



November and December 2025 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We entered these final two months of the year with excitement and anticipation for all that God was going to do through our ministry and family. The Sunday before Thanksgiving we held our first annual “Praise and Pie” Sunday. We passed out nearly one thousand invitations for the event. We didn’t know what to expect, but we were prepared for a large turnout. When the day finally came, our attendance was lower than usual, and from all the invitations we had given out, we did have one family visit. They moved to Riverside just a few months earlier. They’re from China but had lived in Athens, Greece for six years before moving to the United States. Even though our numbers were down that day we still had a great service, with everyone (even our first-time guests) giving testimonies of praise to the Lord. The next Sunday, of all days, we had our biggest attendance since our opening service. It was God’s way of reminding us that we can plan, prepare, and pray, but He is still in control. **Please pray** that God would continue to grow His church by blessing us with more visitors and regular attendees.

Christmas is always an exciting time in the life of a church, and ours was no exception. Just as we did last year, it was a privilege to go caroling in our neighborhood the Friday before Christmas. People hardly ever go out caroling anymore, and all the families we sang for were blessed and encouraged by it. One of the ladies remembered us from last year and told us that she hoped we would stop by their door again this year. It always amazes us when we strive to be a blessing to others and they turn out to be a blessing to us. We are praying for the salvation of two of the families we visited that night. **Please pray** for the Abrero family, and for our neighbor Alfonso to be saved.

We held our candlelight service on December 20, but understandably the school would not let us use real candles, so we ordered artificial ones, and they worked out great. Just as with our Thanksgiving service, we handed out nearly a thousand invitations, and from all of those we had one first-time visitor. One of our faithful men, Richard, brought his adult son with him. It is great to see how much Richard has gotten involved in our church and how enthusiastic he is to help us grow. He takes gospel tracts and flyers with him all the time and passes them out in his neighborhood. He invited his neighbor Joseph and he came to one of our services. **Please pray** for God to send more folks like Richard our way to help our ministry grow.

We want to close by wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Thank you, as always, for your continued prayers and support for our family and ministry.

For the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ,
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