



PRAYING FOR COMMUNITIES WHERE CHRIST IS LEAST KNOWN

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Because you prayed, despite the heartbreak of doors closing to ministry in Mali we praise God for his guidance and work in the hearts of his people. As displaced workers have waited upon God, he has opened doors for a new ministry in a least-reached community in Guinea, and a family is preparing for service in another West African nation. Another worker has moved to the Philippines and is language learning and preparing for service among a community without gospel hope. Another worker displaced from Mali has entered an open door for ministry in Indonesia and asks prayer for wisdom, discipline, and perseverance with language and culture learning.

SIM International leaders continue the process of prayerfully evaluating proposals to select two new locations to place teams of workers. Ask God to prepare the hearts of people living in communities without hope. Pray many people will be ready to listen, understand and believe good news when faithful witnesses come and live among them.

NORTH AFRICA

- Because you prayed, we have recently had some seekers come to our Sunday gatherings. Pray for receptive hearts as God makes himself known to them. Pray for a young couple beginning pre-marriage counselling, may they build their life together on a solid foundation.
- Ask wisdom for us as a church as we seek to identify new ways to be salt and light in our city.
- We are organizing a discipleship training seminar, four days of intensive training. The believers are coming from various regions of the country, the majority of whom live in isolation from other believers and so lack a church community. Pray for the safekeeping of each group member; even with police protection, incidences can occur. May they be encouraged and enjoy fellowship together as they share testimonies of their daily lives. Pray they will continue to grow in their faith.
- Pray for a new initiative as we walk alongside a group of local believers who are adopting the Business as Mission approach, establishing businesses to provide for their families and provide meaningful work. In this context it is common for people to leave the country in search of better living conditions abroad. May these families be encouraged to remain and build up the local church and be involved in all God is doing here. Pray their vision will expand, that they will make good use of the resources God places at their disposal, and that they will grow in their love for the Lord Jesus as they serve him wholeheartedly.
- Pray for workers and their families throughout this busy season of ministry asking good health and wisdom to draw deeply from the wellspring of living water. May the children of workers thrive.

MIDDLE EAST

- Entry into the country remains challenging. Join workers in asking that this month they will be able to return. For many expat workers, visas will expire this month. If visas aren't renewed in time, they will have to go back to 2-monthly visas for an extended period, which adds lots more travel and disruption! Pray for favour with the government to issue visas promptly.
- Because you prayed, the young adults group has continued to meet to read Scripture. Pray they will be convinced of who Jesus is and surrender to him.
- Continue to pray for the strengthening of local believers and unity between believers.

CENTRAL ASIA

- Many people groups in the region remain without Scriptures and without a witness of the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- Pray for open doors in the UK as we share about this vast field. May God raise and equip workers for Central Asia. During this time with a focus on recruitment of workers, may we cultivate rhythms of rest after a demanding season.
- Pray we 'bear lasting fruit'. Ask perseverance and opportunities to serve those in need.

SOUTH ASIA

- Pray for the neighbourhood in which we live. May our connections with the people around us continue to reflect God and reveal his loving kindness and salvation. We live in a land of Kings so very different to the Kingdom of God. Ask God to draw near to the people of this community, city, and region, that good would indeed overcome evil and people would welcome God's rule in their hearts and lives.
- Pray for the business to grow profitable with a larger client base and ask favour for successful work placements. May employees continue to experience God in different ways and come to know him.
- A retreat will be held later this month featuring a colleague from Asia as a guest speaker. Pray God brings more workers to South Asia.
- Ask for meaningful times with family and fruitful conversations throughout Home Assignment.
- Pray for a family and their older children as they transition to university.

EASTERN CHAD

- Because you prayed, good relationships are forming with local Muslim friends who are happy to hear the Word of God. Ask God's grace and wisdom as we share. May the Holy Spirit lead people to understand and grasp ahold of the good news.
- An English club has begun. Pray this is a useful tool in meeting community needs, in building our acceptance and relationships, and in opening the Bible among these people living in ignorance of the grace of God.
- Ask healing of ongoing back pain and health, strength, and joy for workers as they serve. Pray for receptive hearts and minds as language study continues. Ask God's provision of a vehicle for a worker and his family. Ask encouragement and provision of family and support needs for a family on Home Assignment.
- Pray for the security situation in Chad. May workers experience God's protection.
- A worker asks prayer for his hometown in Ethiopia where conflict has caused a lot of people to be displaced.

AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND

- Pray for ministries within the local church and within several local neighbourhoods.
- Ask God's miraculous healing of a child and wisdom, strength, and grace for the entire family—pray they come to know and accept Jesus.
- Because you prayed, a couple have started attending Sunday worship. Pray for God's salvation and transforming work in their hearts, empowering them to make a genuine new start as children of the living God.
- Ask God's guidance over the event planning and preparations for church family camp late this month. May God provide all necessary resources for the camp. Pray for blessing and the sovereign move of God.
- Pray for complete unity and harmony within the team, asking God's divine protection, that we may stand amidst spiritual warfare. Pray for good spiritual, mental, and physical health. It is a time of transition as two family units have returned home. Ask God's strength, peace, encouragement, and patience. May we have wisdom in ministry, seeing much fruit.

NORTHERN NIGERIA

- Give thanks for God's continued protection and care of workers and their children.
- Pray the new Fulani Under-the-Tree School Project will teach and shape the hearts of children and Fulani communities, and open doors for ministry. Ask God to raise up a Fulani church that is shaped by Kingdom values and the Word of God, capable of sharing this powerfully impacting every generation, bringing salvation and transforming this large people group.
- Pray for a new worker, a veterinarian, and his family as they settle into life and ministry in a predominantly Muslim community that is a major cattle-trading centre. May they quickly put down roots and understand the cultures of the people groups they are living amongst, and know godly wisdom and guidance as they begin the ministry of language learning.
- Another worker and his family are ready to come, ask that their residence permits will be approved. Pray for them in the transition process of leaving family, friends and ministry and moving and settling in here.
- Pray for a family as they visit Ethiopia for their eldest child's Wedding, may it bring honour to God.

EAST AFRICA

- We've recently had a few unexpected things happen. Death threats were made against a young worker. This has impacted the young church here, along with local ministry and NGO work. While things have now calmed down, we are trying to be careful. Not afraid, but relying on godly wisdom in everything we do.
- Join us as we begin and end this month with nationwide prayer gatherings. We are encouraged and look forward to increased unity among all believers.

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