



PRAYING FOR COMMUNITIES WHERE CHRIST IS LEAST KNOWN

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Because you faithfully prayed, workers in North Africa recently had the great joy of attending the baptism of a former language tutor. Four years ago Lucy* begun language studies. During Ramadan two years ago her tutor told Lucy that although she was fasting, she felt fearful and uncertain. Lucy asked, "If you are fasting and searching for God, why are you afraid?" She shared that the day of salvation is today. The tutor responded, "Salvation? What is salvation? I will think about it." Many seeds were planted, over time, by different believers. Earlier this year while passing through their former city, Lucy and her family were deeply encouraged as they met with this friend. She shared her testimony of how God has been changing her heart. As she studied passages such as John 17:16-19, she saw Jesus more clearly. The transformation in her life is truly remarkable. Now, by God's grace, she is a new person. Give praise for the work God has done in her life. Pray that her son, daughter, and extended family will also be drawn to Christ (*pseudonym).

NORTH AFRICA

Pray for encounters with the living God, that those living in darkness, the vulnerable, people who have been displaced or oppressed would see great light. May the kingdom of heaven draw near to them.

Pray for our summer activities to disciple local believers including conferences, baptism classes, training sessions and camps. Pray new believers would grow in their faith and have courage to share with others. We have also planned ministry activities with university students, and continue coaching and mentoring. Ask God's wisdom and strength, and provision for all of our ministry needs. Full financial support remains a challenge and hindrance to ministry being established and flourishing.

Ask God's protection and provision during the extreme summer heat. Pray for continued strength, wisdom, and fruitfulness. Ask protection in travel as one family attends a conference then visits their home country. Ask that a visa issue of another worker and his son is quickly resolved.

Ask blessing as a couple on sabbatical leave return to visit students, friends and the church. As they further equip themselves for ministry, may God keep an open door for them to return long-term. Pray God draws other believers and sends them out to build the church of North Africa.

MIDDLE EAST

Because you prayed, new workers are going into cross-cultural training to prepare for mission work in this region. May God call and equip many others to join us.

Like the prophet Habakkuk, many believers, both foreign and local, ask questions as they see ceasefires come and go while people suffer and die and homes and towns are destroyed. Pray God will continue strengthening and comforting his people. May we have confident hope in God who brings justice and peace, and share this hope, that many may find love, hope, peace, and mercy in Jesus.

Give thanks for the legacy of traditional churches. Pray believers will be full of the joy of their salvation, sharing Christ to all, and accepting others as true brothers and sisters.

Pray for believers from majority backgrounds facing pressure and persecution as they share the gospel. May God protect them and draw people to himself as they share the good news of Jesus.

CENTRAL ASIA

Despite the difficulty of long-term ministry in this region, because you prayed, we have witnessed steady church growth through evangelism, discipleship, women's ministry, family teaching, retreats, Bible training, and practical support for vulnerable believers. May the work continue to grow. Pray for unity among believers. Ask protection over the fellowship of believers and over workers. Pray for more long-term workers who can faithfully remain in the region.

Because you prayed, this year we have spent time in seven countries to preach, teach, counsel, train, and mobilise believers to be faithful witnesses among the nations. Pray that many are called and sent out to yet-to-be-reached people groups.

Ask good rest, good health, refreshing in the Lord, and renewed strength for workers. Pray that much-awaited eye surgeries will finally be done. Ask strength and guidance as we move location late August.

NORTHERN NIGERIA

Because you prayed, there are Fulani who are pursuing discipleship despite the sacrifice and family opposition this entails. We thank God for his guidance and protection. May the God who brought us peace, the Great Shepherd of his flock, work all that is excellent and pleasing to him in the lives of believers in Nigeria.

Pray for peace within Nigeria. Ask that believers can worship together freely. May Christians have grace to conquer evil by doing good, and to pray God's blessing over those who persecute them (Romans 12:14-21). Pray for rainfall in Northern Nigeria.

Because you prayed, teaching and learning has begun in a small school for Fulani children. Ask wisdom as the team teach. May this be a source of knowledge for the community. We trust God to faithfully expand the work. Pray also for the educational needs of worker's children.

SOUTH ASIA

The team will be living in different countries for 6 months. Pray we can still remain in close, good communication. Ask wisdom concerning visa options amidst laws that have changed and are still changing. We are looking at a new opportunity for ministry. Pray godly wisdom as we do research and seek out local contacts to help us with each step. May we continue to seek God as he provides the finances for our company. Pray God brings more people to our team to carry the load with us.

EASTERN CHAD

Wet season started late and people's crops are dying. Pray for a good rainy season to provide good harvests—the right amount of rain for a good amount of time.

Because you prayed, there is opportunity to develop and share community health education that will bless our community. May work on the writing project continue. Pray we share God's love and light. Pray we love our neighbours as ourselves, so that justice and righteous actions would flow like refreshing streams of water that never dry up (Amos 5:4). Ask healing of chronic back pain. May God sustain us, and bring more workers to join us.

Because you prayed, a family have been welcomed into their new town. Ask grace, strength, and good health as language lessons begin. Pray for a family on home assignment enduring difficult times.

Continue to pray for peace, safety, healing, and the ability to rebuild their lives for the millions of refugees and internally displaced people across Chad, Sudan and the Sahel region who face so many hardships.

AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND

Ask God to protect and maintain unity within the team as we work through differences within a multicultural team and different perspectives in the way we serve cross-culturally. May we experience such perfect unity that Thai will know Jesus and the love of God (John 17:23).

May workers individually and as a team know that our identity rests in God and not in the things we do or have done. Pray God renews our health and strength, daily.

Because you prayed, our very first summer camp was a success! We believe gospel seeds will not be sowed in vain. The team has been intentional in sharing Bible stories with the language students in our weekly classes, tying it in with the theme of the lesson. They also visit the children's families. We now go to two public schools in partnership with the church, to teach English. Because you have prayed, we are able to talk about Christ and we are actively developing relationships with both students and teachers.

Pray for godly vision and direction as the team considers moving to a bigger space and gathers costs and details such as budget, location, suitability, and sentimental value of the current space.

FAITHFUL WITNESS IN FORGOTTEN COMMUNITIES PROJECT

- 1) Pray for the calling and selection process of a team lead for the Faithful Witness project.
- 2) Pray God will expand the team of front-line intercessors who stand in the gap for people within unreached communities. May nothing, not even the powers of hell, separate people from the love of God (Romans 8:35-39).
- 3) Ask for godly wisdom, guidance, and resourcing as least reached communities are prayerfully considered, decisions are made, and new work is launched. As with Paul's vision of the man from Macedonia, may SIM leaders and workers be led by the Spirit of God, called into new locations to preach good news.