

Tuesday, April 1 - Theological Education in Uganda - "For one group of students, a course assignment included defining 'What is truth?/What is the source of truth?' first in their local culture and then for Christians specifically," writes the Uganda Baptist Seminary Team. "An engaging discussion ensued as the group compared how tribe or clan leaders or their 'holy men' (witch doctors) were the source of truth and whether it would be acceptable and normal for that truth to change based on what these men said was revealed to them. The opportunity to discuss 'What is truth?' for believers was deep and revealing when wrestling with what they believe. Please pray for our Bible courses to be a place where our church leaders can wrestle with real problems and also a place where they can see answers for real life through the truth of God's Word.. Pray for our students from various backgrounds and situations to carry back solid truth to those in their communities who are searching."

Wednesday, April 2 - Equatorial Guinea - (EH-kwuh TOR-ee-ul GIH-nee) - "Approximately 25% of the population of Equatorial Guinea consists of individuals between 15 and 30 years of age. Pray that those who are followers of Jesus will heed the admonition of the apostle Paul to the young man whom he was discipling, Timothy: "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12 ESV). Pray that these young Christians will exhibit good works before fellow believers and before nonbelievers in a way that gives glory to God.

Thursday, April 3 - Angola - Insufficient finances, marital strife, infertility, broken trust, wayward children, lack of adequate food and housing--these are examples of the many issues digital responders are addressing as individuals reply to a social media ad and ask to be prayed for. Doing this virtually adds to the challenge of communicating effectively, but significant conversations are taking place and lives are being impacted by gospel truth as responders share how a relationship with Jesus is foundational to navigating any of life's issues. Pray for the responders to have compassion, godly wisdom, spiritual discernment, and biblical insight as they interact digitally with individuals who are seeking help.

Friday, April 4 - Swazi of Eswatini - (SWAH-zee) - In Eswatini, the child was sleeping on the bed, a sweet smile on her face, oblivious to the sickness and possible death around her, oblivious also to a possible future of poverty and unhappiness, a future that may take her down the road that so many Swazis travel, full of bad choices and desperate circumstances. Pray that this sleeping baby will one day be awakened to a new life, a new beginning, and a new sense of hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Romans 15:13 ESV). Pray that 2025 will be an encouraging year for the Swazi people.

Saturday, April 5 - Pedi of South Africa - (PEH-dee) - "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'" (Romans 10:14-15 ESV). Please ask God to raise up faithful proclaimers of God's Word among the Pedi people of South Africa who will take the gospel to those who live in hard-to-access villages. Pray that when the Pedi hear the gospel, they will embrace Christ and His ways wholeheartedly and forsake their traditional religious practices.

Sunday, April 6 - People by the Water, Southern Africa - The leaders of the Bible Institute of the People by the Water are excited to have a number of new students this year! Pray for the students as they study and as they meet weekly in Life Groups. Ask that the students will be discipled through these groups. Pray, also, that they will encourage, inspire, and spur one another on, as "iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17 ESV).

Monday, April 7 - Peoples of N Guinea-Bissau, SW Senegal, W Gambia - The chief who facilitated all activity among the Harvester People and with the church in the United States working with them passed away recently. The pastor and his wife from the U.S. church who has worked with this people group for almost 13 years traveled in January to give condolences and ensure that the church was still welcome to work among the people. The pastor was happily welcomed. Praise God! Please pray that the small group of believers will form a healthy church and that the U.S. church will have wisdom as they look toward the next steps to complete the work among the Harvester People.

Tuesday, April 8 - Lilongwe, Malawi, and Beyond - (li-LONG-way) - "Please pray for a group of about 10-12 men and women who meet with us weekly to study God's Word," writes the Malawi Team. "They are currently learning a short evangelism tool that uses five short stories beginning at creation and culminating in Christ. Please intercede for them as they not only learn about the gospel themselves, but also challenge one another to memorize these stories and share them with others as the Lord opens doors for them. Pray that God will use this small group, which is being discipled, to make more disciples in Lilongwe."

Wednesday, April 9 - Sub-Saharan African Peoples - Missionaries ask: "How can we serve those who mourn? Some are mourning the loss of a child, or a parent, or a grandparent, or even a friend or neighbor. Some are mourning the loss of freedom in a country divided by war. What can we do on the mission field to serve those who are mourning? We can sit quietly with them in their time of grief, and when opportunity arises, we can share the hope we have within us. In Matthew 5:4 (ESV), Jesus says, 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.' Jesus is the one who comforts. Pray that we will have opportunities to introduce our neighbors, friends, and loved ones to the Comforter. Jesus is ready to give His comfort to all."

Thursday, April 10 - Johannesburg, South Africa - (joh-HAHN-is-burg) - Johannesburg Evangelism Team members David and Alice are working with Cosmo City Baptist Church to make disciples in the neighborhood. This church is needing a God-given vision for engaging the community with the gospel. Their first goal is to hold a Vacation Bible School in June. Please pray for prayerful preparation (John 15:4), for whole families to come to Christ (Acts 18:8), and for church members to discover a teaching gift or a call to ministry while volunteering (Ephesians 4:11-12).

Friday, April 11 - Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire - (ab-i-JAHN) - Pray that believers will meditate on the Lord and His goodness to them. Pray that they will cling to the Lord and sing for joy even in the midst of trials.

Saturday, April 12 - Peoples of the Islands of Lake Victoria, East Africa - Pastor Ogutu is a pastor of Butanira Baptist Church, a new church plant in a Sigulu Island village. The church began in December 2024 with four people. In January, Pastor Ogutu expressed discouragement about the church having only four members. He questioned why others were not interested in coming to the new church. This was a great opportunity to discuss Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV) and the mandate for the church to engage in going--"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (verse 19)--and also in making disciples, baptizing new believers, and teaching them to obey Scripture. The pastor was encouraged to submit to the authority of the Great Commission by going and telling his community about Jesus Christ and His gift of salvation to the world. Pastor Ogutu and the congregation prayed and obeyed the Scripture. In less than a month, Butanira Baptist Church saw a 400% increase in attendance and membership. Praise the Lord! Pray for the 20 members of the church and for their obedience and faithfulness in taking the gospel to the world.

Sunday, April 13 - **Peoples of Ghana -** "Lord, please send us Ghanaian partners!" This is the prayer of a couple on the Ghana Team as they are beginning their ministry to Muslims after language study. They know that team members are encouraged to partner with Ghanaian believers and challenge them to be engaged in evangelism, as well. The struggle is that this couple isn't sure where to find Ghanaian believers who are willing to reach out to Muslims. Many Christians in Ghana are afraid to interact with those who follow Islam. It doesn't help that many Muslims in Accra, the capital city, are very assertive in their efforts to proselytize and try to convert anyone who brings up religion. Please pray that the Lord will give His people courage and boldness to share the gospel with those who are practicing Islam, and pray that He will give them wisdom as they participate in challenging conversations. Ask the Lord to direct these team members to the people with whom He wants them to partner.

Monday, April 14 - Digo of Kenya and Tanzania - (DEE-goh) - The Digo Team writes: "A volunteer team will be coming to serve alongside us. This team is composed of those who have a love for families with differing abilities. Please pray for the people who will see, hear, and taste how much Jesus loves them through this team. Ask God to use these volunteers to impact these families and many more for His kingdom. 'Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain' (1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV)."

Tuesday, April 15 - Cape Town, South Africa - (KAYP town) - "The Cape Town Baptist Seminary has existed for over 50 years. It began during the apartheid years as a school to train non-white South Africans called to ministry. Another seminary already existed for white South Africans. Now, people of every color and from many countries have attended and will be attending the seminary this school year. At least 20 new bachelor's degree students and 10 new master's degree students will join the other students who are currently continuing their studies at the seminary. That will take the number to more than 100 students who study in person. Give thanks to God that more men and women are answering God's call to ministry and seeking theological training at the seminary! Please pray for each student to be diligent in their studies and to use those skills to witness, begin Bible studies, and plant churches while they are studying.

Wednesday, April 16 - **Chopi of Southern Mozambique - (SHOW-pee) -** "Deep-seated pain brought to the surface. Lostness on display. Violent clashes and loss of precious lives. Fear gripping neighborhoods. Truths emerging intermingled with deceptions. Borders burning. Heavy hearts. Looting. Destruction.

Great loss. There really are no words to adequately capture the political unrest that has occurred in Mozambique since the November 2024 election results were announced. Please join our Southern Mozambique Team in praying through the aftermath. Join us in praying over the hurts of the lost souls who had nothing to cling to. Join us in praying that the Church will rise up to be a beacon of hope and a spurring on of dear Mozambicans to the true Healer of Hurts. May they see that He is enough. He is more than enough in the storm's wake. 'Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you . . . It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed' (Deuteronomy 31:6-8 ESV)."

Thursday, April 17 - Swazi of Eswatini- (SWAH-zee) - Due to the political crisis in Mozambique, refugees are coming across the border to stay at the Malindza Refugee Camp in eastern Eswatini. Pray that volunteer teams from the United States will have opportunities to share the gospel and disciple these refugees. As refugees are eventually able to return to Mozambique, ask that they will take the gospel back with them and share with family and friends in their villages. Pray that the lost of Mozambique may be found and brought into God's family. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10 ESV).

Friday, April 18 - Sereer of Senegal and The Gambia - (suh-RARE) - The Muslim month of fasting called Ramadan has begun. During this month, most adults and older children will rise early to eat breakfast before sunrise. They will not eat or drink until after sunset. This is one of the pillars of Islam, and its purpose is to find favor with God in the hopes that upon death, their sins might be forgiven and they would be allowed into heaven. This practice binds Muslims tightly together. There is much pride in proclaiming that one is fasting and much shame if one is unable to fast. Please pray for believers during this month to boldly proclaim the hope and assurance that can be found only in Jesus Christ. Pray for Muslims to have dreams and visions of Jesus Christ during this month in which they are seeking God. Pray for their hearts to be open to the truth that their works are never sufficient to remove their sins and that only the blood of Jesus Christ has the power to remove sins.

Saturday, April 19 - Durban, South Africa - (DER-bun) - Missionaries David and Julie Yngsdal, who minister to refugees in downtown Durban, South Africa, tell how God brought Juliana, a young woman from Malawi, by invitation of a church member, to their church this past month. She had recently run away from a domestic abuse situation. They shared the gospel with her, and she gladly accepted Jesus. They provided her with a Bible and began leading her on the road to personal discipleship. Pray for this precious young woman as she seeks to put her life back together in Durban. Her greatest need at the moment is for a job and a place to live. Pray that she will follow the Lord in believer's baptism soon. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20 ESV).

Sunday, April 20 - Kampala, Uganda - (kahm-PAH-lah) - There are many tribes and nations gathering in Kampala. Ministry in the city can be filled with opportunities to interact with many different ethnic groups and peoples. One such opportunity has come up for a member of the Kampala Urban Team. Pray for Allie White and a group of Rwandese mothers who meet weekly to study God's Word. Pray that God will use Allie and her co-laborer in ministry, Esther, to encourage and empower these mothers to be faithful followers of Christ.

Monday, April 21 - Conakry, Guinea - (KON-ah-kree) - Jennifer is a Fulani believer living in Conakry, Guinea, and she represents the 0.01% of Fulani believers in Guinea--a minuscule amount. She comes from a people group that is strictly devoted to their family's generational religion, Islam, and this creates a huge barrier within families for people who choose to follow Christ. Workers in Conakry have been walking beside Jennifer, discipling her, and praying with her for the salvation of her family for eight years. She has faced much discouragement over the years as her family continues to reject the gospel, yet she remains steadfast in her walk with the Lord. Recently, Jennifer's daughter, April, who is in her twenties, has shown curiosity and interest in reading Scripture. Pray that Jennifer will remain bold and steadfast in her faith. Pray that April will grow in wisdom and understanding of God's Word and that she will courageously choose to follow Christ alone for her salvation.

Tuesday, April 22 - Mombasa City, Kenya - (mahm-BAH-suh) - "There are two types of people in this world: lost and saved. As saved ones, we should be praying for, witnessing to and crying out to our Father for the lost to find the Way. Most of the month of March this year will be the Islamic month of Ramadan for our lost Muslim friends. They are religious people and take their duties of fasting and praying very seriously. Ramadan is an amazing time for them of questions and reflection. Will you join with me in praying this month for God to reveal Himself to them? Ask God to give these lost friends visions and dreams of our Savior. Plead with the Father to call their names and cause them to question all the requirements they must do to in search of a potential, yet never fulfilled, reward. Pray for saved friends to be a witness and to be intentional about sharing the free gift of salvation through Jesus. Make it a point to pray not only for lost friends across the world, but also your own neighbors. Remember, if someone is not saved, they need to find the Way, and we know Him!"

Wednesday, April 23 - Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) - "Psalm 10 is close to the heart of our missionaries in the Democratic Republic of Congo," writes the Congo Team. "When believers look around, it seems as if the wicked are winning and God is not seeing. It can be difficult to keep an eternal perspective and to rest in His peace when they see people they love in such difficult and dangerous situations. Pray with us as we all remember that God does see and He does care. He will not allow the wicked to go unpunished. 'O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more' (Psalm 10:17-18 ESV)."

Thursday, April 24 - Fulani of Western Niger- (foo-LAH-nee) - In a rural area in Niger where Western Fulani live, religious extremists have burned school rooms and insist that local families send their children (up to age 20) to religious "schools" led by the extremists instead. Fulani families who are believers in Jesus are very afraid. They do not want their children taught the ideology of that other religion, but they are afraid to go against the extremists. Please pray for divine wisdom for these believers. Pray for protection for these believers and their families. Pray for peace in Niger.

Friday, April 25 - Muslims of South Africa - In Cape Town, many Muslims have for years been involved in crime and gangs across various communities. Recently, local believers conducted an outreach in a nearby prison. They discovered that more than 80% of the inmates were Muslim. Pray for a man by the name of Dawud who is in prison for murder, but who prayed to receive Christ during the outreach. He has asked specifically for prayer for his wife, Aichat, and his son, Issac, both still in the Islamic faith. Dawud's son is a member of one of the main gangs who are holding large parts of Cape Town hostage, and he is in constant danger of being shot. Through tears, Dawud said that his only desire is for them to find Jesus Christ before it is too late. Please pray for this family and the many Muslims who are caught up in crime and gangs in Cape Town, asking that they will be set free in Jesus.

Saturday, April 26- Dakar, Senegal - (dah-KAR) - "The buildings at the Baptist Center in the capital city of Dakar are used for many ministries, including English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, Kids Club, a pastors' library, medical clinics for visiting teams of doctors and nurses, and meetings and outreach events hosted by the Baptist association, our workers, and other evangelical churches in the city. But time has taken its toll. Part of the center, the guest house area where volunteer teams have often stayed, has recently been condemned, and it's now scheduled for demolition. The main part of the center, where there are six classrooms and a large kitchen, has a leaky roof. A roof replacement project is currently underway, but more resources are needed. Please ask the Lord to provide all that is needed for this project. In Paul's letter to Timothy, he implored Timothy 'to come before winter' (2 Timothy 4:21 ESV). Join us in praying that this project will be completed before the rainy season begins, which is in July."

Sunday, April 27 - São Tomé e Príncipe - (sow toh-MAY ee PRIHN-sih-pih) - During the month of March, Baptists in São Tomé e Príncipe are being challenged to study passages in the Bible that will help them to have a clearer understanding of the complete Christian life. Pray for Pastor Tiago and others as they preach and teach God's Word with a focus on this theme. Pray for followers of Jesus to be renewed in their desire to obey all that Jesus has commanded and to exhibit His spirit of humility as they interact with people in their communities.

Monday, April 28 - Maputo, Mozambique: Capital City and Province- (mah-POO-too) - Talking with a pastor in an area hit hard by the recent destruction of supermarkets in that place, the heart of Joe, a Mozambican home missionary, felt burdened as he heard about the devastation. Brothers and sisters in the area are without a way of getting food except from people who are withholding it in their neighborhoods or by making a journey into the city. Another church in the city is able to help church members through generous giving and identifying, with discernment, with whom to help. Pray for believers to be generous with what God has provided and to be a blessing to others in their families and neighborhoods. This recent devastation has come about because of ongoing political unrest after the October 2024 elections. Pray for believers to be compassionate and not to miss gospel-sharing opportunities during this time.

Tuesday, April 29 - Theological Education in Tanzania- Please intercede for the new Theological Education by Extension (TEE) groups that have begun this year. Ask for the leaders to learn best practices for leading their groups. Pray that the students will work hard to complete their daily lessons and be faithful to meet each week with their respective groups to discuss what they have learned as well as ask questions that will lead to greater understanding for all. This month, pray specifically for the group that meets at Arusha International Baptist Church.

Wednesday, April 30 - Basotho of Lesotho and South Africa- (BAH-soo-too) - Missionaries Jake and Ginger Goss, serving in Maseru, Lesotho, ask for prayer for Tumelo, Neo, Temi, and Thato. These Basotho university students will be participating in a trauma and healing training in anticipation of teaching it to a large group of university students on Saturdays. Pray that the truth of God will move them and that the teaching will allow them to experience healing in their own lives. Also pray that they will have the boldness and commitment to teach the other university students. "And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2 ESV).