of simply bringing Jesus consistently into lives filled with inconsistency. So far, these efforts have brought her brother and his family to worship at Oikos once, not by being at any of the Pop Up Praise, but simply because Rosalinda's example moved his heart to come.

Most recently, a sister who is not connected to a faith community stopped by to see Rosalinda and they praised God together. One by one, this extended family of over 70 people are being touched by praise, and more importantly, by the love of Jesus. It is an arduous task to witness to your own family, yet Rosalinda is moving forward with hope in Christ that she will see a revival.

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### Mission Prayers

- Pray for the church leaders of Expansion, Rockwall
- Pray for Hispanic church leaders and pastors
- Pray for our newly gathered community in Carrollton, launched only 5 months ago as a campus mission meeting in Prince of Peace



## Comunidad Cristiana Expansion

Rockwall Rev. Jaime Gonzalez

#### **Lutheran School**

Tracy King, Principal
Trinity-Klein Lutheran School, Spring

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