

SHORT-TERM TRIPS

Pray for our short-term teams that are preparing for trips this spring to Lebanon and Ethiopia.

Get to know our missionaries at one of our upcoming luncheons. Visit our website for details and to register. (www.cherrydale.org/serve/global-missions/support-our-missionaries/missionary-luncheons/)

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GLOBAL MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR

February 2019



East Asia

East Asian peoples include more than 200 unreached and unengaged people groups.

Population. The population within East Asian countries is exploding. Already, they are home to nearly 1.67 billion people, representing a fourth of the world's population. The new face of East Asia as found in its cities calls for a strategy of concentrated prayer for cities with extreme populations to take the gospel to East Asia's remaining unengaged cities. Developing and implementing creative strategies to engage these cities across East Asia is critical.

Urbanization. Each year millions of East Asia's rural citizens flock to cities, seeking a better life. In the last 10 years, Japan's population has shifted, where 92% of Japan's people live in cities. Roughly 83% of the people of South Korea live in urban areas, 20% in Seoul. Sharing the gospel with urbanites has many challenges. Many work long hours and make long commutes on public transportation. Often they can afford to buy homes only if they work more than one job. Caught up in a frenzy of work and play, many urbanites would say that they don't have time for worship, Bible studies, or even socializing.

Economic Strength. Some experts anticipate a global economic power shift from West to East over the next decade. Less stringent policies regarding environmental standards, natural resource usage and labor protection, and abundant and cheap labor, make Asia an attractive base for international business and

manufacturing. Living conditions and lifestyles have vastly improved for East Asian people in cities, making them materially rich yet spiritually poor.

Aging Population. Japan's population continues to decline, due to one of the world's lowest birth rates and one-fourth of their population being 65 or older. The shrinking labor force limits tax revenue and has caused Japan's debt to grow by more than twice the country's economic output. China has also experienced a dramatic increase in its aging population, and the country's labor force declined in 2012 for the first time in decades, raising concerns about its economic prospects. There is a shrinking labor force resulting from China's recently ended one-child policy, as well as restrictions on rural farmers working in the cities, which prohibits them from contributing to the social security needs of this aging population.

Mongolia is the only East Asian nation that beats the aging trend. The average age there is 27.

Let's pray for:

- ◆ Barriers and bridges to the Gospel
- ◆ Religious, economic, and social demographics
- ◆ Cities as the new frontier for the Gospel
- ◆ How you can connect with East Asians

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14



Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; for all the nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed. ~ Revelation 15:4

EAST ASIA

1 Tony and Marcia: Pray for new seekers who are attending their services: Pray that Mrs. Onuki, Mrs Fujinaga, and Miss Totani's heart and eyes would be opened to believe in Him.

2 Mike and Lisa: Pray for their travel and time with family to be life-giving, refreshing, and encouraging.

3 Brian and Wendy: Pray that the children in the orphanage cultivate a desire to know God as their Father and that lies be exposed that may stand in the way.

4 Gary and Mabel: Pray for their second church plant that it will thrive and bring many to faith in Christ.

5 Alicia: There are people from so many unreached and unengaged people groups in her city. Ask God to continue to allow Alicia and her team to connect with and share the gospel with them.

EUROPE

6 Clay and Ruth: Pray for direction for planning events and for the hearts of Macedonian people to be stirred to the calling of God.

7 Noelle: Pray for the adult English club church that will be starting up in the next few weeks. Pray that God would bring spiritually open students to our club.

8 Valerie: Pray for clarity in sharing with churches in the U.S. about her work overseas during her home visit in January and February.

9 Lindsay: Pray that there would be a gospel movement for the hundreds of thousands of Muslims, Sikhs and Hindus in London.

10 Tim and Ginnie: Pray for Tim and Ginnie as they continue to lead a small group. Pray as they go deeper in study and in relationships with the people in their church.

SOUTHEAST & SOUTH ASIA

11 Chuck and Sharon: Pray for team and area leaders as they meet to plant teams mid January.

12 Stephen: Pray for wisdom regarding his future location and ministry.

13 Steve and Amy: Pray that the Spirit of God would move in this country and give hope to those in need.

14 Adam and Heather: Pray for their family as they prepare to leave for the field in late February. Pray that all the

paperwork needed is processed and approved.

LATIN AMERICA

15 Bob and Noel: Pray for rest and refreshment as they spend the month in the States with family and friends.

16 Bob and Ann: Pray for a smooth transition as their ministry team merges with AVANT ministry.

SUB-SAHARA AFRICA

17 Danjuma and Veronica: Pray for guidance and protection and to give them hearts of forgiveness for their enemies.

18 Rob and Almaz: Praise God for the continued peace throughout most of the country (something new to this year). Pray also for the planning and application with the government for their next water and garden project.

19 Bob and Tannie: Pray for Bob as he facilitates leadership training and follow-up with pastors throughout the country. Pray also for Tannie's work with the mothers of the preschoolers at the school.

20 Kurt and Amy: Pray that God provide nourishment for heart and soul as well as physical health for the people we serve.

MIDDLE EAST & CENTRAL ASIA

21 Keith and Nahla: Pray for their ministry among refugee women. Ask the Lord to prepare hearts and minds among the women they serve.

22 Lulu: Praise God for the wise counsel of a supportive sabbatical team and continued prayer for inner healing.

23 John and Pamela: Pray for wisdom and grace as they seek to encourage and love new believing friends and for openings to establish new relationships among their neighbors.

24 Joe and Yvonne: Pray for their team to serve well together, for wise leadership, and for the needs of the school to be met.

25 Luke and Rachel: Pray for unity among workers and that they share kind words and be wise as they minister to the women we are teaching.

NORTH AFRICA

26 Kirsten: Pray that their team would demonstrate the power and love of God in the way they love each other and live in community.

27 Ali: Pray for lies to be exposed in the hearts of Muslim friends and neighbors as the gospel is shared with them.

28 Ryan and Mary: Pray that relationships are cultivated that result in transformed lives as they minister to neighbors and acquaintances.

