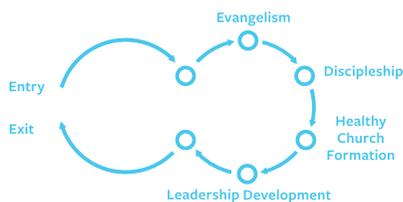


# PRAYERPOINTS

A PRAYING PEOPLE IMPACTING A LOST WORLD

## The Missionary Task



THE MISSIONARY'S TASK INCLUDES ENTRY, EVANGELISM, DISCIPLING NEW BELIEVERS, TRAINING LEADERS, AND FORMING HEALTHY CHURCHES. CARING FOR NEEDS OF PEOPLE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF EACH OF THESE. **HEALTH CARE MISSIONS GIVES ACCESS TO THE UNREACHED, ALLOWS INTIMATE CONVERSATIONS, MEETS NEEDS, MAKES DISCIPLES AND EMPOWERS THE CHURCH.**

## Transformation and Multiplication

Believer Azizi\* along with two other believers entered two new villages in a remote area of Africa. They had been given basic health skills by a worker and through home visits were building friendships, sharing Bible stories, and helping the sick. They faced much hostility and threat from members of another world religion. The villagers believed sickness was caused by spirits and they desperately sought traditional cures to ward off the witchcraft.



Friendships are built in new villages by providing basic health skills and care.

Azizi and his teammates taught the real cause of each disease they encountered and how to treat it appropriately. Many lives were saved. Those who had been opposing now wanted to hear what these men were teaching. They said they had observed the team speaking with respect and humility, caring for those who were suffering. They recognized love. All threats and harassment stopped and Azizi and his teammates were granted complete freedom to minister throughout the area. Within a few months a fellowship of vibrant new believers had formed in each of the two villages. Today these two congregations have been trained in Bible storying and health skills and have gone out and planted three more congregations.

*And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. (Matthew 9:35, ESV)*

**1 CENTRAL ASIA.** Pray for a ministry teaching medical English to national healthcare students. Pray for expanded opportunities and open hearts as the Good News is shared.

**2 NORTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST.** Pray for six Muslim background believers in North Africa who have been trained as community health workers. They are using that platform to gain access to new communities and plant churches amidst significant persecution.

**3 GLOBAL.** Many workers and national partners have been trained to use trauma healing lessons and activities to help those who have been through traumatic events and circumstances. Pray that they will find peace and joy through Jesus Christ.

**4 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Pray that the national leaders of the Ghana Baptist Convention will keep their focus on the mission of Baptist Medical Center, Nalerigu, to provide quality healthcare, proclaim the Gospel, and strengthen the local church.

**5 EAST ASIA.** Medical education is opening new doors in Macau, enabling engagement opportunities with future physicians, current practitioners, educators, and administration. Pray that teaching and patient care will lead to new life for many.

**6 SOUTH ASIA.** Pray that through monthly urban medical clinics many people will have hearts opened by the love of Christ that is demonstrated. Pray that local doctors will catch the vision to reach those who are spiritually lost.

**7 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** After two cyclones ravaged Mozambique, workers have provided immediate and ongoing help, meeting huge physical needs. Pray that as they share Christ, new believers and churches will shine in the devastation.

**8 EAST ASIA.** Pray for continued favor with families and local governments as volunteers do in-home follow up, giving cancer screening results for rural Muslim women. Ask that a multitude would hear the Gospel and that many would believe.

**9 NORTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST.** For 12 years a family has used healthcare to get access, care for the sick and make disciples among an Islamic people group. Pray that visas will be renewed for this family as restrictions have recently increased.

**10 CENTRAL ASIA.** Women in an impoverished area of a capital city have little access to health care. Health workers provide education and limited prenatal care. Pray for opportunities to share truth with women while caring for physical needs.

**11 GLOBAL.** A physician partner in the US has developed portable diagnostic equipment for a specific medical condition that allows workers to enter closed places. Pray for many to find hope physically and spiritually through care and witness.

**12 SOUTH ASIA.** This hospital treats almost 400,000 patients per year. Pray for the Christian leadership and staff that they will be able to maintain the strong Christian ethos of the hospital. Pray for more Christian doctors to join the staff.

**13 EUROPE.** Thousands of people have been displaced from their homes due to conflict in the eastern Ukraine. Pray for local churches and medical teams as they address physical and spiritual needs amidst ongoing unrest.

**14 NORTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST.** Pray for a community health project in North Africa that is giving access to whole families among unreached people groups. The families are being trained in simple health lessons and Bible stories for the first time.

**15 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Pray for a new medical social worker in Botswana who is seeing God open doors in pediatric oncology and hospice. Both settings would give opportunities to discuss end of life and the good news of salvation in Jesus.

**16 SOUTHEAST ASIA.** Pray for a nurse worker to be guided by the Holy Spirit to know where and how to be involved in meeting the many health needs around her. Pray that the care given will open communities and families to the Gospel.



**17 SOUTH ASIA.** An urban population is being given tools to deal with anxiety, grief, depression, and suicide using mental health awareness materials in small group sessions. Pray that participants will find hope and truth in Jesus Christ.

**18 EAST ASIA.** The Jubilee Medical Center for undocumented foreign workers in Korea has workers but needs medicines and financial aid for long term support. Pray for church planting and leadership development among ethnic people groups.



**19 NORTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST.** Pray for the mobile clinic project in the Horn of Africa reaching poor rural villagers with healthcare and the gospel. Pray for protection and boldness for workers. Pray for new believers to share with others.

**20 CENTRAL ASIA.** A physician serving in a medical clinic in a Central Asian city writes that visas are becoming increasingly difficult. Pray that her visa will be renewed this year. Pray that new team members will be allowed to come.

**21 GLOBAL.** The cities of our world are growing rapidly with large population segments facing much physical hardship. Pray that diverse health strategies can be developed to meet health needs and lead to multiplying disciples and churches.

**22 NORTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST.** Doing medical projects in a forcibly-displaced persons camp allowed workers to meet Sam.\* Pray that Sam and others with Bible audio players will listen and the Spirit will give understanding of the Truth.

**23 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** The Baptist Medical Center in Ghana has recently lost its main primary care physician creating a staffing crisis. Pray that God will bring Ghanaian and missionary doctors who love Jesus and want to see His name glorified.

**24 SOUTH ASIA.** This South Asian hospital is located among many people in great need, including a nearby refugee population. Pray that staff will be sustained physically and emotionally in the face of intense suffering and disease.

**25 EAST ASIA.** Over 1500 national doctors have been trained to share their faith through medicine and new medical fellowships have formed.

Pray for these doctors to be faithful and bold in witness and forming groups in a politically sensitive climate.

**26 SOUTH ASIA.** Healthcare student volunteers provide basic medical screenings and care in villages in this Southeast Asian country. Pray that contacts and follow up will lead to lifelong change for persons and communities served.

**27 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** The Baptist Seminary in Togo trains pastors from West Africa. Pray that the students' pastoral formation will include using health strategies to impact health and communicate the Gospel, resulting in disciples and churches.

**28 GLOBAL.** Healthcare workers can cross every geographic, economic, and cultural barrier, getting to spiritual conversation in minutes. Healthcare gives access to places where the Gospel has not gone. Pray that God would call more workers to serve.

**29 SOUTH ASIA.** Counselor-chaplains in this large hospital visit the sick and their families in the hospital and go out into the community. Pray for unhindered witness and boldness. Pray for the follow up of many who are interested in knowing Jesus.

**30 EAST ASIA.** Peace and Hope Palliative Care Ministry touches the lives of cancer patients and their families with the Father's love. Pray that many will join the weekly seekers' Bible study groups being started this year throughout the city.

**31 SOUTHEAST ASIA.** Through an extensive mobile clinic ministry, many are receiving physical and spiritual healing. Pray for the workers who lead national partners and volunteers in the work. Pray for the new believers and churches to be strengthened.

## A Walking Miracle

Three years ago, Abed\* was injured in a construction accident. Unconscious, he was taken by other workers to a hospital, where he laid untreated for a week. After transfer to a different hospital he had surgery on his neck. Four days later he was sent home to die since they could do nothing more. Soon after that, a health-care worker visited the home and saw Abed lying in a bed unable to move except for small movement in his right leg.

There seemed little the worker could do to help and after prayer with Abed and his family, she left. She made frequent visits to the home over many months. After physical therapy, much hard work, and God's healing, Abed is now walking. He continues to exercise his hands hoping that he can be able to work and provide for his family. Because of this life-changing accident, he and his family have heard the story of Jesus. Please pray that they would come to accept the Truth.



**ABOVE:** A construction accident left him unable to move, but prayer and physical therapy brought hope and healing.

**RIGHT:** From life-threatening infection to life-giving message, this woman's family faces eternity with Jesus.

## Tragedy and Faith

Mia\* was brought to this Christian hospital from her Buddhist village about to die from a severe infection that had entered her chest. Following life-saving surgery, Mia miraculously slowly recovered and while in the hospital she heard the Good News. She along with her husband decided to follow Jesus. Sadly, months later, Mia was poisoned to death. Despite this, her husband maintains his faith and Mia is united with her king. Please pray that a hospital in South Asia can continue to care for dying patients and faithfully share truth with many like Mia who would otherwise die to enter an eternity without Christ.



*\*Names changed*

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