

This was the thing she wanted most

Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the (Ethiopian eunuch) reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?"

So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him ... Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?"

— Acts 8:30-31; 35-36, New International Version

RECIFE, Brazil— Tatiana, age 30, came to visit us with her Christian friend Rose. She had been reading the Bible for some time and was very hungry to understand better the Word of God.

She reminded me so much of the Ethiopian eunuch from Acts 8, reading the prophet Isaiah. She asked if someone could study with her.

Her time was very limited, as she is a single mom and works afternoons and nights at a university nearby. Thankfully, we were able to find some time during the week, and our studies began. She had many questions and a very willing heart. I was happy to be of help in her search for Christ. On the day of her baptism, something interesting happened. Usually, after someone is baptized, they emerge from the water, and then they leave the baptistery to hug their family and friends. Tatiana didn't do that — at least not right away.

She stayed in the water for some time, crying. It was such a beautiful scene to see this young lady shedding tears of joy. She told me that this was the thing she wanted most in her life.

She has many struggles and battles to fight. She needs encouragement and prayers to continue on her journey.



- Aureni Pruitt—*Christian Chronicle*, April 2017
Pruitt and her husband, Mike, have served as missionaries in northeastern Brazil for three decades. They focus on helping churches develop mature leadership. They have three sons — Joshua, Justin and Jonathan — all born in Brazil. Joshua Pruitt and his wife, Livia, serve as part of the Recife mission team. Learn more at www.redeemingrecife.org.

PRAYER LIST

- **Pauline Alvarez** (recovering from surgery)
- **Lauren Babb** (health)
- **Aaron Banks**
- **John Beiler** (health)
- **James Bohannon** (Rex Boggs's cousin—health)
- **Jim Carpenter** (Cody Chrismon's great uncle—health)
- **Dawn Clarke**
- **Betty Cox** (Brent Barnick's sister—Texan nursing home)
- **Dixie** (Debbie Faires's mother—Alzheimer's)
- **Jake Faires** (Air Force, deployed to Jordan)
- **Steven Faires, and Lexi**
- **Leon Giesecke** (Jan Moerbe's father—throat cancer)
- **Nelle Hahn** (health)
- **Josh Horn** (Jacob White's cousin—health)
- **Debbie Jalufka**
- **Kevin and Victoria Johnson** (healthy pregnancy/baby)
- **Norman Pennock** (Debbie Fougerat's step-father, health)
- **Ada Powell** (Sharron Mason's sister—health)
- **T.J. Reid** (Nelle Hahn's brother—health)
- **Jean Rice** (Rex Boggs's cousin—health)
- **Adrienne Zingrich** (Susan Barnick's cousin—cancer)

PRAYER UPDATES

Pauline Alvarez had knee surgery last Friday (June 2) at St. David's in Austin. The surgery went well. Pauline is grateful for everyone's prayers and asks for continued prayers for a speedy recovery. She is now at Warm Springs in Kyle for rehab. She can receive cards at: 598 Kyle Pkwy, Room 232, Kyle, TX 78640.

Nelle Hahn fell on Sunday night. She has a small break in her right hand and left hip. The doctor believes the breaks will heal without surgery. Nelle was discharged from the hospital Tuesday and moved to Warm Springs in Luling. She is now at The Heights of Gonzales in room 303.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Vacation Bible School begins today and runs from 6-8 p.m. each day through Wednesday.

The congregation is invited to join us Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. for final presentations, followed by a hot dog dinner. There will be special activities for the kids, as well!

Dinner for volunteers will be served at 5 p.m. each evening (except for Wednesday).

Watermelon on The Square

We continue serving FREE watermelon **this Friday, June 16**, at Confederate Square in downtown Gonzales during the Main Street Summer Concert Series, which runs every Friday evening in June. **The event runs 6-10 p.m.** If you are able, please arrive early to help with setup. Parking is also easier to find earlier in the evening. This week's concert features Eclipse—Tribute to Journey.

Volunteers Needed: Wednesday Night Meals

Volunteers are needed to prepare the entrée for meals on Wednesday evenings. To help, please sign up in the foyer. **If you signed up to prepare a meal, please send Victoria your menu by Wednesday the week before.**

Volunteers Needed: Communion Prep

Volunteers are needed to prepare communion in the coming months. This task takes very little time and is a great service to the congregation. Please sign up on the large bulletin board in the foyer.

Wedding Invitation

Dawn Clarke and Daniel Almaraz invite you to their wedding on **Saturday, July 1, at 2 p.m.** at the building. A reception will follow at the VFW Hall. Please see the invitation on the large bulletin board in the foyer for more details.

Wednesday Evening Meal & Bible Study

We will not have a 5:15 p.m. meal this Wednesday or regular class time. Rather we hope you will join us at 6 p.m. for VBS. After final presentations, a hot dog dinner will be served in the annex.

Sunday Night Small Group

There is a small group that meets in the annex each Sunday evening from 6-7 p.m. The Lord's Supper is available.

Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited to the annex each Tuesday morning at **6:20 a.m.** for a time of breakfast, prayer and fellowship.

Mark Your Calendars:

June

25—Fellowship Meal

25—Singing at The Heights

July

16—Men's Meeting