

Prayers

Prayer #1 – Heavenly Father, we lift up this new ministry in Texas seeking to reconnect the churches with their communities, the people with their neighbors, and all with the love of Jesus. There are so many poor people in this area that need Your mercy and grace. Help the leaders and churches of this community to reach out to the lost with the love of Christ. In Jesus precious name, Amen.

Prayer #2 – Oh, God, our Father, hear our prayer. *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor ...* (Luke 4:18). Bless this ministry of connecting people with You and Your love. May this grant bring the unchurched poor in this region to faith in You. In His Holy Name, Amen.

Prayer #3 – Gracious and merciful God, hear our prayer. It is written in Proverbs that *Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God ...* (Proverbs 14:31). Help us to honor You through our prayers and our mites for the trained church workers and pastors and volunteers in Texas who are reaching out to their neighbors through Bible studies, and literacy classes; through missional training to young people. They are reaching out to their neighbors with a helping hand and the message of love and forgiveness that Jesus has for us all. We pray for all involved in this new ministry of reconnection and ask for Your blessings on them. Amen.

Story

Did you know that the United States is the third largest mission field in the world? Hard to believe but unfortunately all too true. But, think of the opportunity to share the Gospel right here in our own backyard! There is no place more in need of missionaries than in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas on the Mexican border. This area of Brownsville is the lowest socio-economic area in the US as of 2015 with 35% of all households living in poverty, and the majority of these people is Hispanic and unchurched. A large part of the problem is that we, like most Americans, do not know our neighbors. We need to reconnect!

The harvest is plentiful, the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, send the workers into His harvest field ... (Luke 10:2).

The goal is to bring the Good News of Jesus through these new relationships with students, congregations, and the community using the missional training programs provided through this grant. The beauty of this idea is in sharing resources – trained church workers for the circuit – and using existing ones in new ways such as ESL classes and literacy programs in local congregations. These ideas bring people together and establish new relationships, sharing the love of Jesus with them. The grant will provide for startup costs, training materials, scholarships, transportation costs, and other expenses to train new leaders to go and make disciples. Praise God!

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Prayers (cont.)

Prayer #4 – Dear Lord, we know that while on earth You ministered to the poor and needy. You showed mercy and God’s love. We ask You to bless Circuit 28 in the Texas District as they reconnect with their communities and help struggling churches reach out to the poor and lost. We pray for the trained church worker, the programs and the people involved in this ministry that their words and deeds will bring new souls to Christ. We pray for this ministry and support it with our mites. In Jesus Holy Name, Amen.



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