

Global Outreach Highlight

Luis & Vanessa Lopez—Tanzania

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February 23, 2025

TWO MORE WEEKS!

We are going back to Tanzania in two weeks from today. On March the 6th we will fly from Mexico city to Amsterdam and then Kilimanjaro (North Tanzania), stay there for about 1 week and then drive back to the Rangi village. It's been a very busy time for us (starting back on week #1 of January), travels, teaching, presentations, kids, dentist and medical appointments, meetings, paperwork (passports, visas, legal docs), meals, airports, packing, etc., etc., etc. However we are about to finish all the "pending list" by Tuesday next week and then hopefully we can look for full rest days before we leave Mexico.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for our kids. They know we are going back to Tanzania soon; they are happy to go back "home" but we know this transition will be hard for them especially when we say goodbye to family.
2. Pray for Vanessa and I. Stress, miscommunication and anxiety could raise up by the last days before we travel. Just to decide what to take and what to leave is already a challenge! Pray so we can be patient and gracious with each other and happy to solve any "unexpected" challenge in these coming 2 weeks. May God give us strength and wisdom as we prepare ourselves to the field.
3. Pray for a good trip. We are traveling with at least 18 suitcases! (including carry on). Pray for "on time" flights, good "layovers" and smooth customs check-ups and pray that all our luggage will make it on time!!
4. Pray for restful days before our trip. Upon arrival in Tanzania, our schedules will become much busier. May God give us rest and a time to recover ourselves before we start the journey.

THANKS!

As always, we really appreciate all your support to our family and ministry in Tanzania.

Luis and Vanessa

Caleb, Samantha, and Nathan



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Weekly Prayer Guide



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— Prayer Requests and Updates —

♥ **There is room on the prayer list for your requests.** Please use a prayer card from the pew, scan the QR code below, call, or email the church (208) 664-4883 or (office@cdabible.org). Office hours Monday-Thursday from 8 AM to 3 PM.

Bo Marshall: She moved into Garden Plaza Independent Living Center this past week, and she let us know she will attend church fellowship there. She sends her love and appreciation for all the blessings of her years with her CBC family. If you want to send a note, contact the church office.

Nels Pitotti:

- Praise God for answered prayer. Sandi and I were able to share the gospel with Linda who had lots of questions. Linda was not at the point of receiving the free gift of salvation, but she continues to inquire of us. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will move her to the point of salvation.
- Please pray for believers in war-torn areas of this world that they would be a light for Jesus and a great influence on the gospel.
- Please pray for the Spokane Perspectives class. The students are fully involved and on fire to be able to share the gospel.
- Please pray for more opportunities to be able to share Jesus with someone who really does need to hear the gospel.
- Please pray for the home Bible study that we will be meeting where Sandi and I have been asked to share our story.

Rob Dillon: Prayer would be appreciated for Robert Dillon as he has begun his radiation treatments this week. His treatments will be all through February, 5 days a week for 3 weeks. We are praying for successful treatments to fight his liver cancer with minimal side effects. Thank you, Rob and Joan

Shirley Mooring: Please pray for Shirley who will undergo bladder repair surgery on Monday, February 24. This is a complicated procedure that will take three hours. Pray for peace to calm all concerns, and ask the Lord for complete healing. Please include her dear husband Charles and the family in your prayers.

Sarah Barron: (Linda's daughter) shares an update that her depression has lifted, and she has a renewed sense of hope for the future. Praise God for answered prayers, and ask for continued healing of heart and mind as she pursues God's will for her life.

Sara Staeuble: Please pray for Sara's recovery from labral surgery, which was on February 18, that the Lord will protect Sara from complications, and pray she will have a full, smooth recovery. She greatly appreciates your prayers!

You can scan the QR code to share a prayer request with us.



You can scan the QR code to schedule the church prayer room.



— Events, Ministries and Opportunities —

Year-to-Date Giving

- giving need through end of Jan. 2025: \$65,994.59
- giving actual through end of Jan. 2025: \$50,635.74
- current giving deficit of **\$15,358.85**

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Bible teacher Terry Harwood invites adults to join a Bible study class every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room. They are studying 1st & 2nd Corinthians. It's a great time in God's Word and fellowship with your church family.

Discipleship Groups: Adults! Growing an intimate love for and trusting obedience to Jesus is one of our key values; we call this discipleship. We encourage our church family to find various forms of healing, meaningful community, and spiritual maturity demonstrated in love for God and others through discipleship. Discipleship Groups (D-Groups) of 4-6 people and other forms of mentoring are organized by mature, trusted leaders in our church towards this end. If you desire to belong to a D-Group, sign up in the lobby or email (zach@cdabible.org).

Rebuilding Foundations: Women are invited to a support/study group for separated or divorced women that provides an opportunity for us to gather together and work towards rebuilding solid foundations in our lives, build friendships and access resources from each other, the church, and the community. We are starting a new study focused on the Sermon on the Mount from Bible Project and Sermon on the Plain (Luke). These sermons are the source of our anchoring theme of rebuilding foundations. Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month: 9:00-11:00 AM, in the Prayer Room. New members are welcome anytime. Call the church office to sign-up. No meeting March 1.

Women's Coffee Fellowship: These gatherings are held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. This is a casual time of fellowship/conversation that takes place in the lower lobby from 8:30-10:00 AM. Bring your own coffee, tea, hot chocolate, or H2O. Invite a friend!

Mark Your Calendar

- Mar. 1: No Women's Divorce Group. Resumes March 15.
- Mar. 8: Women's Coffee Fellowship (8:30 AM) Lobby
- Mar. 9: Discipleship Seminar (2:00-5 PM) GR
- Mar. 14: Elders Conference at CBC (12-5) YL
- Mar. 15: Women's Divorce Support Group (9-11 AM) PR
- Mar. 22: Women's Coffee Fellowship (8:30 AM) Lobby
- Mar. 23: Women of Valor Luncheon (12 PM) GR
- Mar. 26: Youth Group Fundraiser

Pursue the transforming works of the Spirit of Holiness to:

grow within you great faith in God. Mark 11:22-24

grow within you incorruptible love of God. Ephesians 6:24

teach you to worship God in true humility. John 4:23-24; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6

One approach to working with the Spirit to grow your faith, love and humble worship: Read through the psalms, creating a list, of everything that God is, God does, and God promises (often simply the Psalmist describing God's goodness and nature).

Pray through your list, one line item at a time, asking the Spirit to reveal to you if the specific thing described is already your default, your norm, in your daily relations with God. If the Spirit reveals this small part of your relationship with God is already empowered and authored by Him, cross the item off and move on to the next. If this one thing is not yet habituated, pursue the Spirit daily to make this a reality in your relations with and worship of God until He witnesses to your heart that He has completed this small work within you. Cross that one off and move on to the next one.

As you, in this way, allow the Spirit of Christ to transform you (until we all attain to the fullness of the stature of Christ" Ephesians 4:13), the fruit of this deepening koinonia with God will flow out from your life as the promised 'rivers of living water'. All the promised fruits and all the expectations of scripture will be manifested by the Spirit as 'the love of God controls you' 2 Corinthians 5:14 the life of Christ is revealed through you.



Missions Sunday 2025

Sunday, February 23

Sunday Message at 10:30 AM

Morning Missions Highlights:

Pastor Zach Penston

Trip to Girona, Spain to support Mark and Andrea Davis serving with Greater Europe Mission

Pastor Nat Schey

Trip to Cordoba, Argentina to support Abisrors serving with Reaching & Teaching International Ministries

Join us in prayer for our global missions reaching West Africa, South Africa, Tanzania, Mexico, Argentina, Central America, China, Spain, and the Middle East.

Missions Sunday 2025

Sunday AM—February 23, 2025



**Apart From Me You Can Do Nothing
Following Jesus, Who Walked in the Spirit**

‘Missions’ is quite simply the revealing of the glory of God, from His earthly dwelling place – His temples – His people – His Church. This is, from beginning to end, a work of the Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Glory, of Power, of Grace, Revelation, Love, Truth, Wisdom and Knowledge, Holiness, Life, etc.

God’s saints are, both individually and corporately, His intended primary means of revealing His goodness, light, love, and light to the nations. He dwells within our bodies, His temples, no differently than how He dwelt among His people in the tabernacle and temples in the Old Testament. From there He manifests the various forms of His glory – love, goodness, light, wisdom, truth, hope, comfort, healing, peace and joy, etc..

The glory to be revealed is His alone. But the vessel He has chosen in which to dwell and reveal Himself from on the earth is the physical bodies of His children of Light. Allowing Him to fulfill this purpose He has for us is what we call missions – missional living. But it happens, in truth, only when we are worshipping Lord Jesus in truth.

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5

To what ‘form’ of Himself was the ‘Me’ referring (in vs 5)? The next chapter makes it clear: “when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.” John 16:13-15

Jesus said it would be His Spirit Who would be doing God’s holy work within, among and through us rather than Himself continuing to be present in bodily form. In other words, without His spiritual form present and imparting the power and glory of godliness, we are incapable of any good thing.

Without the Spirit of God actively working, we can do NOTHING.

--Nothing holy can be done without a work of Jesus’ Spirit of Holiness.

--Nothing wise without our Lord’s Spirit of Wisdom disclosing holy wisdom.

--Nothing gracious without Jesus’ Spirit of Grace delivering the grace within us.

--Nothing glorious until the Lord’s Spirit of Glory is manifesting His glory.

--No one can reveal Christ among the nations
unless the Spirit of Revelation authors the manifestation.

Unless we believers are abiding, filled with the Spirit of holiness, peace, power, love, wisdom, and glory ...nothing good, nothing Christlike, nothing missional, can happen.

Our part in this ‘missional life’ IS NOT an attempt to produce something glorious.

All we have besides Jesus’ Holy Spirit is weak flesh – ‘No good thing’. Psalm 16:2

Therefore our part is the ‘worshiping in spirit and in truth’ John 4:23-24 which Jesus told the woman at the well was the one thing the Father was seeking.

Our part is the ‘fixing our eyes on Jesus’ Hebrews 12:2 which the Lord told Martha was the ‘good thing’ Mary was doing which pleased Him. Luke 10:41-42

Our part is crying out in faith and humility to the Spirit of God to transform us, that we may learn to ‘walk in the spirit’ Galatians 5:16,25; Romans 8:1,4 and thereby ‘in the light’ John 8:12, Ephesians 5:8, 1 John 1:7

The missional life worships in spirit and in truth, until the Divine Nature 2 Peter 1:3-4 (which the Spirit has already formed within every true believer) – the fount from which the ‘rivers of living water’ John 7:38-39 are meant to flow, is filled to overflowing by the Spirit of Glory.

We must pursue the Spirit of Christ to transform our lives until this ‘walking in the Spirit and in the light’ has become our default – our habit – our Way. We must constantly cry out to Him to cause the Divine Nature He has given to be empowered by His Spirit to reveal His glory to the nations through us. This is the biblical meaning of ‘Christian missions’.

So HOW do we grow to that place where, by His Spirit, we are walking in the Light as He is in the Light?



Missions Trip 2025 Cordoba, Argentina

Pastor Nat Schey: At the end of March, I'll be taking my two oldest kids to Cordoba, Argentina, to spend time with CDA Bible missionaries, Eric and Danica Abisror and their sons. I'm so excited and grateful for the opportunity to go on this trip! It will be my kids' first international, cross-cultural experience. I know from my own past mission trips that these kinds of experiences have a way of being eye-opening to the lives of people who may not sound like me, or may not look like me, and who have different beliefs and values than I do... and who are just as deeply loved by God as I am. I'm so excited for my kids to have this opportunity; my hope is that it will grow in each of us more empathy, more humility, and more sincere love for others. We're also getting to spend some wonderful time with our friends, the Abisrors, to get an inside look into the various ministry work they do as missionaries. We'll be staying with them in their home, and we hope to be an encouragement to them and their ministry efforts as well! Our trip will be March 24-April 1. We eagerly desire your prayers around our travel, our time in Cordoba, and for the Abisror family and their ministry efforts.

Grace and peace to you in Jesus' name,
Nat Schey



Missions Trip 2025 Girona, Spain

Pastor Zach Penston:

We are so excited to have the opportunity to visit the Davis family in Girona, Spain from April 10-21. Lauren and I first got to know Mark and Andrea during the pandemic years right after they returned from their previous mission assignment in London; they moved in a few houses down from us and we became fast friends! Through those couple of years, our families spent a good amount of time together. They encouraged us in our ministry, even having us consider international ministry for a season, and we were able to encourage them as well as they sought their new mission placement. We were obviously very saddened by their departure to Spain two years ago, but likewise so pumped for them, knowing that God would be faithful as he went before them. We have kept in regular touch with them, and cannot wait to experience their new home, community, and ministry first-hand!

One of my hopes for our family is that this experience will give us a fresh perspective on God's work in the whole world. We are pretty insulated in CDA, and I desire that my boys know how big and kind God is, especially as we break through the walls of our comforts and securities. We look forward to exploring their new home as we get a taste of the culture and city, but we look most forward to meeting their new friends and ministry partners, and getting involved in any way they need us. We really hope our presence will be an encouragement for them—that we laugh and cry and pray and enjoy our kids as they enjoy each other. We want to share with them what has been happening in our church, too (which they invested in heavily while they were in between assignments). We want to represent y'all well and carry peace and encouragement in the Spirit. We are so grateful for this church-family, the mission's team, the Elders...EVERYONE... for providing this opportunity for us, and for seeing the value in our entire family visiting the Davises. Thank you in Jesus from the bottom of our hearts.

For Jesus' kingdom,
Pastor Zach



CDA BIBLE CHURCH DISCIPLESHIP SEMINAR

CDA BIBLE CHURCH DISCIPLESHIP SEMINAR - SUNDAY, MARCH 9

If you've been at CDA Bible for any length of time, you know that we make a big deal about attending our Discipleship Seminar. That's because we think making disciples is our primary calling! In this seminar, we look at seven main topics:

- What is a disciple?
- What is the "big picture" story disciples believe?
- What did Jesus say about discipleship?
- Why do we focus so strongly on discipleship?
- What are the desired results of discipleship?
- How do I engage in discipleship?
- How do we facilitate discipleship at CDA Bible?

The Discipleship Seminar
Sunday, March 9, from 2:00-5:00 PM
Meets in the Gathering Room

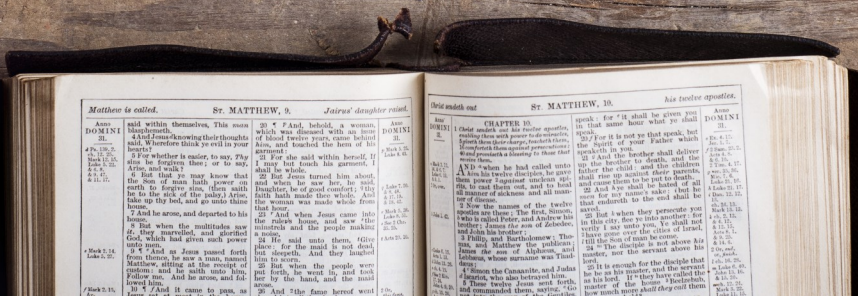
This seminar is hosted by all three of our pastors, so it's a great way to hear their hearts about the things that matter most to God.

Sign up by emailing Pastor Zach (zach@cdabible), or at the lobby table. Childcare is available. Please note the number of kids and ages on the signup sheet.

One final note: attending the Discipleship Seminar is a key part of our membership process. **Membership packets are in the lower lobby.**



Make Scripture Reading a Daily Discipline in 2025



2025 Bible Reading Plans

Ready for a fresh reading plan for 2025? There are many options to fit your schedule and enhance your time in God's Word. Scan QR Code to visit Ligonier.org.



A Word on Prayer from our Pastors

Here's our passionate encouragement: choose one or more of the prayer gatherings listed below and make it your habit to attend and participate. To add the discipline of prayer to your life can only bring benefit to your soul...and at the same time will have impact on the world around you!

All groups meet in the Prayer Room located in the northwest corner of the worship center.

- Pre-Worship Gathering Prayer
Sunday 9:45 AM
- After Worship Gathering Prayer
Sunday 12:00 PM
- Thursday Morning Men's Prayer
6:00 AM
- Thursday Morning Women's Prayer
11:00 AM

*You are always
welcome to join us!*

