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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

Zion Lutheran Church, Dallas



From the Court to the Cross: Basketball & Baptism Outreach at Zion Lutheran Church

On Sunday evenings in Dallas, the sound of basketballs bouncing against the polished floor of Zion Lutheran Church's new Recreational Outreach Center (R.O.C.) fills the air. What began as a simple time of fellowship — ten to fifteen members of the church and school gathering to shoot hoops and close with a short devotion — has grown into something far

greater: a mission field.

As Pastor Ebersole and one of the players, Connor Shannon, reflected on these evenings, they saw God's hand at work. The question arose: What if this wasn't just basketball? What if it became a bridge to Christ?

Together, they envisioned a new kind of outreach, one that takes the familiar rhythms of a game and pairs them with the life-changing truth of the Gospel. Rooted in the principles of the Texas District's Evangelist Training, the goal was clear: equip everyday believers to use the gifts God has placed in their hands (and in this case, their gym) to share Christ with others...

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Mission Prayers

- Pray that God continue to help us build relationships with churches who want to unite their ministry and bless their communities but are unsure how to do that.
- Pray that God would continue providing the staff we need to serve these congregations as we grow.



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