

PRAYING FOR COMMUNITIES WHERE CHRIST IS LEAST KNOWN February 2025

Thank you for joining us in prayer for all Faithful Witness teams:

- 1. Give praise for the times workers experience the power of prayer in action—pray continued encouragement and perseverance.
- 2. Give praise, Faithful Witness workers report Christmas events that reached hundreds of people with good news of God's love and saving power. May this love continue to draw people to Jesus. As fruit grows and faith deepens, pray for transformation within people and communities.
- 3. A worker writes, 'I always seem to want God to work a bit faster—to establish his church now, to grow his worshipping community now, to reform his people now, to answer my prayers now. Yet when God's gracious hand is upon someone, things happen according to his timing not ours! I believe God is working. May we be encouraged to keep praying and sharing.'
- 4. Ask Jehovah Jireh to provide for the financial needs of workers so that they can thrive and remain long-term in their ministries.

CENTRAL ASIA

- Looking back, we praise God. We hosted a number of teams (some visiting, some helping, some coming to learn). We held our first summer club for children, and also a summer retreat.
- Thank God for his provision—for a meeting place, finances, people, and resources.
- Give thanks with us for people hearing and accepting good news. May the people we serve know strength in persecution and difficulties. Pray for their growth, and for faithfulness. Ask endurance, strength of character, and confident hope (Rm 5:3-5).
- Pray for God's guidance and provision in all spheres as we develop ideas and make plans. Ask God's direction and wisdom, that we will accept the responsibilities God intends us to take.
- Pray for a new worker joining our team this month. Ask God's hand over him in the moving process, adaptation, language learning, and balanced engagement.
- Pray for team unity, sustainability, growth, and protection. Ask for understanding and good communication and support for one another. We are working on MOU writing and the signing process between us and our partners.

MIDDLE EAST

- Pray for ceasefires to hold, and for the long road to recovery for the region. Ask healing of sectarian
 divides that seem deeper than ever. May there be new opportunities for the gospel to cross barriers into
 least-reached communities.
- Ask God's continued protection, guidance, encouragement, and enabling in ministry. Pray for workers to be called and equipped to serve here.
- Give thanks for the opportunity to be in contact with so many families with children with special needs. Pray I will know which families to focus on and for openness to share more deeply with them. May they be open to listen as well as to being prayed for.
- On February 1st we are holding an activity day for the children with special needs and their families. Pray
 for the families to come and enjoy the games, activities, and handicrafts. May they be receptive to the
 Bible story and discussion. The young adults Bible study group are helping to run it—pray they all get time
 off their work and will learn the joy of volunteering! Ask for safety and protection for all involved.
- Pray for the kindergarten staff to be more open to new ways of working with children with special needs. Pray they will give me at least one person to work with me so I can train them up.
- Recently I went to visit the family of one of the young men in the study group. Wow! I had no idea of the
 impact the Word is having! He shares the story and lesson with his dad each week. He regularly reads and
 discusses it with a friend and shares with colleagues, too. Pray God's hand will be on him to save him and
 his family.

NORTH AFRICA

- Praise God for his overwhelming goodness, love, protection, provision, and grace poured out each day as
 we minister in North Africa. Pray for us as we build relationships and create a welcoming environment for
 discussions about faith, life, and community.
- Praise God for new believers in our city. Pray for the church to be filled by Holy Spirit—united, mature, and strong in faith in the years to come. Ask God to provide the resources and finances to hold church conferences this year. Pray as we seek to plant another church in another town.
- Ask God to bless the university ministry. May students break barriers to share the life-changing news of salvation.
- Pray for two families on sabbatical. Ask provision of the financial needs of all team members. May those carrying leadership roles and responsibilities know God's equipping and blessing.
- Praise God for the safe arrival of our newborn daughter, bringing us immense joy! Her arrival was not without its challenges and testify of God's faithfulness through it all.

MALI

- Pray concerning recent handover of team leadership—ask continued growth and impact in ministry
 among Moor, Fulani, and Soninke communities. May God's love, presence, and truth be manifest in all we
 do, bringing transformation for the glory of God.
- Pray for SIM Mali's director asking provision of a visa, and encouragement as he joins with a SIM leaders meeting together later this month.
- As we host a Creative Camp for 3 weeks this month, pray for great impact in the lives of the Christian youth of this region. Ask grace upon the team as they invest in these youth.
- As a missions and discipleship camp is held, pray believers grow and mature in their faith, becoming more like Christ and fulfilling their potential as followers of Jesus. Ask boldness and courage in their witness, impacting others as they encounter the Kingdom.
- Ask good transition for workers returning from Home Assignment praying especially for children moving
 into a new school. Ask continued zeal for learning and good development of language skills, and fruit as
 good news is shared with tutors and friends. Pray God opens the door, providing a visa for a worker from
 Peru. May God bring many workers to join us. Ask provision of the financial needs of all team members,
 and strength, protection, good health, and wisdom in service.
- Give thanks for the Moors openness to the gospel. We have visited new villages. Ask provision of medicines and resources to continue health ministry outreach. Praise God for miracles of healing. Pray also for spiritual healing—may God open their hearts and draw them to Himself.

NORTHERN NIGERIA

- Ask protection for workers and their families from the enemy and his strategies. Pray for protection in travel and generally—security issues remain a real concern.
- We are thankful various Fulani have visited us from their villages, accepting our hospitality. Give thanks for God's work amongst the Fulani. As they hear good news pray many believe and are saved.
- Ask God to go before workers as they reach out to Fulani communities and work in villages. May the Holy
 Spirit come with grace and power. Give praise for the opportunity to work in one village to vaccinate the
 cattle of many families. Ask God to bless these families through this practical outworking of God's love.
- Give thanks for a family's return from Home Assignment—pray for them as they settle-in and the children commence schooling. Ask God's enabling in on-going language and culture awareness, learning, and effectiveness. Pray for other team members as they seek finances to return to/remain in Fulani ministry amidst economic instability in Ethiopia and Nigeria.

EASTERN CHAD

Praise God, good news is being shared with both men and women—some have heard the gospel message
many times. A worker writes, 'I had a wonderful time with a Muslim friend and all his family in their home
in a village. He has an open heart toward God but believing in Jesus is challenging in this community. May
the Lord give him wisdom and good understanding.' Give praise for interest in audio Bibles. God is at work
in one village where three people meet to study the Bible. Pray many Chadian people come to faith and
resurrection life.

- Ask God to draw close to believers and strengthen them to stand strong amidst persecution, primarily
 from family pressure. Some Christian youth are willing to move to the capital city to spread the gospel.
 However, God must first provide them with employment, and this is hard to find.
- May teams grow in love and unity. Ask God's protection and sustaining in this difficult environment. Pray
 relationships with local people continue to deepen as we grow in learning language and culture. May God
 work through us and empower us by his Spirit to love our neighbours well.
- Ask God to send more workers. Give thanks that a worker is now joined by his wife—ask God's enabling in the many challenges of adjusting to life here along with Arabic and French language study.
- Building work has begun to establish a ministry learning centre and accommodation for a worker—pray construction can finish before the rainy season. Ask blessing for a worker on Home Assignment. Pray for a safe journey as another attends a conference.

EAST AFRICA

- Pray for workers, especially those who are trained in teaching English as a second language.
- The doors are wide open, and yet it seems difficult to get people ready and willing to work in this part of the world. Finances are what keeps African workers away. Life here is expensive and the only way to come in and out of the country is by air travel. Ask wisdom as we explore other avenues for ministry or for business. May the Lord bring us people who see the opportunities.
- Ask strength and boldness for local believers when they face persecution or intimidation. As we pray for
 the government may God bring more freedom for Christians. Pray that those who are in prison for their
 faith will be released and find freedom to worship Jesus, with others, without fear.
- Pray the people of this land hear of God's love and accept his gift of Jesus. May God provide us with opportunities to meet with true God-seekers.

AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND

- Pray for team unity in Christ. Through the testimony of our lives and words pray people will see Jesus in us and come to know Him. Pray for the team's ministries—Hope for Life ministry, Joyful Heart Bilingual school and the church planting team. Ask wisdom in starting new ministries. A few opportunities have arisen and we seek godly wisdom and ask God to open doors.
- Ask good health for the team. Thailand is heavily impacted by poor air quality at present—pray it quickly improves. Give thanks for the safe arrival of a baby girl—ask good health, family adjustments, and wisdom with the competing demands of family, ministry, devotional life, and interacting with other people and with the neighbourhood children. May we reveal God through our lives.
- Give thanks for a husband's choice to accept Jesus and join his wife in Bible study and discipleship training—pray other believers join them. Pray for Thai believers to grow in their love for God and for others. Ask God to call and equip a pastor as the church grows.
- This month a Korean cooking workshop is being held within the community around the church, pray people have a great time and have ears to hear about Jesus.
- As a worker continues lay-counsellor training, pray this skill blesses many in Ayutthaya.

ASIA

- Pray for the team leader and family as they conclude Home Assignment and prepare to return to Asia next month. They have applied for their entry visa—ask favour and a straightforward process.
- Pray God calls and equips workers to join the team and work in this vast harvest field.
- May the team be used by God's hand for his Kingdom work and have godly wisdom and guidance in this. Ask for fruitful ministry. Pray the hearts and souls of people will be prepared to listen to God's Word and receive Christ as Saviour.
- Ask God's protection of the team and good health, encouragement, anointing, and God's help with language and cultural learning.
- Pray that the team's children are protected from evil powers and are filled by the love and Spirit of God. Ask blessing and joy in home schooling.
- Ask grace this month in managing the business and ministry while out of the region. Pray for the business
 as a new training component is launched. Ask continued godly impact upon the company employee—pray
 for his salvation and for his family.