

2024 Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for **Bible School classes** (ZEBS) beginning again in January 2024. That ZEBS students will understand and hold onto the truth of the Gospel.

2. Pray for the **local teachers and missionaries** as we prepare lessons to best reach them with the gospel, and to equip them well for ministry.

3. Pray that God would deal with "church leaders" who are working against the gospel and doing all they can to discourage other pastors from getting further training. Satan is using key leaders to fight against the gospel. Please pray specifically about this war for souls.

4. Pray for the gospel to penetrate all unreached Zion groups.

5. Please pray for strong local Zion churches that will propagate the gospel and help reach a lost world.

6. Luaan & Susanne GOOSEN Please pray for Susanne as she prepares for more Sunday School teacher training on 17 Feb 2024. Pray for the teachers attending to see the urgent need to reach this generation of children with the good news of Jesus. Pray also that the children would desire to obey God, even from a young age. Pray for our children -Pieter (deployed with the Navy), Sarah (studying and working) and Katelyn. Pray for them to be safe and to do their best always.

7. Richard & Geraldine AKERS Please pray for continuing open doors of ministry among the amaZioni in Mpumalanga and Maputo, for peace in the nation as we face elections in 2024, and for healing for Richards cancer (it continues to shrink but we trust God for healing).

8. Matthew KUEHL Please pray for God to bring in the somewhat large number of additional funds that I need for returning to South Africa, for God to give me a productive time of sharing what He is doing in South Africa with the people I love in the USA, and all the ministries I am leaving behind in South Africa (and the people who are filling in for me). May God bless my personal life. May I grow closer to Him. May I grow stronger in my ability to serve Him. And may I be blessed in any physical, tactile, or emotional way He wishes.

9. Stephen & Jessica LANGLEY Please pray for us as we are in the initial stages of planning the internship/gap year program for Zionist young adults in 2024. May we walk in step with the Spirit as he guides us in designing and implementing this initiative.

10. Greg & Sarah AKERS Please pray with us for more workers; for wisdom in using our resources well; for God's hand over Rayah and Olivia as they grow.

11. Timon & Anni STEINER Please pray for the unemployed youth in our country and that they would find Christ through our ministry. Also for a team of youth leaders to rise up and be used by the Lord to make a difference in the amaZioni youth of our city.

12. Tim & Luann KUEHL For health, strength and a strong walk with Jesus to do the tasks He has prepared for them.

13. Please pray or the **ZEBS students** to come to faith, then to grow as true disciples, return to their own churches and teach what they have learned.

14. For the **ZEBS teachers** as they declare truth.

15. For all South Africans as they are experiencing hardships due to much false teaching in churches, inflation, unemployment, violent crime, and electricity and water issues.

16. Dennis & Caitlin BOATMAN Please pray for immense wisdom regarding our future in ministry. God has increased our passion, but also highlighted some major question marks about our future, and we deeply yearn for answers and wisdom. Thank you!

17. Jon & Lauren EMANUELSON The prayers for the following are greatly appreciated: Safety and good health for our family and for wisdom and discernment to make godly decisions each day, Biblical, Christ-centered leadership and churches to be established through this ministry, Endurance for current Bible school students and recruitment of godly new students

18. Paul & Carrie SEELHAMMER Pray for Paul as he continues serving as ZEMA Field Director. Pray for Carrie as she ministers to the children and contributes to the Children of Zion ministry. Pray for the numerous transitions for our family in 2024.

19. ZEFA Pray for the effective ministry of Zion Evangelical Fellowship of Africa to the Zion churches of Southern Africa.

20. Kit TISCHLER Please pray for extended times of teaching with the Zion university students. It can be challenging to get consistent time with them in the midst of their busy and chaotic schedules. Please pray for wisdom concerning the right young people to invest in. Also that these young men would be ministers of Christ to their friends, families, churches, and fellow Zionists.

21. Barry & Louise ADKINS Please pray for our support levels as they are low, God knows the way ahead for us. Pray we will have much grace and wisdom as we parent our kids as they struggle with their issues. Pray we have the wisdom to speak into the lives of folks we are with at the soup kitchen every Wednesday.

22. Greg & Carlene SEGHERS Please pray for our children as they navigate jobs, and parenting. The workplace, and school environments are changing. May they and their children continue to live and honor Jesus in all they do. Pray for our ministry as we tell of God's work in Africa, and facilitate new relationships and develop stronger relationships with churches, schools and partner ministries. Pray for the opportunities to mentor and minister to young people going into ministry. Pray for one of our students, Michael, an Israeli, who was unable to finish the semester and hopes to return to MBI when the conflict in Israel ends. Pray for God to provide and send more workers into the harvest among the amaZioni.

23. Please pray for the **Bible Project** Zulu translation. Pray that God will provide the needed funds to make this happen, for the team working hard on all the technical details, and for the long term impact that this project will have.

24. Partners in ministry Please pray for our mission partners **Livingstons, Lewins, Hugos Swarts, Binions, Millers, and Sullivans** and organizations: **TEAM, SIM International, DMG, and the Baptist Union of South Africa.**

25. Zion Bible College Please pray for our students that they may grow in their understanding and application of God's Word. Pray that God would bring more students to Zion Bible College. Pray for continued provision for the College's infrastructure needs. More projects are needed to complete the campus and make it a fully developed resource to the Zionists and source of income for the College. Pray for wisdom and guidance for our Swazi teachers as they engage the dual challenges of learning self-administration and teaching in a new way. Pray for the preparation and equipping of Swazi missionaries. Pray that even now, God is preparing them for His service. Pray that our students will be transformed and will live out their faith authentically as we shift our focus from merely understanding the Bible to actively obeying God's commands .

26. Field Council members Please pray for the Field Council members as they make decisions and give direction to ZEMA's ministries in Southern Africa.

27. ZEMA Board Please pray God will grant the Board of Directors wisdom in their leadership of ZEMA. Pray for Mike Gibbs who will be leading as ZEMA's Board Chairman beginning in January 2024.

28. Discipleship & Evangelism Please pray God will bless The Bible Project, The Zion Banner Newsletter, The Vhembe District, The Trumpet of Zion Radio Ministry and other training ministries including Zion Youth & ATEZS/University ministry, camping ministries, and the Jesus Film.

29. Home Office Please pray for Greg, Carlene, and Kathy as we work together administratively. Pray that God would guide and provide for ZEMA and that we would make His priorities our own.

30. Sunbury & ZEBS Pray God’s will is clear for the future use of Sunbury. Pray for our ZEBS growth, that locations would be helpful for students having difficulty with transport, that we have a good working relationship with the hosting sites, and would have committed teachers for ZEBS to flourish.

31. Alternative Energy— Please pray God will bless our alternative energy plan. There are many issues with the electricity supply in South Africa. For over 15 years, Eskom, the government-owned electrical utility, has instated rolling scheduled blackouts called "load-shedding." We are currently in the process of planning for solar-powered, battery-backed-up, smart inverter systems for Sunbury Christian Camp and the ZEMA missionary homes. Load-shedding affects not only the ability to live but is also a hindrance to our ministries to the Zion churches.

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a Blessed New Year*

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