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MY ONE WORD

God is showing me what is most important this year

In my travels and when time permits, I like to read and listen to audiobooks. In one recent book I read, the author challenged his readers to choose one word as a theme for their year. I thought of several words that would be appropriate. Of course, “mission,” would be a no-brainer. Others might be “vision,” “faithfulness,” “worship,” “friends,” and the list could go on and on. The events of this month have made it clear to me that my one word for the year has to be “prayer.”

I spent several days in Florida in the middle of January. I reconnected with some old friends from one of my previous ministries and I spoke for a wonderful church in Sarasota. The following day I participated in a Mission Directors' Summit with about thirty mission leaders. I then attended the ARCH Ministries National Pastors' Fellowship. Along with about 130 other pastors



and ministry leaders, we met for mutual encouragement and motivation for partnering together in ministry. The highlight of those meetings was the times that we divided to pray with one another. I had a dear pastor friend whom I met at one of these meetings several years ago and for whom I have spoken twice walk up to me and say, “Jeff, I pray for you every day.” I didn’t know what to say but thank you and I was humbled. I certainly need prayer.

After I returned home, I had the privilege of participating in the Pastor’s Round Table sponsored by the School of Theology and Global Leadership at Bob Jones University. We heard from three veteran pastors and had a great time of discussion and prayer together. The theme of the meeting was, “The Pastor’s Personal Prayer Life.” I felt like God was sending me a message. I had a wonderful time connecting with the students and challenging them on the subject of prayer. I shared with them and several pastors my strategy of putting my prayer list on my phone and iPad. I use an app called PrayerMate which helps me organize my list and pulls from several resources that help me stay focused.

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This Sunday, I have the privilege of preaching a Missions Emphasis Sunday at a church about an hour from here. Can you guess my subject? It is prayer. Next Wednesday (2/7), I fly to Uruguay where I will spend the next twenty days visiting our missionaries, preaching in area churches, and serving at Campamento Emanuel. We have invited longtime missionary friends of EMU, David and Maribel Bell to speak for our Family Camp and Workers' Conference. Please pray for us.

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Attention Pastors

I am currently planning my calendar for 2024. In addition to traveling and visiting the EMU International missionaries on their various fields of service, I have had the privilege of preaching in Christian School chapels, Pastors' Fellowships, at Christian Camps, Missions Conferences, Revival Meetings, and Family Conferences. I am also available for single meetings to promote the work of EMU International. Contact me if you are interested in me visiting your church.



Josh & Amy Jensen family, Marco & Gwendolyn Nuñez, John & Suzie Lehman

I want to encourage you to read this month's EMU International newsletter. Ken Jensen has written an excellent tribute to one of our dear missionaries, Julia Alvarez, who is now with the Lord. Pray for Josh and Amy Jensen and their family as they travel to the States for a six-month furlough on February 14. Marco and Gwendolyn Nuñez will be visiting churches in Michigan and New York from February 28 to March 6. From February 29 to May 1, John and Suzie Lehman will be serving the Lord in South Africa.

Thanks again for your partnership in supporting EMU International and our missionaries. Your regular financial gifts make it possible for us to do what we do. We are especially grateful for your prayers. In a recent blog post, I have a link to a message I preached in my former church on "Intercessory Prayer." There is also a bookmark that lists our missionaries that you can view and download. You can view that post here: <https://pastorjeffdavis.com/prayer>. I hope to add to it in the days

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