



PRAYER POINTS

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AMERICAN PEOPLES

IMB missionaries work to make Jesus known among the nations. They go to the lost in cities like Bogota, Colombia, where displaced indigenous peoples live in plastic tents and despair. They work to plant churches where there is no church like on Taboga Island. Pray for the lost in the Americas and for the missionaries among them.

“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

Matthew 25:40b ESV

IMB MISSIONARY BRINGS HOPE AND HELP TO DISPLACED INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN COLOMBIA

Over 3,000 indigenous people have fled violent fighting in their Colombian homelands and have arrived in Bogota, the capital city, seeking refuge, healthcare, and other basic necessities. Most of them now live in temporary government housing or in Bogota National Park, a green oasis amid a busy city. The park is filled with plastic covered tents. Only two restrooms are available, and people wash their clothing under a bridge. Rats, tuberculosis, freezing temperatures, and despair are the living conditions. Most of these displaced indigenous peoples are from the Emberá, an unreached people group, but people from other groups have arrived in the city as well.

Trying to bring hope and help, an IMB missionary and his newly-formed team visit the park during the week and shares Bible stories with all who will listen. The missionary’s consistency and compassion have earned the trust of the indigenous community there.



An IMB missionary ministering among displaced residents of Bogota National Park.

When the people have needs, this missionary is who they contact. Though they do not always understand what he is teaching, he patiently retells the stories until they comprehend. He seeks to start a church plant among these displaced peoples to bring them the life-giving salvation that they so desperately need. He is also discipling a family from another people group.

The team prays that when these displaced people can return to their homes, they will carry the truth of the gospel with them and will change their lives and the world around them. Please pray that this missionary and his team will continue to bring light to this physically and spiritually dark situation.

ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

In February 2022, you prayed for a new church plant in Hungary whose focus is the international community. God answered your prayers! The church continues to grow and reach people from many nations. They recently observed the Lord's Supper together for the first time.

1 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Many people are displaced in the Americas. Pray as missionaries work with national partners to not only meet the physical needs, but also the spiritual needs of displaced people. May they become faithful believers and unite with a healthy church in their new home.

2 WASSULU OF MALI, GUINEA, AND COTE D'IVOIRE. The lone believer in Kite village has died since a team member last visited the area. Recently, a nonbeliever in Kite asked a Malian team member to come and share the teachings of the Bible. Praise God for those who are interested in His Word! Please pray for this trip.

3 AMERICAN PEOPLES. "We work with many teams from the U.S. that come to the Americas," a missionary said. "Pray as we work to strengthen relationships between national partners and Southern Baptist churches in the U.S. to see healthy churches form where there are no churches."

4 AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS.

The gospel is counter-cultural to the Dutch norm of living for work and self-gratification. Nelly believes there is a God but doesn't understand taking up her cross to follow Him. Pray for Nelly and others like her to put their own interests aside and follow Jesus.

5 DEAF PEOPLES. Pray for two Deaf women in Central Asia. One regularly attends a Deaf fellowship and is attracted to Christ, but she clings to Islam. The other woman just started attending and wants to learn about Jesus! Pray that the Holy Spirit will draw them both to faith in Jesus.

6 BANGALORE, INDIA. Pray for a group of pastors and their wives who recently learned about relating to one another in a biblical way instead of some other culturally normal ways. Pray that these pastors will obey Scripture over culture and love their wives as Christ loved the church.

7 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Pray as missionaries across the Americas mentor and work alongside national conventions and churches to see Acts 1:8 fulfilled in their ministries so that healthy churches will be planted in their Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

8 STUDENTS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA. Pray that young adults who don't know Jesus or haven't been disciplined well will pursue Christ, be grounded in His Word, and recognize false teachings. Pray that local churches will reach out to young adults in meaningful ways and provide a place of belonging.

9 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Ask God to call believers from all countries in the Americas to serve the nations by bringing the gospel and the hope that is so needed. Pray for doctors and other professionals to offer aid while sharing the gospel with the goal of planting new churches.

10 MIDDLE EASTERN ARABS IN THE SOUTHERN UNITED KINGDOM. Sam met a believer at a community center that offered free meals. Sam said that he's Muslim because he was born into it and it's impossible to change. The believer shared about how Jesus came to rescue the world. Pray that Sam will believe and respond to the gospel.

11 AZERIS OF IRAN. The little that Azeris have heard about Jesus comes from their Muslim leaders, who tell them that Jesus is not the Son of God and the Bible is not trustworthy. They have been deceived for far too long. Ask that they will read God's Word and believe the truth.

12 NAMUR, BELGIUM. Over the summer, two teams from Southern Baptist churches in the U.S. served alongside the church plant and art center in Namur. Pray that the gospel seeds that were sown during that time will take root and grow in people's hearts. May many respond to God in faith!

13 AMERICAN PEOPLES. In the Americas, some churches have yet to reopen after COVID-19. Many were forced to give up their church meeting places during the lockdowns. Despite this, these churches keep meeting either virtually or in local parks. Pray that these churches will thrive.

14 OUTER RIM PEOPLE OF EAST ASIA. When they heard the gospel, two families in a mountain village chose to repent and believe in Jesus! Praise God! Pray for these new believers to grow in their faith, cherish Jesus amid any persecution, and boldly share the gospel with others in their village.

15 DEAF PEOPLES. A hearing believer in Southeast Asia wants her Deaf son to know the Savior. She recently met a Deaf believer and saw prayer in sign language for the first time. Ask God to help her teach her son about the Lord and how to pray. May he be a light to other Deaf.

16 AMERICAN PEOPLES. New Hope trauma healing is being used throughout the Americas to spread the gospel and to bring hope and healing. As a result, new Bible studies and churches are being started where previously there were none! Pray that many will join these groups and teach others.

17 AEGEAN TURKS OF TURKEY. Please pray for unity among Aegean Turkish believers. May they work together for the growth of God's kingdom. Ask God to raise up mature believers who can shepherd the flock well for His glory. Pray that churches will be formed in churchless cities where believers live.

18 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Churches look different in each of the Americas' six global cities. Some meet in traditional church buildings, while others meet in houses, parks, or community centers. Pray for these diverse churches to reach the lost around them with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

19 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. No missionaries are assigned to the unreached Makhuwa-Marrevone people of Mozambique. Believers of other people groups have engaged some, but this Muslim group needs believers living among them to engage them and answer their many spiritual questions. Pray for workers.

20 DEAF PEOPLES. Pray for a Deaf couple in South Asia who opened a tea shop and plan to marry this year. Pray that they will desire and believe the Word, and follow Jesus. Pray that someone will share the gospel with them and other Deaf of South Asia in a language they can understand.

21 MOUNTAIN PEOPLE OF THE HORN OF AFRICA. The Mountain People are often inaccessible due to unrest, so believers are creating a digital media project to reach them. Ask God to soften hearts to His gospel, provide the right people who can help respond to questions and meet with people who want to learn more.

22 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Pray for the Mixtecs of Guerrero, Mexico. Three families have moved to Mixtec villages to become part of the community and start churches. Pray as they learn indigenous languages and cross the cultural barriers. Pray for men to be spiritual leaders in their families.

23 BRAJ SPEAKERS OF UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA. Pray for believing women in western Uttar Pradesh who are being trained in evangelism and discipleship. Many of them already knew the importance of sharing the gospel but simply did not know what to say. Pray for the gospel to be planted and produce a great harvest!

24 PEOPLES OF CARDIFF, WALES. Over the summer, a church hosted a sports camp for local children. Pray that the children will remember the truth they learned. Pray that God will use this church to proclaim the gospel to children and parents in an understandable way, and that many will trust in Christ.

25 AMERICAN PEOPLES. A group of indigenous believers want to reach other indigenous groups with the gospel in the Amazon, but they need help. Pray for the planning and implementation of a training for indigenous believers to reach other indigenous peoples with gospel.

26 SHAN MIGRANT CAMPS, CHIANG MAI, THAILAND. Someone on the team that ministers to children each week said they stopped by a village one day and overheard the children singing songs they learned at the weekly Bible study. Pray that the children will remember these songs as they grow and believe the truth.

27 TAJIKS IN AFGHANISTAN. Pray for the 2 million widows in Afghanistan like Mariam who has several children and no way to provide for them. Under Taliban control, women are banned from earning money and struggle to access any available humanitarian aid. Ask God to provide for desperate widows.

28 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Bible storying is one of the main methods used in the Americas to share the gospel. Through Bible storying, small tribes in remote areas hear Bible stories and teach them to others. Pray that churches will begin in these indigenous groups.

29 NORTH AFRICANS IN CITY OF BROKEN COLORS, EUROPE. Adam, Samia, and Yared's Orthodox family highly values tradition, but they need the transformation that Jesus brings. As these teenagers encounter believers, pray that they will observe what true faith looks like and desire a relationship with God.

30 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Americas Connect is an entry-level ministry opportunity that unites churches in Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Brazil with U.S. churches. Pray for many new churches to start and grow in these areas, and for U.S. churches to grow in their dedication to missions.

IMB CHURCH PLANTERS PRAY FOR AN ISLAND WHERE THERE IS NO CHURCH



IMB missionaries, Carlos and Lily Llambes, leading a Bible study in a home on Taboga Island.

Taboga Island, a small island near Panama City, Panama, is a popular tourist destination. It's also home to 1,600 people. IMB missionaries, Carlos and Lily Llambes, recently ferried to the island for a day trip. Their missionary calling, deeply rooted in church planting, led them to prayerwalk the 5-square-mile "Island of the Flowers," as it's known. Sadly, they discovered that there was not even one evangelical church, although the Catholic church has been there for more

than 400 years. Carlos and Lily left heartbroken, prayerful, and unable to stop thinking about that beautiful island. They asked friends, family, and coworkers to pray for the people of Taboga island to come to know the Lord. A few days later, they attended a Panama missions conference as observers, being new to the work in Panama. They shared their discovery and burden with a pastor who then told them, "Wait here. I want you to meet someone."

He introduced the Llambes to an Argentine woman who had been living on Taboga for the last five years. She had been praying for someone to come to the island and teach the Bible! Carlos and Lily were overjoyed at God's surprise. They recently started a Bible study in her home. Pray for the lost on Taboga Island. Also pray for the Llambes as they have been met with opposition. They are relying on God and will continue to teach God's Word where He has led them.

THE AMERICAS — POPULATION 954,191,955

13 OF THE MOST POPULOUS CITIES IN THE WORLD ARE LOCATED IN THE AMERICAS

SÃO PAULO
LIMA
MEXICO CITY
BOGOTÁ
RIO DE JANEIRO
SANTIAGO
BUENOS AIRES
BRASÍLIA
FORTALEZA
MONTERREY
GUADALAJARA
MEDELLIN
BELO HORIZONTE



16,800

DYING DAILY WITHOUT CHRIST

1,047 PEOPLE GROUPS

338 UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS (UPGs)

PRIMARY RELIGIONS


CATHOLIC Majority


EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY (9%)


ANIMIST (3%)

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