



**Thursday, August 1 - Global Health Strategies Network.** "Our largest mobilization event every year is MedAdvance. This is our annual gathering of hundreds of healthcare professionals to connect them with 40-50 field healthcare workers who will share about how the Lord is using healthcare strategies to reach the lost. This year, we will be in Houston, Texas, at Houston's First Baptist Church on September 12-14. Pray that the healthcare providers who come will have a clear vision of how the Lord wants to use them and ask that they will find ways to plug into effective church-planting strategies that can leverage their skills for the glory of God."

**Friday, August 2 - Last Frontier.** Please pray for local partners who are engaging employees of factories and restaurants who are from an unreached people group (UPG). Pray for God to supply their felt needs so they can give practical support and love to the people they are ministering to. Please pray for God to give wisdom to the partners as they share the gospel with their neighbors. Pray for the people who hear the gospel, that they will understand and believe its message. Please pray for God's protection and safety for both the partners and the people they are ministering to.

**Saturday, August 3 - Holding Firm Theology in Africa.** Pray for theological educators in Sub-Saharan Africa as they seek to be unified with their local convention of churches and lead the way in sound doctrine. Pray that they will all work together to build a strong biblical foundation in their local churches and prepare the next generation of pastors and church leaders for ministry.

**Sunday, August 4 - Sub-Saharan African Unengaged Peoples.** Two years ago, you began praying for freedom for Silas, a Bozo man in Mali who was imprisoned for accidentally killing someone. During his time in prison, he had regular conversations with Peter, a Bozo believer who was sharing the gospel over the radio. Silas' case finally went to court. The judge, as well as the family of the deceased person, pardoned him, and Silas was set free. However, he remains in bondage to sin. Please pray that the Spirit will continue working through Scripture and conversations that he has heard. Meanwhile, a Bozo woman who had heard the gospel and had been having dreams about Jesus for several years finally put her faith in Him. Pray for her as she is being discipled, asking that she will allow Jesus to have full control of her life and that she will have the courage to be baptized. With so few believers among the Bozo, it's difficult to find those willing to help translate the Bible. However, some have volunteered,

and as they work through the Scriptures, their lives are being impacted. Pray for a great movement of the Spirit among the Bozo so that more will become fishers of men!

**Monday, August 5 - Angola.** In September 2023, you were asked to pray for the Essanju Baptist Medical Center in Luanda, Angola. Give thanks to God that in the first three months of this year, more than 1,300 patients heard a gospel message at the medical center, and 20 people made first-time commitments to follow Jesus as a result of hearing the gospel there! Many others are now determined to become more faithful in participating in their local fellowships. Intercede for Pastor Marcos and the chaplains' ministry he leads, and pray for the medical center to continue to be a light for Christ in their community.

**Tuesday, August 6 - Maputo, Mozambique: Capital City and Province.** (mah-POO-too) - "As I talk with students," writes a Southern Mozambique Team member, "it is common for me to hear, 'Yeah, my parents are Christians, Muslims, or witchdoctors, but I don't really care about that stuff.' In Mozambique, the culture is shifting; students are turning away from their parents' traditions and are searching for something else. Pray that as students search for a new life, they will find new life in Christ. As they leave their villages and pursue community, may they find the community of Christ and healthy churches. Pray that students longing for new opportunities and a life of adventure will find following Christ to be the greatest opportunity they could ever have imagined and, by far, the most magnificent adventure of which they have ever been a part! Pray that they will clearly hear and understand the gospel and that their lives and communities will be transformed because of it."

**Wednesday, August 7 - Angola.** The Razafimbahiny family have their visas and tickets for Angola in hand and arrived in Luanda on Tuesday, June 25th. Praise the Lord for that! Thank you for your prayers for them. Now please pray for Kjato and Kayla and their three young girls as they prepare to begin this next phase of their missionary service.

**Thursday, August 8 - Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).** Please pray against the heresy of the prosperity gospel that is running rampant in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as it is in all of Sub-Saharan Africa. The heresy that what God wants above all is for you to be healthy and wealthy is being preached from pulpits across all denominations. People who are desperately sick and desperately poor cling to these false promises and are missing out on the eternal hope that is found only in a relationship with Christ Jesus. Pray for those who are preaching this false gospel, asking that they will be convicted by the Holy Spirit. Pray for encouragement and endurance for those who are preaching the true gospel.

**Friday, August 9 - Angola.** Give thanks to God for sending new harvest laborers to Angola! Pray for Njato and Kayla Razafimbahiny and their three young daughters as they settle into a new home and lifestyle in Luanda, the capital city, and as they begin studying Portuguese, the official language of Angola. Pray for the relationships they will establish with the many Angolans who will befriend them.

**Saturday, August 10 - Northern Coastal Peoples of Mozambique.** "It's too dangerous." "They can't be saved." "We have other more important matters to attend to." Although there are a handful of brothers and sisters in Christ along the coast of northern Mozambique who have "caught the vision" of reaching all for His sake, the vast majority easily find reasons to stay "comfortable" in their faith. Pray that this will not continue to be so. Pray that the church in its entirety will wake up and share the good news boldly with everyone around them, no matter the cost.

**Sunday, August 11 - Summer Olympics 2024.** As you watch the opening and closing ceremonies at the Olympics, you will see over 200 countries represented. Some have only a few athletes. Others have many. Countries like Cambodia, Brunei, Laos, Myanmar, and Timor-Leste have never won a summer Olympic medal, while countries like China, Japan, and South Korea have brought home hundreds.

Whatever their history, whatever their performance in 2024, they have earned the right to be there. As you watch them give their all for a sport, please pray for them to have the chance to hear about heaven. Pray they will understand that it is not performance that will get them there, but grace. It is not something they earn, but something they receive when they surrender to God. Pray for the day when all around the throne, people from these Asia-Pacific nations will be worshipping the one true God.

**Monday, August 12 - Theological Education in Zambia.** Pastor Collier asks for prayer for the Non-Residential Theological Training Institute (NRTTI) in Lusaka, Zambia. Please pray for more students to enroll this year and for the Lord to open a way to create a permanent and stable teaching faculty for this school. Most men cannot afford to leave their villages or homes and live in Lusaka to attend seminary. This training institute is available several times a year and only takes a few days of their time to attend classes on church planting, healthy churches, and responsibilities of pastors.

**Tuesday, August 13 - Last Frontier.** Two believing men of an unreached people group who are from different countries met by God's divine hand in a third country. They didn't just meet once, but they are roommates at a Christian training center. There are few believers among their people group, so the chances of this happening are slim to none. It was God's plan. Please pray for this divine meeting orchestrated by God to result in the men maturing in their faith and following God's will for their lives. Pray that they will encourage each other in the faith. Please pray for God's wisdom and direction for a believer who mentors these believers to guide these men well.

**Wednesday, August 14 - Last Frontier.** Please pray for a group of volunteers from the United States who are ministering to an unreached people group (UPG) this week. Please pray for God to fill them with the Holy Spirit and for the volunteers to accomplish all God has for them as they minister to these people. The volunteers will be doing a variety of events and activities with the people, so please pray for God's blessings on them. Pray that the group and the believers with whom they will be working will find favor in the eyes of the UPG. Please pray that God will use these events to be a springboard to spreading the gospel among these people. Please pray that God will burden the volunteers with the spiritual and emotional needs of the people so they will partner with the believers again to minister to this unreached people group.

**Thursday, August 15 - Tonga of Zambia.** (TONG-uh) - "An 8-year-old girl has had hepatitis for a couple of months with no sign of improvement," writes the Lower Zambezi Valley Team. "Her mother is a growing believer who is a leader in the community. Her father has professed faith but shows no signs of transformation. Please pray with us for her healing and for all to see that it is from the hand of the Lord. Ask that her father will truly turn to the Lord."

**Friday, August 16 - Deaf Peoples.** As Deaf students return to their hometowns or villages around the world during a school break, they often face isolation and persecution. While they are studying at a Deaf school or university, they are surrounded by others who are Deaf and can communicate with them through their heart language: sign language. Often in their homes and towns or villages, no family members or others in the community have learned sign language. How isolated they must feel during this time! Deaf are also persecuted, often for just being Deaf. Pray for Deaf students who are facing isolation and persecution during these breaks from their schools. Ask the Father to draw them closer to Him. Pray for workers to join in the task of reaching the Deaf for Christ.

**Saturday, August 17 - Angola.** Pray for the development of a digital engagement project, the aim of which is to dialogue with people who are seeking the true gospel but are encountering, instead, the prosperity gospel. Pray for discernment in finding responders who are strong in their faith and who can guide the seekers to find answers in God's Word. Pray for wisdom in recognizing which local churches will welcome seekers and disciple them to become followers of Christ who will worship Him "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24 KJV).

**Sunday, August 18 - Lusaka, Zambia.** (loo-SAH-kah) - Pray for the student workers who came to engage in university ministry in Lusaka for the month of July. Pray that small-group discipleships will grow and that the Lord will continue to work in the hearts of college students in Lusaka.

**Monday, August 19 - Global Health Strategies Network.** Much of the world is still medically underserved. Add to that a low investment in public health programs in many lower- and middle-income countries, and you have a lot of people who are suffering from a lack of healthcare. On top of that, these are often in places with high levels of lostness. Pray that the Lord will call out a healthcare provider to take a job in an African country that will allow the teams there to specifically address health needs and to add health strategies to their church-planting strategies, thus allowing them to care for physical and mental health needs even while addressing the greatest need, lostness.

**Tuesday, August 20 - Northern Coastal Peoples of Mozambique.** "It's simple: There is a war; there is good, and there is evil. Along the coast of northern Mozambique, we need intercessors to pray that good will prevail. We need prayer that the gospel will go out in power and win victory over the evil one's strongholds. Pray that chains will be broken and walls will be torn down. Pray freedom for the captive and salvation for the lost. The Lord is victorious. Please pray, intercessors, pray."

**Wednesday, August 21 - Sub-Saharan African People.** According to an article by Daniel Athuahene in the May 2018 publication of "Review & Expositor": "The Church in Africa is currently experiencing a surge in numerical growth, consequently making Christianity the leading religion in the continent. Just before the twentieth century, Africa was known to be a heartland of voodooist, witchcraft, and traditional religions. The continent is now emerging as the 'center of gravity of Christianity'. Research predicts Africa will have the largest Christian population by 2060, with four in ten Christians [worldwide] living in the region." In southern Africa, the number of new Bible-teaching churches and doctrinally sound church leaders are not keeping up with this growth. Please ask God to raise up many leaders from the harvest of new believers who will be disciplined well and become faithful under shepherds. Pray that they will "shepherd the flock" over which God has placed them, serving them and "not domineering over those in [their] charge, but being examples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:2-3 ESV).

**Thursday, August 22 - Equatorial Guinea.** (EH-kwuh TOR-ee-ul GIH-nee) - In Psalm 67:2 (ESV), the psalmist asked God for blessings "that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations." Pray for the church in Equatorial Guinea to be faithful to the mission of seeing God's way and His power known in their country and to the ends of the earth.

**Friday, August 23 - Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).** The Congo Team asks you to pray as a group of Congolese partners leads a workshop on false prophets. They write: "Our team has identified this as a great need because people do not realize that this is a danger. If a person calls himself or herself a pastor, then they are listened to and trusted. The first part of the workshop will be a call to discernment, and then practical steps will be given on learning how to identify if something is consistent or not with the whole counsel of Scripture."

**Saturday, August 24 - Lozi of Zambia and Namibia.** (LOH-zee) - Please lift up the Lozi people in the Western Province of Zambia and the Caprivi Strip of Namibia. There are harvest workers in the province, but the area is large. Churches in other areas are engaged in helping the workers but pray for these churches to be steadfast in their commitment to these local workers. Pray that they will assist where needed and that kingdom growth will happen as a result.

**Sunday, August 25 - São Tomé e Príncipe.** (sow toh-MAY ee PRIHN-sih-pih) - A foundational story for students at the Oral Bible Schools is the account in chapter five of Mark's Gospel of the man whom Jesus delivered from possession by a legion of demons. The man's life was miraculously transformed during Jesus' brief visit, and he wanted to leave with Jesus when Jesus departed his country. But Jesus

told the man to stay and share with his family, friends, and community what the Lord had done for him. The man did this faithfully, and then he went to many other villages, sharing his story. When Jesus returned to that area, He found many people who already knew of Him because of the man's testimony. Pray for the students at the Oral Bible Schools to continue to be faithful witnesses for Christ as this man was.

**Monday, August 26 - Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).** The Kananga Orality Project is drawing to a close. Teams from eight local languages are gathering in the city of Kananga to make archive-quality recordings of the Bible stories they have been crafting in those language over the past two years. Please pray for logistics and travel as they come from their villages to Kananga by small plane and motorcycle.

**Tuesday, August 27 - Peoples of Northern Zambia.** Pray for the Northern Province and the work going on in that part of Zambia. Pray for the leaders to be steadfast in the leadership of the area and ask for more harvest laborers to come and join in the work.

**Wednesday, August 28 - Angola.** Andy Roberson has been working with the leadership of Angola to visit in the fall. The purpose of the trip is to learn more about the new medical clinic in the capital city of Luanda. Pray that the Baptist leadership is aggressive to invite our church to be part of this exciting medical partnership.

**Thursday, August 29 - Zambia.** Pray for missionaries James and Mary Margaret Adair who serve in the capital city of Lusaka. Next year they will be returning for stateside assignment. Often times missionaries are reluctant to return to the U.S. and leave behind the work in the field. Pray for the national leaders and fellow IMB missionary staff who will assume the tasks and assignments of the Adairs.

**Friday, August 30 - Future Partnerships South Main.** As we complete our short-term summer mission trips, pray for our church staff and South Main mission team who are already working to identify potential opportunities for mission initiatives and trips in the upcoming year.

**Saturday, August 31 - Rebecca Karel.** Pray for South Main member, Rebecca Karel who will be serving as a short-term missionary for three months in Bosnia, Herzegovina. She will start her service on September 3 and complete her mission assignment on December 9. We will communicate more about her specific prayer needs in the coming days.