

CMCUS Circle of Prayer: May 2025

Upcoming Events

Please pray for our staff on these key dates!

May 4-7: Christar U.S. editor at the Evangelical Press Association Convention May 6-9: Christar mobilizers at the <u>EDM Conference</u> May 8: Staff Appreciation Day

Inner Circle Requests

Pray that the Evangelical Press Association Convention will be a beneficial time of learning and connection for our editor.

Lift up the Christar mobilizers heading to the EDM Conference, a gathering of campus ministry and collegiate church staff who desire to get back to the core of the Great Commission. Ask God to work through them to encourage participants in their efforts to share the gospel, make disciples and get others involved in God's global work.

Pray that CMCUS staff will be blessed and refreshed on Staff Appreciation Day, when some personnel will meet for fellowship and fun at an arboretum, and all will enjoy a day off from work.

Ask God to bring more believers interested in serving through Christar to this year's remaining New Personnel Orientations in June and September.

Pray for continued wisdom and grace for the Finance and Advancement divisions as they navigate numerous transitions.

Thank God that several families have received the financial support and visas they need to head to their fields of service. Lift them up during this season of transition, praying they will have perseverance and courage as they get settled and learn the language.

Continue to pray for a family whose visas have been denied. Ask God to guide them and give them patience as they explore ministry options.

Ask God to provide a volunteer team to assist with child care at the July RENEW debriefing retreat.

Pray that the <u>Virtual Missions Kit</u> (for churches) and the <u>Ministry Expansion Kit</u> (for crosscultural workers) will help more of the Body of Christ participate in the Great Commission through virtual volunteering. Pray these resources will be widely used and ultimately result in more effective ministry around the world.

Pray Together With XCHRISTAR

Join us in prayer for these needs from partners in the Great Commission.

For Cross-Cultural Workers

Praise God for the many least-reached people who heard the gospel through Easter outreaches around the world. Pray for wisdom for workers in following up with those who attended.

Rejoice in a group of eight believers in Southeast Asia who were recently baptized and are meeting to study the Bible together! Ask God to use their testimonies to draw their families and friends to Christ.

Ask the Lord to provide a new place to meet for a church in the Middle East.

Lift up workers in numerous least-reached communities as they prepare for summer camp and vacation Bible school outreaches. Pray that through these programs, many children will understand God's love for them.

Praise God that during an outreach in Central Asia, Christar workers and their partners gave away nearly a thousand memory cards loaded with Christian content. Pray that those who received them will watch and listen to these resources.



For Missions-Minded Believers

Praise God for two short-term teams that recently served alongside long-term workers in Southeast Asia. Pray that those who heard the gospel through their outreach will desire to learn more about Jesus.

Ask God to provide an Arabic-speaking pastor for a church plant in Spain.

Lift up believers in South Asia who are working to rescue girls from a red-light district. Pray for good relationships with local authorities and ask that through their efforts, many will be freed and come to know the hope of Christ.

Ask the Lord to provide for those preparing to serve short term with Christar in the Far East and Southeast Asia. Pray they will gain a vision for crosscultural ministry through their time overseas.

Praise God for believers in the United States partnering with Christar workers to host a regular gathering for international students. Pray that those who come will be drawn to Christ as they hear His Word and interact with members of His Body.

*Christar Mobilization Center United States

For Partner Churches

Pray that a new Prospective Missionary Support Team at a South Carolina church will mentor and advise future cross-cultural workers well.

Lift up a commissioning service at a Pennsylvania church for a family who will serve with Christar in Spain. Ask God to use it to help grow the global vision of the church.

Ask the Lord to help the leadership at a congregation in Nebraska instill a passion for the Great Commission in members, especially in the next generation.

Praise God for more than 40 churches from the Columbia, South Carolina area that participated in the first SendCOLA Missions Conference. Pray that many cross-cultural workers will be sent more effectively as a result of this event.

Pray with the leadership of a church in Kansas that God will use a sermon series on the book of Acts to foster greater interest in missions within the congregation.

For the CMCUS*

Pray for new workers planning to participate in New Personnel Orientation and Pre-Field Orientation in June. Ask that these training programs will equip them well for their next steps toward cross-cultural ministry with Christar.

Continue to pray that the new Christar podcast, Mobilizing the Gospel, will help listeners better understand the opportunities and challenges of cross-cultural ministry and equip them to participate.

Pray for grace for several teams within the CMCUS navigating significant transitions.

Ask for wisdom in preparing for the July RENEW debriefing retreat for workers on home assignment, especially in reworking the schedule to hold this event at an off-site retreat center.

Pray that the Ministry Expansion Kit, created in partnership with Switchboard and Pioneers, will help cross-cultural workers utilize virtual volunteering to address challenges on the field and serve more effectively.