

Faith Christian Mission

And He gave some [as] apostles, some [as] prophets, some [as] evangelists, some [as] pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; -Ephesians 4:11-12

All believers are called to the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18). If we follow Jesus, then we obey His command to love others and let that love express itself through our lives, and be a witness to the world of the hope that is in us. But many of us are also gifted as pastors, teachers, evangelists, prophets and even apostles. Of course, God expresses those callings in many ways in a person's life. This is not an explanation of the differences of those callings, but a reminder to pursue them and let the Holy Spirit bring you into the truth and expression of His will for you.

My youngest sister Patricia Bolden passed away on February 28, 2021 after a long battle with cancer. As a wife, she faithfully helped take care of her own husband, David Bolden, for many years as he was dealing with complications from stroke. She did this while battling sickness herself. They were faithful pastors of Glad Tidings Church in Mexia, Texas for 36 years. They were true pastors, leading many ministries like a daycare and a food bank until they were not physically able. So many times they ministered to us when we came back from the mission field, and my late husband Dale Thurlby ministered at their church on many occasions. They were a great encouragement and supported our own ministry for so many years. I ask you to pray for them as their children, Dana, David (Jr.) and Paula deal with the sorrow of her passing away and long-term care for David (Sr.). God is faithful and always makes a way! Each one of us needs to be aware of the ministry opportunities that surround us and act in faith, working with local pastors — they need your prayers and support.

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Prayer Requests:

- Protection and Health for Workers
- Spring/Summer Outreach to Villages

We have had record snow here. so much that it is several feet deep on the sides of the road. including my driveway. My allwheel-drive vehicle became stuck because the snow covers the ditches. We have



incurred many extra expenses this year with plowing the driveways at YWAM and FCM. We are concerned with what will happen when this all melts in the late spring as this area has flooded many times in the past. There is a river very close to my home!

Above is a group of Native Women singing at KJNP. Music is a very important ministry of Native culture. A major prayer request is for the villages to be open post-Covid so we can once again send out ministry teams to encourage the churches and believers that have been isolated during the pandemic. We hope to have many outreaches this summer. Thank you for all your support and prayers. Please share your own testimonies and prayer needs with us as well so that we can encourage one another.

> Co-laborers in Christ, Joyce Thurlby