

# PRAYER BOOKLET





# Central's Local & Global Missions & Outreach Partnerships

We want to see Chilliwack, Agassiz, and the world reached with the gospel (Good News of Jesus). In light of the gospel we care about the practical and spiritual needs of people **locally** and **globally**. Therefore, we are committed to sending out missionaries to reach people around the **world** with the **gospel**. We are equally committed to impacting our community for Jesus **locally**.

As a church, we believe that we are called to respond to the generosity of the gospel by giving extravagantly to the progress of the gospel in our **community** and **world**.

[www.central365.org/join-in/missions](http://www.central365.org/join-in/missions)

This ministry season we ask you to **partner together in prayer** for our global & local partnerships, trusting God with the results as we reach beyond our walls with the gospel:

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

~ Matthew 28:19-20

**Agassiz Campus:** It is our joy and privilege as a church to partner with **local** and **global** missionaries and missions organizations. We also believe in **planting** and **replanting churches** for the advancement of the gospel and the good of the communities they are in. Therefore we launched our Agassiz campus in 2014. The harvest is plenty, but the workers are few. Pray that God would bless those who are serving faithfully at this campus and that God would supply the volunteers needed to continue to strengthen the ministry in this community.

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**Children's Haven International:** A long time partner for Central, located in Reynosa, Mexico, Children's Haven Int'l is a children's home providing loving Christian care to needy children. They provide homes and refuge to 50+ needy children from broken, abusive, impoverished families. Pray for health and safety for the children and staff; Reynosa is a hot spot for violence. Pray for grace and favour with government officials and authorities. Pray for discernment for the CHI leadership team as they listen to God's leading. Central Youth make regular discipleship trips to CHI and Central Kids sponsors/supports one of the children who lives in the home. [www.childrenshaven.org](http://www.childrenshaven.org)

**Compassion Canada:** Over 225 children have been sponsored through Central. Compassion's work is done through the local churches in different communities around the world. Their goal is to help children develop healthy minds, bodies and relationships while discovering God's love for them. We ask that you lift Compassion-assisted children, families, communities and churches in prayer, as Compassion advocates for children, to release them from their spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enable them to become responsible and fulfilled Christian adults. [www.compassion.ca](http://www.compassion.ca)

**Cyrus Centre:** Nationally, one in five homeless persons is a youth; locally, those numbers have been higher. Many are fleeing

abuse, poverty, exploitation and drugs. Youth on the street are 40 times more likely to die. Our prayer is that Cyrus Centre could reach them within the first two years; their chances for survival and success are greatly improved. Cyrus Centre is equipped to intervene immediately, to provide youth with a way out and a way off the streets. Their 'Roofs 4 Youth' program provides emergency shelter, and their 'Streets 2 Home' programming provides meals, clothing, advocacy, school, counselling, referrals, life-skills training and so much more. Pray for Cyrus Centre as they show the love of God to youth and families here in Chilliwack. Consider volunteering or providing monthly meals as individuals or as Life Groups. [www.cyruscentre.com](http://www.cyruscentre.com)

**Ed Centre Breakfast Program:** Central has the distinct privilege to partner with a local school here in Chilliwack. The Ed Centre provides a wide variety of alternative programs for secondary school students who desire to achieve their adult graduation in a more flexible learning environment. Central partners with the school by providing a Monday morning breakfast program. Volunteers arrive early Monday morning to prepare and serve a hearty breakfast for the students, at the same time praying for those who will receive breakfast that day. Central also supplies Christmas hampers for some of the students and their families. In addition, we offer the Ed Centre the use of our building for various events. Pray that God would continue to open doors for Central to share God's love and the message of the gospel in very practical ways. Sign up to serve: [www.central356.org/join-in/serve/](http://www.central356.org/join-in/serve/)

**Life Group Leaders:** Life Groups are at the heart of community life at Central. Our desire for Central's Life Groups is that they would be a place where together we can *discover* Jesus in Scripture and wrestle with and *nurture* the truths of the Bible in our hearts. Central's Life Groups are a place where we can *care* deeply for one another by bringing support and accountability to each other's lives. They are a place where we can be *missional communities* sent on mission by God into the community to make disciples by Loving God, Loving People, and Serving our World. Pray for our existing Life Group leaders and that God would raise up new Life Group leaders who are passionate about being a,

"Disciple making disciples in the everyday stuff of life." ~ Jeff Vanderstelt. Join in! [www.central365.org/join-in/adults/life-groups/](http://www.central365.org/join-in/adults/life-groups/)

### **Jon & Bonnie Esau - MB Missions - Thailand:**

Jon & Bonnie are serving in Chiang Mai, as a part of the Southeast Asia Regional Team. They are establishing a new structure of language-learning and cultural acquisition for all new incoming workers, and developing systems to empower Thai and Khmu leaders in church planting. Bonnie is also involved with the Bible Study ministry at a Juvenile Detention Center. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they walk alongside local leaders and workers planting churches. Pray for opportunities for evangelism and for many people to come to Christ. Pray for "balance" as they juggle ministry and family life, for protection spiritually, physically and mentally as they serve in a highly Buddhist and spiritually oppressed country.

[mbmission.org/people/missionaries/esau-jon-and-bonnie](http://mbmission.org/people/missionaries/esau-jon-and-bonnie)

### **Jim Gaetz - Spiritual Care Chilliwack Hospital:**

For the past six years Central has partnered together with a number of other churches in Chilliwack to supply a part-time Spiritual Care Chaplain to our local hospital. Jim has had amazing opportunities to connect with patients and their loved ones over the years providing a listening ear, care and comfort from a Christian perspective. Jim has also built great relationships with the staff at the hospital and has been able to support some of them in times of crisis as well. Pray for wisdom and discernment for Jim as he connects with people, that he would have the right words to say and that God would guide and use those connections for His glory and His purpose.

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### **Ken & Lisa Neufeld - Youth Unlimited Chilliwack:**

A new ministry here in Chilliwack, Youth Unlimited relationally engages in wholistic work with vulnerable young people, primarily age ten through twenty-four, in partnership with the local church and the community. Their vision is to transform a generation from the inside out. Youth Unlimited helps young people discover their

potential - be it physical, mental, social, emotional or spiritual through relationship based ministry. Pray that God would use Ken and Lisa as they give themselves to serve Jesus in Chilliwack, as they invest in the lives of youth in the community of Chilliwack. There are also opportunities to volunteer with Youth Unlimited. [www.youthunlimited.com](http://www.youthunlimited.com)

### **Tyler & Cheryl Schulz - MB Missions - Burundi:**

Tyler and Cheryl are serving on a team in Burundi and eastern DR Congo, resourcing already existing churches and Christian ministries. In eastern DR Congo, the team is working with existing churches to build up leaders, disciple young adults and facilitate community development. In Burundi, the team is coming alongside local partners to minister to the Pygmy people. This includes sharing the gospel, discipleship, health care, education, food security and housing. Pray for wisdom and favour as they work with church leaders from different countries. Pray for God's spirit to move in the local churches and that God would bring transformation through His people. Pray that Jesus would remain the centre of their ministry, family, marriage and team.

[www.mbmission.org/peole/missionaries/schulz-tyler-cheryl](http://www.mbmission.org/peole/missionaries/schulz-tyler-cheryl)

### **Pray for these ministries and services in Chilliwack:**

**Ruth & Naomis:** Serving the poor and needy of Chilliwack with daily meals, clothing distribution, emergency food hampers, pastoral care and a community chaplaincy service. [ranmission.ca](http://ranmission.ca)

**Ann Davis Transition Society:** Providing shelter and support to abused women and their children. [www.anndavis.org](http://www.anndavis.org)

### **Salvation Army Food Bank & Care and Share Center:**

Sharing the love of Jesus Christ, meeting human needs, and being a transforming influence in the community through many practical services. [www.salvationarmychilliwack.ca](http://www.salvationarmychilliwack.ca)

**Teen Challenge:** Residential Recovery Program. [www.teenchallengebc.com](http://www.teenchallengebc.com)

**Praise God** for the many volunteers from Central who invest their time into the community through many of these ministries and beyond. Pray that God would provide the funding and volunteers for these ministries and partnerships, so that we would be able to continue to reach *locally* and *globally* with the gospel and that God's Kingdom would be glorified through our willingness to go beyond ourselves and serve Him.

*“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

~ Matthew 9:37b

