

PRAAYER GUIDE

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"Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go."
(Joshua 1:9, NIRV)

1

September 4-8

"The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"

(Psalm 27:1, NIV)

The theme of the Elim Christian Horizons Family Camp, which took place at the end of August, was "fearless." No matter what changes come our way or what the future holds, "The Lord is (our) light and salvation."

Prayer Points

- We are thankful for the successful Community BBQ season in the North. We are honoured to work with a dedicated team of Direct Support Professionals and volunteers who work tirelessly to make our communities welcoming and honouring.
- Pray for safety and stability to be restored in Haiti. Pray for godly leaders, for the rule of law to be restored, and for protection of the church and its leaders as they continue to reach people in Jesus' name.



2

September 11-15

"Every good and perfect gift is from God. It comes down from the Father. He created the heavenly lights. He does not change like shadows that move." (James 1:17, NIRV)

We often use the phrase "God-given gifts." Whether we are considering the gifts and abilities of people with and without disabilities, or the blessings that come to us in life, we are grateful that everything good and perfect comes from God the Father.

Prayer Points

- We have a few proposals before the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services to expand services in the North. We pray that God's work will be done in these aspects.
- Give thanks for the work happening through child sponsorship – this program provides a consistent way to support children and families in need even through difficult times.
- Pray that we can reach out to more children in need through our sponsorship program.

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September 18–22

"Be on your guard. Remain strong in the faith. Be brave. Be loving in everything you do."

(1 Corinthians 16:13–14, NIRV)

1 Corinthians 16:13–14 is the theme passage for Christian Horizons 2023 Family Camps. It reminds us of the need for confidence and for God's love to be at the center of everything we do.

Prayer Points

- We ask for wisdom and direction for affordable housing projects and proposals. Finding affordable housing is a challenge throughout our communities, both for people with disabilities and their families and for other under-served populations.
- We give thanks for regular sponsorship supports that are still able to get to communities and to children in need, particularly in Haiti. Our pastors have a natural and consistent way that they can reach out and support children and families in their communities.

4

September 25–29

"Then the man said, 'Your name will not be Jacob anymore. Instead, it will be Israel. You have wrestled with God and with people. And you have won.'" *(Genesis 32:23, NIRV)*

Throughout the Bible, name changes are signs of growth and markers of God's work in people's lives. Even as Christian Horizons' branding changes, we are reminded of God's continued grace and the hope that comes from trusting in Him for our future.

Prayer Points

- We are thankful to fill several leadership positions in the North District. Pray for these new leaders as they lead with discernment and grace!
- Give thanks for our partnerships in Ethiopia and the newly elected Christian Horizons Ethiopia Board of Directors. Pray for strength and leadership discernment in their work ahead.
- Pray for peace as new conflicts have been erupting in the Amharic region of Ethiopia.



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