# MISSI N PRAYER

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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

Texas District Area A, TX



## A Faithful Step into New Territory

When St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wichita Falls launched English as a Second Language (ESL) classes this September, Shari Stinnette, an experienced educator and the new Lead Evangelist Trainer for Area A, stepped into uncharted waters. Accustomed to teaching children with intellectual disabilities, she faced a fresh challenge: leading a group of adult learners. Despite initial nerves, Shari's dedication to creating a warm, welcoming environment for her students quickly turned apprehension into excitement. "Would this really work?" she wondered. Yet, as the first class unfolded, the gratitude and enthusiasm of her students affirmed her mission.

Just two months later, these classes have become a cherished highlight for Shari and her team. Each session begins with a Bible verse, ends with prayer, and is filled with joy, learning, and community. Shari treasures the laughter shared over her Spanish mispronunciations and the heartfelt connections formed through faith and fellowship. With a special Christmas celebration, La Posada, on the horizon, Shari reflects, "I'm humbled and thankful for this opportunity to share the love of Jesus." Want to hear more about this heartwarming journey and how it's shaping lives? **Click here to read the full story.** 

**Read More Mission Stories** 

## **Mission Prayers**

- Pray for non-believers we're connecting with, as well as the peace and safety of their families back in Afghanistan and Sudan
- Pray for the children, women, and families to whom we provide resources as they newly arrive in the United states
- Pray for sustained generosity of our donors as needs increase around us throughout the upcoming Christmas season



#### Eritrean Apartment Outreach Dallas

Yirgalem Katema

#### Lutheran Schools

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool, Groves

St. Mark Lutheran School, Houston

#### Evangelists

Abby Lipperman Crown of Life, Colleyville

Roy Price Cross, New Braunfels

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tools to make disciples who make disciples.

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- Start-up grant for a church planter
- Sponsor training and coaching for an evangelist
- Provide a scholarship for an EIIT or SMP student
- Support a new church plant

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## Exponential Learning



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