

# MISSION PRAYER

May 4, 2026

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.  
*Colossians 4:2*

Dear Texas Mission Partners,

*The greatest missional contribution you can make is to pray. Jesus tells us to ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the field. In this, we see the heart of God, the mission of Jesus, and the initial action of disciples in building the Kingdom: prayer. In a culture that insists we constantly keep moving and doing, it is all the more important to be still and ask God to take action. Will you answer His invitation to meet with you? Join us and prioritize prayer for the Kingdom.*

## Mission Stories



**Evangelist  
Training**

**Our Savior  
Lutheran  
Church,  
Centerville**



### **Five Evangelists Sent from Centerville with Renewed Focus for Gospel Conversations**

On March 22, 2026, Our Savior Lutheran Church in Centerville, Texas, joyfully sent out five newly trained

evangelists to serve their community with renewed purpose and intentionality. Debbie and Jimmie Curry, Sandra Salters, Charles Leslie, and Susie Hill were SENT following four months of dedicated training through the Texas District.

Meeting consistently on Zoom, these evangelists were equipped under the guidance of Laura Sanders, Area B Lead Trainer. Throughout the training, they also gathered with their pastor, Rev. Keith Bowman, alongside other evangelists from across Area B. Together, they learned, encouraged one another, and were strengthened through prayer and shared experiences.

What makes this group especially encouraging is that they were already actively engaged in their community. Each quarter, they faithfully serve at the Centerville Farmers Market, grilling and giving away free hamburgers, hot dogs, and water as a tangible expression of Christ's love. They also regularly visit a local nursing home, offering presence and care to residents.

However, through the evangelist training, their approach has deepened. They have learned to focus not just on acts of service but also on intentional listening and meaningful spiritual conversations. With tools like Discovery Bible Study and an emphasis on identifying and walking alongside a “person of peace,” they are now better equipped to build relationships that lead to lasting spiritual impact.

As part of their training, each evangelist also developed a personalized Evangelist Ministry Plan. These plans prayerfully consider how to expand their reach beyond their current efforts and find new ways to engage their neighbors and communities. With faith and expectation, they are asking God to bless these efforts and bring about new faith communities right where they live.

Rev. Keith Bowman shared his vision of having an evangelist in every community throughout Leon County, Texas—a vision that is already taking shape through efforts like these.

In a touching moment of gratitude, the new evangelists presented their trainer, Laura Sanders, with a handcrafted “GRACE” woodcut puzzle, purchased from the very Farmers Market where they serve. The gift reflected both their appreciation and the deep connection between their training and their mission field.

As these five evangelists go out, they carry not only new skills but a strengthened commitment to listen, love, and share the hope of Christ in everyday conversations. Their sending marks not an ending, but a beginning—of deeper relationships, Spirit-led encounters, and a growing Gospel presence across Leon County, Texas.

## [Prayer Requests for These Five Evangelists](#)

By Laura Sanders  
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## May Mission Prayer Requests

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