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“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us...”

Colossians 4:2-3a

PRAYERPOINTS

PRAYING FOR MISSIONARIES

Every day, your missionaries work to impact lostness. They engage communities, proclaim the gospel, make disciples, train leaders, and partner with churches in the United States and abroad—all to advance the gospel and bring glory to God. As we steadfastly pray for the lost, let us also pray for our missionaries among them.

IMB MISSIONARIES SEE GOD WORK THROUGH NATIONAL PARTNERS AND U.S. PRAYER SUPPORTERS

By Sterling and Nicole Heflin, IMB missionaries in Thailand

Most Thai-Malay live in southernmost areas of Thailand where there are few Christians and no churches reaching the Thai-Malay people. When our IMB leadership approached us about launching a new team to engage Thai-Malay people with the gospel, we prayed and asked God to work. We asked Him to find us a safe place to live and launch ministry. God heard our prayers and worked through our national partner. This woman connected us with one of her colleagues who happened to be a landlord in southernmost Thailand with an available house for rent. After meeting with the landlord on July 13, 2023 (Thailand time) and seeing the house, we closed on the property. Little did we know, our prayer request for this need was posted on imb.org/pray on that same day (July 12, 2023 EST). We had challenged our prayer partners in the U.S. to pray for doors to be opened, for hearts to be softened, and that churches would be planted among the 1.4 million Thai-Malay people. The same day the landlord agreed to rent us the property was the same day and



A community outreach event in Thailand. IMB photo.

time Southern Baptists across America were lifting our request to God to open doors—literally! Since then, a small body of believers in our city who want to reach people with the gospel have been trained to launch a children’s discipleship program. In December 2024, our team launched our first outreach events. We made contacts and distributed hundreds of gospel portions in a local neighborhood, a hospital, and a prison. Pray that the Father will use our service of love and the seeds of the gospel to change hearts and transform lives of the Thai-Malay people. We praise God for working. We thank God for you, our partners, for praying!

ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

Last year, we prayed for missionaries as they often walk through unexpected changes in ministry. In July 2024, missionaries in Kenya hosted volunteers who experienced first-hand what these unexpected changes can feel like—how adapting to them can be difficult and how God can still bring people to faith in Himself. Though there were protests, traffic delays, and an earthquake during their visit, 400 people heard the gospel and 30 professed faith in Jesus!

1 IMB MISSIONARIES. New missionaries learn a new culture and language in their first three years. Many also go through personal or family struggles they never faced before. Pray that each will develop an abiding dependence on Jesus and grow in faith and outreach to others.

2 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. Sometimes workers in Central Asia have to leave their place of service suddenly because of things like political unrest or visa problems. These are heartbreaking times. Please pray the Lord will carry them through and sustain their trust in the good and sovereign God.

3 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. "Those who support missionaries are fellow workers for the truth. Lord, let it be our joy to faithfully report your great work in the world to supporting churches. May we be mutually encouraging as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission." Catherine, IMB missionary.

4 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Pray for missionaries who run humanitarian houses in Cucuta, Colombia, near the Venezuelan border. Here, displaced Venezuelans can receive physical care and hear about the Lord who loves them. Pray that many Venezuelans will come to know Jesus as their personal Savior.

5 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Over 50% of IMB missionaries among South Asians have been on the field for under three years. Pray for them to be rooted in Christ, strengthened in their calling, and faithful in language and culture learning so they can share the gospel in people's heart language.

6 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. Pray for Team Malta, a diverse and multicultural team. As they develop a strategy to reach Malta and the nations, pray that each team member will faithfully do the work God gives them and spur on others to follow Him.

7 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. Workers from Central Asia will gather this summer for a time of teaching and refreshment. Many will board several planes to reach the meeting location. Please pray for the Lord's blessing on every aspect of this conference: travel, teaching, worship, fellowship, and encouragement.

8 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. Missionaries need prayer as they equip future pastors and ministry workers with theological training. Specifically pray for those training a new "Theological Education by Extension" group that begins this spring in northern Tanzania.

9 IMB MISSIONARIES. Pray for missionaries to be quick to give praise and credit to the Lord for the victories He provides. Pray that they will be humble and take responsibility for their mistakes, learning from failures rather than being discouraged by them.

10 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. For over a decade, a dynamic team has faithfully served in a remote Northern African area. Surrounded by lostness, they saw God produce fruit through their witness. The team is now down to one woman. Pray for families and singles to join her in this harvest field.

11 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Praise God for missionaries who discipled South Asian believers that visited a nearby country to share the gospel. As these believers return home and share, pray that others in their church will answer God's call to go too.

12 DEAF PEOPLES. In most of the world, Deaf schools are residential. Cindy, a Deaf Christian teacher at one such school, leads a K-12 "Christian Club" every Sunday morning on campus. Ask God for community and encouragement for Cindy as she is unable to attend church herself.

13 IMB MISSIONARIES. Life this past year has been difficult and sometimes very lonely for some missionaries. Those who are recent empty nesters can also struggle with caring for aging parents who are far away. Pray for endurance and comfort for missionaries and their extended families.

14 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. It is easy to get so involved in ministry that we fail to spend sufficient time with Jesus, our Source of life. Pray that missionaries in the Asia-Pacific Rim will each take a biblical Sabbath and be renewed for the work the Father has called them to.

15 IMB MISSIONARIES. Conflict is a part of life, even on the mission field. Pray that missionaries will approach and respond to conflict the way Jesus did, which includes prayer. Pray that missionaries will forgive, seek forgiveness, and pursue unity so that peace might be restored.

16 AMERICAN PEOPLES. "As new families join our team in Mexico, they will be experiencing a lot of changes all at once. Ask the Lord to give a sense of peace and joy during these transitions. Pray for the children to adapt well and to find a friend quickly in their new city." IMB missionaries.

17 IMB MISSIONARIES. Missionaries often face changes in their job roles, requiring a great deal of flexibility. Pray for joy in the midst of unmet expectations and uncertain futures, knowing that God is sovereign over all.

18 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. Many workers trying to reach Central Asians are not able to live in Central Asian countries. Instead, they try to find the people groups living abroad. Pray for open doors for workers to find these minority groups, build relationships, and share the gospel.

19 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. Pray for Margot to not feel isolated or lonely, not grow weary of doing good, nor give up (Galatians 6:9). She engages Muslim women with the hope of Jesus while also caring for her family. Pray for divine opportunities and good time management for God's glory.

20 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. "We want to serve along Slovak believers to plant a new church in Bratislava, Slovakia. Please join us in praying for like-minded local believers to partner with those who have a desire to reach the lost in our city." Cora and Peter Ryan, IMB missionaries.

21 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. Theological education and leadership development are two of the greatest needs in Malawi. Pray for the Malawi Team as they work alongside the Baptist Convention of Malawi and other Christian partners to train pastors and leaders for the Malawian Baptist Church.

22 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. We cannot thank the Lord enough for local believers and churches! They are essential partners in all we do on the field. Pray that missionaries throughout the Asia-Pacific Rim will relate to local believers and churches in winsome, Christ-honoring ways to the glory of God.

23 IMB MISSIONARIES. Language learning is crucial to a missionary's ministry. Pray that God will empower missionaries to communicate the gospel in understandable and compelling ways. Pray that God will strengthen missionaries to work hard in language learning as if working unto the Lord.

24 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. Pray for the IMB team in Cape Town, South Africa. They have had multiple new missionaries join this team. Pray for them as they learn a language and settle into life in Cape Town. Pray for the team to have unity and a shared vision to reach Cape Town with the gospel.

25 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. Life can be unpredictable, but it often seems like life in many parts of Central Asia intensifies the feelings of instability, uncertainty, and difficulty. Will you pray 1 Corinthians 15:58 for workers in Central Asia? Pray they will be steadfast in the work of the Lord.

26 IMB MISSIONARIES. Missionaries face unique challenges while navigating culture and language in hard places. Pray they will find their strength and wisdom in the Lord. Pray for unity within their families and teams and pray they will abide deeply in the Lord as they serve Him.

27 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. Missionaries in Europe not only minister in different contexts and languages, but also in increasingly multinational settings. Rejoice that God is bringing help from the nations. Pray for cultural discernment, resources, and unity as they share the gospel with the lost.

28 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Pray for a Global Missionary Partner family who worked with the Katio people in Colombia. They had to exit the country recently, leaving behind a thriving ministry. Pray that local believers will continue the work in these Katio communities.

29 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. In the Horn of Africa, travel by car can be dangerous. Driving in the city or in rural areas, roads are crowded with people, goats, sheep, and cattle. Poorly maintained roads are often blocked by broken down vehicles. Pray for protection for missionaries as they travel.

30 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. "Father, our time in the country You have brought us to is limited. Give us favor in relationships with local believers. Give us vision and wisdom to train others to build Your kingdom in their own country." Catherine, IMB missionary.

PROJECT 3000 MISSIONARY EXPLORERS SOW GOSPEL SEEDS AMONG THE UNREACHED

As missionary explorers with Project 3000, Stephen and Lily Farrell leave their home base for weeks at a time to locate and research unreached people groups that are difficult to find. Before their trip in December 2024, they reached out for prayer support. In their update, they shared answered prayer and some of what they learned along the way.

“Thank you to everyone who has been praying for us during this last trip!” Stephen said. “Your prayers truly matter and make a difference. I was looking back over our prayer requests from last month when we asked for specific prayerful intervention for all those whom Satan was blinding from the gospel. We saw most of our fruitful or engaged gospel conversations happen after we shared those prayer requests. Thank you for interceding on behalf of the lost! Lily and I shared the gospel with 45 people over the course of this trip. One thing we learned was that

God is the one who causes all growth in receptivity to the gospel. I’ve heard it said that it takes multiple times for someone to hear the gospel before they may accept it. It was interesting to meet people who have heard of Jesus or had visited a church while they were in school in a bigger city—those people were typically more interested in having a gospel conversation. This comforted and encouraged Lily and me to continue to labor to share the gospel. We, as missionary explorers, continue to work the soil and sow seeds of the gospel for other IMB teams to follow up, disciple them, and reap the fruit. Thank you all again for all your support. May God, whose Word never returns void, continue to cause growth in this area!”

Pray for missionaries to persevere in sharing the gospel. Ask Him to encourage them in their work and in their walk with Him. Pray that missionaries will abide deeply, daily in Jesus.



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