WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fort Myers, Florida

MISSIONS & PRAYER UPDATE

October 2026

Each month we bring together the latest word from the missionaries and ministry partners our church supports, alongside a summary from our Prayer Ministry Team of the specific needs our congregation is lifting up. Our prayer is that this combined update helps you pray more specifically — both for the saints among us and for the gospel work God is doing around the world through us.

Missions & Ministry Partner Updates

Tampa City Presbyterian Church

Stephen & Kate King · Church planting · Tampa, Florida



Stephen & Kate King and family

October brought both sorrow and joy for the Kings. Stephen's mother went home to be with the Lord; he was with her when she passed and officiated her funeral. Gifts from supporters made it possible for him to travel back and forth to South Carolina during those days. While he was away, the young church — only three weeks into holding Sunday worship — stepped up: a neighbor, Jon, set up sound early; Gregg led worship and preached; and Jody led the Call to Worship, Confession, and Gospel Word. Stephen writes that it was a beautiful picture of a “people-focused” church caring for one another.

Then, on October 12, Tampa City Pres celebrated its first baptism! Cade Scarborough, raised Baptist in Polk County, drifted from the faith in college at Loyola New Orleans, was drawn back through a Catholic Bible study and a gospel conversation with Stephen (arranged through Tyler Snively), and came to Christ last year. Another man, Jacob, has also come to faith and will be baptized in the coming weeks.



Tampa City Pres's first baptism — October 12

▸ **Give toward Tampa City Presbyterian Church**

Ways to pray:

- Comfort for Stephen and his family as they grieve the loss of his mother
- Praise God for Cade's baptism, and for Jacob as he prepares to be baptized
- Laborers and leaders to be raised up as this young church grows toward self-sufficiency

Jeremy & Angel Martin *Serge · Southall, London, UK*



Jeremy, Angel, and family

The Martins write from Southall after a refreshing river cruise on the Moselle in Germany, where Jeremy reflected on Psalm 23:4 and the promise that “He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.” Back home, a new Saturday small group is studying 1 John (six adults came to the first gathering), and the Kids' Club averages more than 25 children each week, with Pastor Sunny and Ayanna helping lead. A mother from a Sikh background volunteers with the club — please pray for her salvation.

On October 22, Jeremy will interview with the presbytery at IPC-Ealing as a candidate for Ruling Elder. In November he will travel to the U.S. (including Mitchell Road Presbyterian in Greenville, SC, and Covenant Presbyterian in Birmingham) to share about Pastor Sunny Jaj and New Life Masih Ghar. The team in Southall is also in transition — some teammates have returned to the States, and new workers are expected in 2027. The Martins are also working toward a year-end goal of $25,000 in additional support; they are about 85% pledged toward monthly needs.

Ways to pray:

- Jeremy's Ruling Elder candidacy interview on October 22

- Gospel boldness, and for the Sikh mother who volunteers at Kids' Club
- The new 1 John small group and Pastor Sunny's work at New Life Masih Ghar
- The Martin daughters — Riley, Genevieve, and Caroline — and strength in marriage and parenting
- The remaining support needed by year-end, and revival in Southall

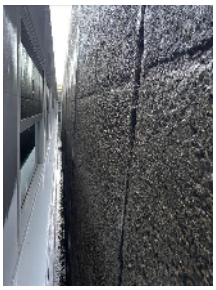
Photos from the Martins' update:



A Moselle lock, with only inches to spare



The captain guiding the boat through



A couple of inches between boat and wall



Still waters on the Moselle



Cruise with the Pucketts, and Angel's cousin Jeff & Gina



IPC UK church map



September presbytery, Trinity Church, Aberdeen



New Life Masih Ghar



Blessing those who serve at New Life Masih Ghar

▸ **Give to the Martins' support through Serge**

PS78 Teachers — Equipping Leaders International *Susan Newkirk · Training Christian teachers overseas*

PS78 Teachers

ELI Global Gathering 2026: “Come Unto Me”

Equipping Leaders International

Susan spent late September and early October in Asheville, North Carolina, at the ELI Annual Conference and new-faculty orientation, themed “Come Unto Me” (Matthew 11:28). She is assisting Dr. Carla Stevens with a PS78Teachers seminar and editing a new curriculum, “Foundations for Christian Teaching,” written by Nancy Williams. A new cohort is starting with Davida in Cape Town, and Susan will speak at a missions conference at Spring Hills Presbyterian Church this month.

Susan is grateful that another church and several individuals have joined her support team, but she still needs more partners — roughly 35 people giving $100 a month or 18 giving $200 a month would complete her support.

Ways to pray:

- Praise for new supporters, and for the remaining support to come in
- The new cohort in Cape Town and the “Foundations for Christian Teaching” curriculum
- Susan's father, who is in palliative care with kidney and heart issues, and Susan and her family as they care for him

▸ **Give to Susan's support (monthly, quarterly, or annually)**

✉ **Partner in prayer, or refer Susan to others — email susan.newkirk@gmail.com**

LOGOI Ministries *Equipping national missionaries around the world · National Missionary of the Month*



Ricardo and Karen Soria



Serving at Iglesia Centro Cristiano Cordero de Dios

LOGOI's October update introduces Ricardo Soria and his wife, Karen, who serve at Iglesia Centro Cristiano Cordero de Dios in Loja, Ecuador — a city famed for its high-altitude “Typica Mejorado” coffee, though LOGOI says they prefer the “bright zest and layered nuances” of two of their favorite Loja residents.

“Our city has a great need for knowing God's Word,” Ricardo says. “Our country struggles with difficult times because of delinquency and other social problems. All of this makes us understand even more the necessity there is to share the gospel and leave a message of hope to people — which is God's Word.” Karen is president of the women's

ministry at their church and an English teacher. Ricardo is part of a pastoral group that has proclaimed the gospel in other provinces, including Zamora, Malacatos, and Orianga, and works as a systems analyst for a local company.

Ricardo is also studying Pastoral Theology at a local seminary, preparing “to be a pastor in the place where God gives me the opportunity and privilege to serve Him.” He found LOGOI while looking for Bible courses to deepen his understanding of God and His Word, and has recently completed four LOGOI Bible courses: “If we work hard to train and learn to be successful in our jobs on this earth, how much more should we prepare ourselves to serve in the work of the Lord that will last for eternity?”



Glimpses of ministry in Ecuador

Ricardo and Karen send their greeting from Philippians 4:21: “Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The brothers and sisters who are with me send greetings.”

LOGOI's October 2026 Prayer and Praise

LOGOI is gearing up to present its popular online Bible certificate courses again this year, opening huge possibilities for brand-new students across the Spanish-speaking world. The courses cost $45; enrollment is simple, and studies can be done in small groups or individually at one's own pace. No one will be turned away — partial or full scholarships are available — and LOGOI is asking its ministry partners to provide $45 scholarship funds for all those who need financial assistance.

Please pray for each precious pastor, leader, church member, and new believer — as well as the ministry partners providing scholarships — who want to be better equipped to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples.

Ways to pray:

- That in God's timing, Ricardo and Karen's studies and training would lead to full-time ministry “so that all we do will be for His glory, His church, and the people He puts in our lives”
- The church in Loja and the gospel to take root across Ecuador amid social hardship
- Students enrolling in LOGOI's online Bible certificate courses, and ministry partners providing $45 scholarships

▸ **Help support national missionaries through LOGOI**

▸ **Read LOGOI's October 2026 Prayer and Praise**

▸ **Visit logoiministry.org**

Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Florida *Naples, FL · supportprc.org*

Praise God! PRC has reached its $300,000 goal for the Ft. Myers Aspire Resource Center renovation, and Director of Development Danette Fleming shared a video message thanking everyone who gave and prayed. Between January and August of this year, PRC reports serving 1,282 women, sharing the gospel 598 times, seeing 229 babies saved, and witnessing 72 professions of faith.



Click the image to watch Danette Fleming's message: "We've Met Our Goal"

▸ **Watch Danette Fleming's renovation message**



PRC at work, January–August 2026

Walk4Life & FunFest 2026 is Saturday, October 24 (registration begins at 8:30 AM) at North Collier Regional Park in Naples, and PRC says there are only days left to join. Walk with your church team, start a team of your own, or register as an individual — everyone who registers gets a personal fundraising page, and every gift helps provide hope and no-cost support to women and families facing unexpected pregnancies. Churches are also competing for the Golden Bootie trophy for the most raised! After the walk, stay for FunFest: face painting, carnival-style games, a live DJ, food trucks, and a new "Dunk Your Pastor" booth.



Walk4Life & FunFest 2026 — Saturday, October 24



Click the image to watch the Walk4Life video

- **Register to walk — Walk4Life & FunFest 2026**
- **Watch the Walk4Life video**
- **Learn more at supportprc.org**

Ways to pray:

- Praise God for the completed Aspire Resource Center renovation fund
- Good weather, strong turnout, and generous giving at Walk4Life on October 24
- Women facing unexpected pregnancies to find hope, care, and the gospel through PRC

Upcoming Partner Events

4KIDS Southwest Florida *Foster care, adoption, and family support · 4kidsswfl.org*

Several Westminster church members and Summit Christian School board members were able to attend the 4KIDS Tides of Change Gala this month. Thanks to the generosity of the community, the evening raised over $521,000 to support children and families in the foster and adoptive communities. These funds will help 4KIDS Southwest Florida provide safe, loving homes, support foster and adoptive families, and bring hope and healing to children who need it most.

4KIDS invites you to stay connected through these upcoming opportunities:

- **Free Legacy & Estate Planning webinar — Tuesday, October 20**
- **Giving Tuesday — December 1, 2026**: a global day of generosity and an opportunity to support the work God is doing through 4KIDS; every gift helps bring hope and healing to children and families
- **Galentine's Day Luncheon — February 9, 2027, 10:30 AM–1:00 PM, at Grandezza Country Club**: a gathering celebrating fellowship, community, and a shared heart for children

- **RSVP for the Legacy & Estate Planning webinar (Oct. 20)**

If God has ever stirred your heart toward foster care, 4KIDS would love to help you explore becoming a foster parent and the difference you could make in a child's life.

> *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress." — James 1:27*

- **Explore becoming a foster parent with 4KIDS**
- **Visit the 4KIDS Southwest Florida website**

From Our Prayer Ministry Team — October

Each month our Prayer Ministry Team coordinates focused prayer around five areas of church life: Medical, Leadership, Children's Ministry, Summit Christian School, and Worship. Below is a summary of current requests as of October 13, 2026.

Medical *Coordinator: Dor Hartemink*

"What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer."

- Praise: Jeanne Ford's second surgery was successful — pray for total healing
- Praise: Suzan Jackson's surgery at the end of September removed all visible cancer; she remains in the clinical trial through December
- Praise: Bonnie Turner's husband, Don, has had no adverse side effects from immunotherapy
- Cathy Borg, whose surgery on October 12 went well — pray for good biopsy results
- Doug Duncan's granddaughter Gabriella (9), who has a jaw infection and needs surgery; and his daughter-in-law Lindsey in Mississippi, facing a long recovery after a vertebra replacement
- Robert Harmon, who sees a surgeon November 2 about a neck bone spur affecting his shoulder
- Carol Harmon, undergoing a series of tests for abdominal pain
- Lisa Hunt's cousin, who needs a third heart ablation, and the cousin's son, who has mono and a throat abscess — pray for peace for the family
- Elna Mortensen, recovering from extensive dental work
- Paul Peppin - Back home in the States, hopes to be cleared by neurosurgeon on Nov 5. Please also pray for stamina as he gets ready to take a couple of mission trips overseas.
- Our homebound members: Martha Bonham, Carol Campbell, Carol Harmon, and David Lucas
- Our military members: Jeanne Ford's son-in-law Will, on military orders; Daniel Drummond at the Navy's UNC school; and Kayla Drummond, Alicia Drummond, and Joshua Harvey at their duty stations

Leadership *Coordinator: Michael Wills*

- Andrew and KP and their families as they settle into Florida and their ministries at WPC and SCS
- Pastor Ryan and Amy — protection and encouragement; and for Jude, Evangeline, Graham, Penny, and Anna Joy to grow in the faith among our congregation
- Pastor Gage and Katie — praise God for Gage's recent promotion to Associate Pastor! Pray for fruitful ministry at WPC and Summit Christian School, and for Ayla to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ
- Our Ruling Elders and Deacons as they shepherd the flock

Children's Ministry *Coordinator: Michael Wills*

- A genuine curiosity and love of learning in our covenant children as the school year begins
- Our children to grow in knowledge that points them toward Christ and equips them to serve others
- Our faithful children's ministry volunteers — patience, wisdom, and love for each child

Summit Christian School *Coordinator: Carol Ruby*

- Praise for a great start to the EPIC fundraiser! Continue to pray that the school reaches its $30,000 goal while making it fun for all supporters

- Praise for 110 students learning the truth of God's Word and world this year, and for the faculty and staff God has brought
- Praise for a dedicated, wise school board and for new lights, paint, technology, and a remodeled gym foyer
- More students, as SCS budgeted for 135, and for healthy families, marriages, and employment among school families

Worship *Coordinator: TBD*

- Andrew & Ericka Borel and their children, Hart & Dixie, as they settle into the church and SWFL
- Andrew as he steps into leading worship, and for our church to be receptive
- Our Worship & A/V volunteer teams as they serve behind the scenes
- Hearts stirred toward Christ through our weekly gatherings of Word, song, and sacrament

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Want to receive full missionary newsletters directly, host a fundraiser for one of our ministry partners, or join a Prayer Ministry small group? Contact the church office at office@wpcfortmyers.org or (239) 481-2125.