

2025 ZEMA Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for **Bible School classes** (ZEBS) beginning again in January 2025. 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 Pray for our children as they all seek wisdom to discover the plans that God has for them using the skills and abilities that He has given them. Our son Pieter continued his service with the US Navy and soon transitions to another branch of the US military. Please continue to pray for him. Our daughter Sarah is scheduled to finish her university studies in May and then begins an internship so please pray for her as she balances her time with many responsibilities. Katelyn will be a high school senior in January so please pray that she finishes well.

7. Richard & Geraldine AKERS Please pray for PEACE in our neighboring country Mozambique. Post election violence is threatening to severely disrupt normal life including Church activities. For ongoing unity among ZEBS teachers. It is amazing to hear of the testimonies of our teachers but even more amazing how God keeps using such a variety of people. Praise we have been married for 42 years, ministered among the amaZioni for 34 years, Lived in 4 different houses, participate in 4 different ZEBS classes, had about 12 different ministry vehicles, have 4 grandchildren, have about 6 months to retirement, had two

encounters with Cancer, ministered among Sotho, Xhosa, SiSwat, Zulu, Portuguese, Shangaan, Shona, Nda, Nyungwe, Pedi, Tsonga, Afrikaans and English people. Life is never boring as **THERE IS JOY IN SERVING JESUS!**

8. Matthew KUEHL Pray for my ministry for this year in South Africa. There will be many new things for me to learn. Pray for the amaZioni in South Africa—that they may accept the truth and experience transformed lives. Praise God I have returned to South Africa.

9. Stephen & Jessica LANGLEY Praise God for the eight Bible Project isiZulu videos we were able to complete in 2024! Praise God for the safe, healthy arrival of William Njabulo. Pray that God would bring in the remaining \$50,000 needed to complete the Bible Project isiZulu campaign. Pray that God would protect us and our teammates from the evil one. He is wile and more powerful than us, but not more powerful than our King. Pray for wisdom and sleep as we learn how to be parents.

10. Greg & Sarah AKERS Pray for wisdom in the many decisions that need to be made regarding the direction of ministry and where to spend time and resources. Protection for the long travels and many times we are apart as a family. Closeness with Jesus our Savior.

11. Timon & Anni STEINER Pray for Anni's Visa to be extended (dealing with South African bureaucracy is always a challenge and a character-faith-building exercise!) Journey mercies as we travel to Germany for furlough for 3 months (June-August). Pray for energy for the whole family and many good encounters with supporters and churches. Pray for the amaZioni youth to find Christ and become vibrant discipleship communities within their churches.

12. Tim & Luann KUEHL Please pray for us as we move into a new era of semi-retirement. Pray for the final transitions of leadership in the greater Johannesburg and Zimbabwe areas to go smoothly. Continue to pray God's protection for us and those we work alongside with and those we are trying to reach from practical concerns (like crime, electricity, water) and spiritually that the amaZioni will come to a true and lasting

faith as a result of the ministries of ZEMA that we have had been privileged to share in.

13. Andy & Heather Sullivan For the **ZEBS teachers** as they declare truth. 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. Pray for wisdom and guidance as we enter this new season of life and ministry. Pray for Andy as he continues serving ZEMA on the Sunbury Working Committee and by assisting Paul with ZEFA related ministry.

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

16. Dennis & Caitlin BOATMAN Please pray with us for growth, maturity, and wisdom for me; for health. Please pray for ZEMA's ministry and for Sunbury Camp, as they continue to be busy and fruitful, even in the desperate need for more staff.

17. Jon & Lauren EMANUELSON Pray for wisdom and discernment for us in following the Lord's leading in all things

18. Paul & Carrie SEELHAMMER Pray for Paul as he continues serving as ZEMA Field Director. Pray for efficient use of time for Carrie as she ministers to the children, contributes to the Children of Zion ministry, and participates with the local church we attend. Pray for the effective ministry of Zion Evangelical Fellowship of Africa to the Zion churches of Southern Africa. Pray for the Lord to show Abbie what her next step should be after graduation. Pray for continued protection and provision from the Lord.

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

20. Kit TISCHLER Pray for more extended teaching opportunities with the Zion university students. It can be challenging to find consistent time with them amidst their busy and chaotic schedules. Please pray that young Zionists would see the glory of Jesus

through the Word of God, and be compelled to know, trust, and follow Him.

21. Barry & Louise ADKINS Pray for us that the Lord would grow ministry to the AmaZioni and that many AmaZioni would come to know Jesus. Pray that we would be able to continue ministry with ZEMA as the Lord provides for our support needs. Pray that we would be wise in our resting and do ministry from a place of rest in Jesus. Pray that our children would be healed and that they would fall in love with Jesus.

22. Greg & Carlene SEGHERS Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send full-time and summer interns with ZEMA to share Christ with the amaZioni. Pray that God would expand our network of churches, schools and likeminded organizations to partner with ZEMA and grow His Kingdom 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, and Millers.** and organizations: **TEAM, SIM International, DMG, and Shepherd's Staff.**

25. Zion Bible College Pray for continued improvement in our teaching methods. Zion Bible College is committed to enhancing our teaching methods to disciple our students more effectively. Effective seminars that will benefit our students, alumni, and the wider community. In 2025, alongside our regular class schedule, we have planned eight three-day seminars and several one-day seminars. These events are designed for our students and alumni, and we will also use them as outreach opportunities to engage the broader community. Capital support to generate ongoing cash flow and ensure the college's sustainability. We expect to close 2024 at approximately 66% self-support and have set ambitious goals to achieve 100% self-sufficiency within the next three years. To this end, we have several capital projects in search of funding.

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: Paul Seelhammer, Tim Kuehl, Kit Tischler, David Lock, Stephen Langley, Greg Akers, Luaan Goosen, and Rowan Van der Linde.

27. ZEMA Board Please pray God will grant the Board of Directors wisdom in their leadership of ZEMA. Pray for Mike Gibbs, Lew Richards, Dan Capp, Geff Lee, Kathy McIlhany, Paul Bradley, Kevin Pinter, Brad Schreiner, Matt Sheers, Lorraine Green, Ron Christiansen, and Des Venter.

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.