

# PrayerList for the Unity Women's Desk

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January 2016

We pray that you had a very blessed Christmas and that the Christmas spirit will continue to live in you into the New Year.

As our New Year approaches, pray for peace and safety in our world. Pray that those who perpetrate war and terrorism may see the error of their ways. Pray that Christians around the world may be an example of lovingkindness and consensus-building that can accomplish far more than their violence. Pray that we may all seek peace in our hearts that can be shown to all around us. As I shared with a sister earlier in December, there is a sign in a place where I used to volunteer that said: "No Jesus. No peace. Know Jesus. Know peace." May each of us know that peace which passes all understanding.

Let us pray that the theme of the Albania Lutheran-Moravian Church Christmas celebration may come true in all our churches: "We together are ONE, because in Jesus we are one".

Give thanks and praise that the presentation about people living with HIV/AIDS presented by sisters Melania Mrema and Claudia Zeising at a European gathering on December 1, World AIDS Day, was such a success. The title of the film they produced is "Just Like You," showing the daily lives of people with HIV/AIDS. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless their ministry with HIV/AIDS victims.

Pray for the provincial synod to be held in Nicaragua in January 2016. May the Holy Spirit guide the authorities of the Moravian church to choose new members of the provincial board of the province of Nicaragua and to bless the ministry of their current president, Sr. Cora Antonio.

Give thanks and praise for the very successful national women's conference for that was held in Cuba in December. Pray that the Moravian Church in Cuba may continue to be a model of inclusiveness of women in the church.

Give thanks and praise for the success of the seminar held in Tirana, Albania with the leaders and potential leaders in the Lutheran-Moravian Church there on December 5-6, led by Pastor Klas Lindberg. The main theme of the Seminar was "Created into God's Image," and leaders and potential leaders from Tirana, Bathore, Burrel, Elbasan and Pogradec attended the seminar and were all very pleased.

While Pastor Klas Lindberg was in Albania they were able to have a service and Holy Communion. Because their regular pastor, Br. Jørgen Boytler is only able to go to Albania every three or four months, such a service of Holy Communion is very special to the congregations there.

Pray for the new partnership between the Lutheran-Moravian Church in Albania and Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA. Along with the Danish Board of Mission, they are undertaking a mission in the very poor area outside Tirana, called Bathore, to provide food, shelter and clothing for the poorest of the poor.

Pray for the new Infant Feeding Program which will begin in January at the Ahuas Clinic in Honduras. The UWD is helping to sponsor the program which will study the problems associated with

malnutrition among infants with a goal of expanding the program from 50 children to the 100 that are likely at risk of malnutrition in that area.

Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers in Nepal as they recover from the earthquake and also the unrest in their country. The Pradhans write: "As believers we have a stronger conviction and zeal to rejoice as we have survived the earthquake and live to tell of God's mighty works in our lives. God is good all the time! We may never understand why or how.... but it is by faith alone we can say this."

Please pray for the mission team from Minnesota (USA), which will be working with the church youth, Sunday school, church leaders, music team and with the winter camp at the preschool as they visit in Nepal.

The IKG preschool in Nepal has moved to a new location and reached a new enrollment milestone with 74 children. The school is seeking to expand to include grades 1-3. Three Moravian children who are benefiting from the tuition aid program will graduate in April 2016. One of these students has been the recipient of a UWD scholarship. The new Higher Education program is providing continued education for one young adult Moravian woman.

The Pradhans write: "We celebrate the new constitution but people who have close ties to India on the southern border of Nepal were not pleased and they began to protest. As a result India implemented an economic blockade, which has affected normal life in a significant way."

As Nepal and our church there continues to recover from the devastating earthquake, please continue to pray for (1) Grade one registration and all the legal documents that are being processed. (2) For another building/space for expansion (3) For the unhealthy competition in all areas of work: Right next to the school another school has started in early December, and this is creating confusion among the local community and parents. Please pray for God's intervention and guidance. (4) The church land in Khokona.

### **PLEASE PRAY THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY FOR THE FOURTH UNITY WOMEN'S CONSULTATION.**

Pray for the delegates and observers who are preparing to come to the Fourth Unity Women's Consultation in Paramaribo, Suriname February 18-25, 2016. Pray for the speakers and Bible study leaders as they prepare for their presentations at the Consultation that they may be inspired and that they will be an inspiration to all who attend to address the issues which concern women around the world. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain for the Consultation, please contact us at the UWD ([Unitywomen2011@gmail.com](mailto:Unitywomen2011@gmail.com)) or call 336-725-6413. We are expecting about 100 women from around the world to be in attendance.

Please continue to pray for the Advisory Board as they finalize plans for the Consultation. May the Lord bless the work they have done and bring about resolutions to the problems that women face around the world.

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