

- Kelly Layton's oldest sister Kate passed away on August 7 from kidney failure. We are seeking God's comfort and peace for Kelly and her family in this time of grief. (8/9)
- <u>NIGER</u>. Susan Beebout's update: "We appreciate your prayers and concern for Niger! As many of you know, on July 26 the presidential guard staged a coup putting the president of Niger under house arrest. This has led to a whirlwind of responses both within the country and around the world...

"We were planning to return to Niger in mid-August but, in light of the current instability and uncertainty about the kids' school (Sahel Academy), we have decided not to

return to Niger for the time being. Please pray as we quickly seek to find housing in a school district that will be receptive to the kids... along with many other decisions to make in a short time.

"I will also pass on prayers shared by Judge Issaka Moussa, the EERN Secretary for External Partnerships: 'Pray [1] the transition of government in Niger will be as short as possible and that any newly selected leaders would be chosen with wisdom and discernment; [2] peace and justice would be established and/or restored in many sectors; [3] the land would be delivered from violence and

instability; **[4]** our churches would be delivered from viola instability; **[4]** our churches would be faithful and prayerful and covered with God's protection; **[5]** through this situation many will come to the saving knowledge of Christ.' **Susan also seeks prayer** 'for our local supervisor Chako and the whole CADR team as they work through what this means for all parts of the ministry. Pray for the necessary reconfiguring to be healthy and to better prepare the structure to bring glory to God and to advance His kingdom in Niger.''' (8/9 | edited for clarity)

• NORTHEAST INDIA. Pastor Steward asks continued prayer for his family and their ministry in the villages and at the Bible Training Center,

Praise God for a wonderful <u>Narnia</u> <u>Encounter</u> this past week under <u>Jashton's</u> excellent, creative leadership! and for Manipur because many believers are suffering because of the turmoil there and seeking in relief camps. Flooding continues in Assam where Steward is, and he requests further prayer for an evangelist named **Rajput** who is sick. (7/27)

- Please pray for an outpouring of God's mercy and guiding grace in the struggle to heal from cancer:
 - Maria MacPhail
 - o Brian Mattiske
 - **Denise Wright's** mother-in-law, **Shirley Wright,** in hospice care.
 - **Bruce Conwall,** the pastor of CRC in Colonie, now in hospice care.
- John & Lori Shortsleeve's 4-year-old grandson Gabriel is recovering after a recent surgery to remove his tonsils, adenoids, and to put in tubes for his ears in hope that his hearing and speech improve. (7/24)

Abiding in Christ in Prayer

- A Ask for guidance, love, and strengthened faith.
- B Believe the Lord will answer you, that He is there for you and loves you with all His heart.
- I Invest time meditating on His Word to find His design, plan, and purpose for you.
- D Direct your attention to Him whenever you feel confused or afraid.
- E Enjoy Him in the beauty around you, in music, and in loving others.

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