

# PRAYER UPDATE

## PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

**Traci Stengl Ghaffarian** - had her bone marrow transplant on January 13th at Stanford Hospital. Please continue to lift her up in your prayers as this process is very intense and she continues isolated treatment for several months. Please pray for strength and peace for the family.

**Ryan Evans** - is still in ICU in the military hospital in Texas with no significant improvement. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and peace, strength and comfort for the family.

**Tom Carr** - is in rehab due to complications from a stroke several months ago. Please keep Tom and his wife, Becky in your prayers.

**Debra Rodkey** - her daughter is having thyroid surgery on January 27th. Please pray for a successful surgery and uncomplicated recovery.

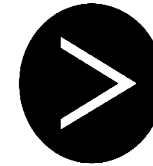
## HOME WITH THE LORD

**Sandy Undeen** - who attended TLC for years before moving to Portland, Oregon several years ago, went to be with her Lord and Savior on January 8th. A service will be held at Capitola Beach on Feb 13th at 10am with a reception following at 12pm in Monschke Hall.

**John Bauer** - dearly beloved husband of Gail, went home to be with his Lord on January 13th. Please remember Gail as she grieves his loss.

**If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org**

**A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.**



# GREATER

## GREATER PURPOSE

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### WHY AM I HERE?

"My work all seems so useless! Have I spent my life for nothing and for **no purpose** at all?" Isaiah 49:4a NLT

The Lord has made everything **for His own purposes**. Proverbs 16:4 NLT

### THREE FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS

#### 1. I WAS MADE \_\_\_\_\_

Long ago, even before He made the world, God **loved** us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. Ephesians 1:4 NLT

#### 2. I WAS MADE \_\_\_\_\_

For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down-when we die and leave these bodies-we will have a home in heaven, an **eternal** body. 2 Corinthians 5:1 NLT

(Jesus said) "The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."  
Luke 19:10 ESV

#### 3. I WAS MADE \_\_\_\_\_

(Jesus said) "In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, **I give them a mission** in the world." John 17:18 TM

(Paul) "The most important thing is that I **complete my mission**, the work the Lord Jesus gave me, **to tell people the good news about God's grace.**" Acts 20:24 NCV

## HOW TO COMPLETE MY MISSION

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ TO SHARE MY STORY

(Jesus said) "You will be my witnesses in **Jerusalem**, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Always **be prepared** to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the **reason** for the hope that you have. But do this with **gentleness and respect**, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ might be ashamed of their slander. 1 Peter 3:15,16

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR OTHERS' NEEDS

Loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke; set the oppressed free and break every yoke... share your food with the hungry and provide the poor wanderer with shelter. Isaiah 58:6

I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you invited me into your home. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and in prison and you visited me. Matthew 25:35-36 NLT

Whatever each person is like, I try to find **common ground** with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him. 1 Cor. 9:22b (LB)

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### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ TO CROSS BORDERS

Jesus said to his followers, "Go into **all the world** and preach the good news to **everyone, everywhere**." Mark 16:15

Just think of all the Scriptures that will come true in what we do! This is what the Psalmist meant when he wrote: People of all nations, celebrate God! All colors and races, give hearty praise! Romans 15:9,11 TM

### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ THAT GOD IS WITH ME

(Jesus) "And remember that **I am always with you** until the end of time." Matthew 28:20b

"If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for My sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to **really live**." Mark 8:35 (LB)



NEXT WEEKEND!  
**WORLD OUTREACH WEEK**

Featuring Christian leaders from around the world who are setting slaves free, feeding the hungry, caring for orphans, housing refugees, and sharing the good news of the gospel. Prepare to be inspired!

## THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

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## FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MEDITATIONS

For daily devotions during the GREATER series, pick up your free copy of the GREATER booklet at the info desk, or download a free PDF at [tlc.org](http://tlc.org)

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