MISSION PRAYER

October 19, 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

Edge Church, Azle

13:13: A Place to Belong, Believe, and Shine

When the Edge Church of Azle began searching for a name for its new special needs ministry, the team wanted something unique, something from the Lord, not from a brainstorming session. The answer came on an ordinary day. Billy Henkel was looking at a candle, and printed on top of it was 1 Corinthians 13:13: “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” There the ministry name became 13:13!

13:13 began in November 2021, shortly after Billy and Elisa Henkel completed Texas District Evangelist Training with Pastor Steve Sandfort. Together with Randy Crume and Pastor Steve, they developed the original plan for a ministry that would welcome individuals with special needs and their families into the life of the church. They started small. In that first year, five people came.

Then God began to move.

Year 1: 5 people
Year 2: 15 people
Year 3: 30 people
Year 4: 50 people
Year 5: 75 people

From 5 people to 75 in five years. But this isn't only growth in numbers. It's growth in faith, friendships, families, and lives changed by God. It is also the ministry where Night to Shine was born.

Every second Saturday of the month, the doors open from 4 to 6 p.m. The heart of 13:13 is simple: every person who walks in to know Jesus, to know they belong, to know they have purpose, and to know they are loved.

Their prayer is that 13:13 will keep growing into a community that walks beside individuals with special needs and their families, not just for a night or an event, but through every season of life. When we make room for everyone, we discover that everyone has something beautiful to bring.

This is 13:13: a place to belong, a place to grow, a place to celebrate, and a place to shine. Most of all, it is a place where the love of Jesus is shared with everyone.

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October Mission Prayer Requests

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