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But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

PRAYERPOINTS

PRAYING FOR SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES

South Asia is home to nearly 2 billion people, and the vast majority do not know Christ. But with a population this large, even a tiny percentage of believers is still significant! This month, we will be praying for South Asian believers, asking the Lord to mightily strengthen them as they abide in Him, endure persecution, share the gospel, and plant churches.

God works through one woman's prayers, plants 15 churches in Pakistan

Jane is a believer living in rural interior Pakistan. Growing up in South Asia's male-dominated culture, she was not taught to read, and she believed that the call to share Christ belonged only to men who could read. But the Holy Spirit shattered that long-held understanding when she started sitting in the home of a woman who opened God's Word with her every week. Stories such as the woman at the well (John 4:1-42) obliterated the lie that her gender and inability to read should silence her. She began joyfully seizing the opportunity to share Christ with people around her.

Early on, Jane wrote down three names — women she wanted to share the gospel with — and she prayed and pleaded with God for the opportunity. One name on that list was her sister-in-law, a Hindu woman. Jane prayed in faith, and God answered in His faithfulness.

When heavy flooding hit their village, Jane's sister-in-law and her family showed up at her door. Jane was barely able to feed her own family, but she welcomed them in anyway and shared



Jane's brother and sister-in-law now travel via motorcycle from village to village sharing with others about Him. IMB Photo.

the good news of Jesus. The gospel seed took root, and her sister-in-law and her husband (Jane's brother) both believed and were baptized!

With no one to guide them, this couple found a church and rode a rickshaw there every week just to keep learning. Before long, they wanted to plant new churches in places that had none. Because Jane was faithful to share the gospel, her brother and sister-in-law have now helped start 15 churches in a desert region that once had none at all.

A match has been lit. Pray that the Spirit fans it into an unquenchable flame across these desert villages.

ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

Last year, you prayed for many to hear the gospel in Dhaka, Bangladesh. God is answering! A local believer moved there a few months ago and has been eager to make Christ known! Praise God for this believer's boldness, obedience, and enthusiasm. He now wants to train others in what he has learned so more churches can be planted. Pray for the gospel to go forth into every corner of Dhaka.

1 SOUTHERN INDIA. Believers face spiritual strongholds and cultural and language barriers while sharing the gospel with the many unengaged, unreached people groups in Southern India. Pray for them to boldly persist in proclaiming Christ. Pray for many people to believe.

2 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Samuel repented and believed two years ago and has been faithful to proclaim the gospel to his unbelieving family ever since. Recently one of his brothers expressed significant interest in Jesus! Pray for Samuel to keep sharing truth and for his brother to believe.

3 DELHI, INDIA. Delhi is one of India's largest metropolises (over 35 million people) where every major religion in the world can be found. Pray for believers in Delhi to be burdened for those who do not know Christ, bold in sharing their faith, and faithful in teaching God's Word.

4 WEST BENGAL, INDIA. A West Bengal church was trained to share the gospel. Arjun, a participant, faithfully shared it with his extended family. Now about 20 seekers meet regularly to learn. Pray for them to believe and for Arjun as he continues teaching them.

5 SRI LANKA. Sri Lanka is an island country off the southeastern coast of India that is home to a majority Buddhist population. Please pray for believers to faithfully seek to engage the lost with the gospel. Pray for the Holy Spirit to provide clarity as seekers come to faith.

6 PAKISTAN. A group of believers from a Muslim background consistently meets together in the mountains of Pakistan. Pray for them as they raise up leaders and plan to go to other villages to proclaim the gospel.

7 VANCOUVER, CANADA. A new Indian church has been planted in Vancouver, Canada. This is one of a handful of Indian churches in the city that are actively embracing and engaging the 40,000 Indians in their community. Pray for this church to bear much fruit for God's glory.

8 BANGLADESH. Peter, a believer from a Muslim background, is facing spiritual warfare. Ask God to use this trial to show Himself as all-powerful and to glorify His name among the lost. As Peter brings gospel stories to the Mahimal people of Bangladesh, pray that whole families will believe.

9 UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA. Pray Hebrews 10:39 for believers in Uttar Pradesh, India, who are facing persecution. Pray that they will not shrink back but walk with Christ in faith, obediently living out the task of making Him known.

10 NEPAL. A new church of believers from a Muslim background has started in the plains of Nepal. It has 20 members and is growing! Pray for lasting gospel seeds among Muslim communities and for Nepali believers to keep reaching their Muslim neighbors.

11 NAVARATI. Hundreds of millions of Hindus worldwide will celebrate Navaratri this week (October 11-19). Known for its nights of dancing and vibrant colors, Navaratri remains a spiritually dark time. Pray for believers to boldly engage Hindus around them in gospel conversations.

12 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Praise the Lord for drawing many women in South Asia to Himself over the years. Petition Him to also raise up a strong generation of Christlike men to lead churches and families with humility, biblical faithfulness, and joyful obedience to His Word.

13 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. South Asia is home to more than 650 million Muslims. Fear prevents believers from sharing the gospel with them — and keeps interested Muslims from seeking truth. Pray for the Holy Spirit to embolden believers and soften Muslims' hearts to the gospel.

14 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Remote areas in Bhutan, Nepal, and North India are difficult to access much of the year due to terrain, altitude, and weather. Pray for safety and urgency as believers strive to make the most of small windows of opportunity to reach the lost in these places.

15 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for South Asian believers who want to obey the Lord in evangelism, discipleship, and more, but their unbelieving husbands oppose their obedience to Christ. Pray the husbands will be won over when they see purity and reverence in how their wives live.

16 PAKISTAN. Pray for believers in villages across the Interior Sindh of Pakistan who are stepping into leadership positions in their village churches. Ask God to give them the wisdom and understanding which can only come from His Spirit and His Word.

17 BIHAR, INDIA. A South Asian believer, Meena, spent six months looking for the Tilli and the Gandharv, two unengaged, unreached people groups in Bihar, India. She tried to mobilize the local church to reach them, but few believers were interested. Ask God to lead Meena to believers who will join her.

18 HINDU FESTIVAL SEASON. Fall begins the Hindu festival season in South Asia. This is a time of great darkness as millions engage in idol worship and rituals. Pray for believers to boldly shine light into this darkness and be encouraged as they hope in Jesus, the Light of the world.

19 WEST BENGAL, INDIA. Pray that at least 10 national disciples will be mobilized and trained to reach the 31 unengaged, unreached people groups in West Bengal, India, that have no known gospel witness. As the local church prays for these groups, pray their hearts will be stirred to go themselves.

20 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for a network of believers to share the gospel with many Muslims, sharing the story of Jesus within their communities and in new places. Pray for believers among them to persistently share with their neighbors and find houses of peace.

21 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Praise God for the way more and more local believers have a passion to see the least-reached people groups and places engaged with the gospel. Ask the Lord to bless and multiply their efforts, strengthening and encouraging them as they seek out these groups.

22 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. In one Muslim South Asian country, there are only a handful of believers, and most are isolated from one another. Pray that the very real threat of punishment will not prevent them from living their lives for God's glory alone.

23 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. For years, an Indian couple shared the gospel with the Perumkollar, an unreached people group. By God's grace two Perumkollar women recently came to faith and began sharing with others! Pray for healthy churches to be planted that will multiply within and beyond this people group.

24 JHARKAND, INDIA. Believers in Jharkand, India, have begun sharing the gospel with a caste of blacksmiths and are seeing openness! Ask the Lord to draw many from this Hindu group to the truth. Pray that many will repent, believe, and bear fruit for Him.

25 DECCAN PLATEAU, INDIA. One local believer living on the Deccan Plateau in India has been actively befriending Muslims and telling them about Jesus. Praise God for her faithful witness. Pray for many others to catch her bold enthusiasm for telling His story!

26 TAMIL NADU, INDIA. Sarvesh is a young man who grew up in a Hindu home in Tamil Nadu, India. One day, he heard the gospel and believed! Today he is eagerly learning to share with his Muslim colleagues and neighbors. Pray that by God's grace he will make many disciples and shine for Him.

27 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray that South Asian believers will trust God to provide what they need for training and outreach in their communities. Pray they will be motivated by the Spirit and God's Word to keep doing this work, and ask the Lord to supply each need.

28 CENTRAL INDIA. One South Asian pastor in Central India routinely travels for long hours with his young family during his children's school holidays to invest in other church planters. Pray God will use these sacrifices of time to mightily advance the gospel across the land.

29 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray that South Asian church plants will grow in health and maturity, be firmly rooted in God's Word, develop strong biblical doctrine, and faithfully make disciples who will strengthen and multiply the church for generations to come.

30 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray that the South Asian church will continue to grow in depth and breadth. Pray that more will grasp God's heart for the nations and that the South Asian church will send gospel workers all over the world to serve cross culturally.

31 INDIA. A group of pastors in India who live in an area known for strict persecution were recently trained in preparing biblical sermons. Pray that they will implement what they learned and that their flocks will grow in their understanding of and obedience to the Word.



Houses in the Haa Valley in the Kingdom of Bhutan. IMB Photo.

First known believers from Lakha people group come to faith in Bhutan

While hiking the mountains of Bhutan, two believers reached a home and saw a face peeking through a window. The man, named Ugyen, welcomed them in, served tea, and listened intently as they shared the story of a God who created all, whose love endured rejection, and whose Son rose again to restore relationship. When asked if he would accept this God, Ugyen replied, "I believe this is the true God, and I want to make the relationship strong again." The truth had pierced his heart! That night, he shared with his wife, and together they chose to believe. This family is now the first known believers from the Lakha — an unreached people group you prayed for last October — and they're continuing to learn! Please pray that the good news of the gospel will continue to spread throughout the Lakha.

Job loss, sickness, and rejection can't shake this couple's faith in Jesus

Aaron and Ann chose to get baptized, knowing hardship would likely follow. Soon after, the trials began. Aaron lost his job for refusing to worship an idol and then, despite hard work, struggled for months to keep another job. They faced sickness and great need, once even selling dishes to buy food. Neighbors mocked them, family disowned them, but still they clung to Jesus. Aaron told one skeptic who asked what benefit there was in following Jesus: "If you knew my Jesus, you wouldn't ask — He is the benefit." God later provided a loan for Aaron to start a business, and today, their faith is flourishing as they share the gospel and start Bible studies. Pray for God to work through them mightily!



Through their study of God's Word, Aaron and Ann have discovered that knowing Him is worth every trial. IMB photo.

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