



**Saturday, March 1 - Sereer of Senegal and The Gambia - (suh-RARE)** - "In November, we asked you to pray for our digital engagement strategy that uses a website and social media to reach out to those in our area," workers write. "During the trial run of our first digital engagement ad, we received more than 1,500 messages, had more than 500 conversations, prayed for more than 60 people, and had four gospel conversations. We have had trouble finding local believers to respond to these messages, so we have provided the majority of the responses, which is a big task. Please pray that the Lord will provide local believers who are willing to commit to the task. Please pray for strategies to get to more gospel conversations."

**Sunday, March 2 - Theological Education in Cape Town, South Africa** - "Cape Town Baptist Seminary in Cape Town, South Africa, begins a new school year in February. The faculty and staff are excited for more students to study in preparation for following God's call. These students seek to be God's ministers and servants to people in Cape Town, the country of South Africa, the nations on the African continent, and around the world. After two months of rest, the students excitedly await what God will teach them in this new year. The new students eagerly anticipate beginning this part of their journey, wondering what exactly they will learn in the next four to five years. Will you pray for these students to be diligent in their studies? Go to the Father, asking Him to help them understand Greek, Hebrew, Theology, Doctrines, Old and New Testament, Church History, Baptist History, Evangelism, Church Planting, and many other courses. Pray for the students to take what they learn each week into the harvest fields of Cape Town to apply the lessons so that other people will hear the gospel and believe in Jesus for salvation."

**Monday, March 3 - Lilongwe, Malawi, and Beyond - (li-LONG-way)** - Please pray for missionaries Chris and Jamie Schilt as they settle back into ministry and life in Lilongwe, Malawi. They, along with four of their five children, have returned to ministry in Malawi after serving for six months on their stateside assignment. They were blessed to visit many churches in the United States and were encouraged by God's Church on mission for Him in the U.S. Please pray for planning and vision casting that will take place over the next several weeks. Ask God to give wisdom to Chris, Jamie, and their Malawian partners concerning the direction moving forward over the next few years.

**Tuesday, March 4 - Theological Education in Tanzania** - Pray for new Theological Education by Extension groups that will begin in February. Intercede for the leaders as they work diligently to encourage those who are a part of their groups. Also pray for students who will be working to complete their course of study that began almost 18 months ago. Ask for them to be diligent in working through each week's lesson and then meeting each week as a group to discuss the lesson with others. Pray that they will apply what they learn in their daily lives and also share it with others.

**Wednesday, March 5 - Conakry, Guinea - (KON-ah-kree)** - "Guinea is a Muslim country, with 90% of the population following Islam and less than 1% evangelical Christian. Yet there are also churches in predominantly Christian neighboring countries that are preparing to send laborers to join the work of the harvest across Sub-Saharan Africa. The harvest is plentiful in Guinea, yet the laborers are few, and we have been praying that more laborers will join us," workers write. "Give thanks to the Lord that Colt and his family, who are from Benin, have answered the call to join the work in Guinea as sent-out ones! Specifically, they are preparing to leave Benin and go to Conakry, Guinea, in February. Pray that their financial needs will be met through their sending convention, and ask the Lord to go before them to prepare all things logistical ahead of their arrival."

**Thursday, March 6 - Wassulu of Mali, Guinea, and Cote d'Ivoire - (WAH-soo-loo)** - During February, Wassulu workers plan to host a gathering of Malian pastors, evangelists, and a few church leaders. The attendees will include those who are working among the Wassulu as well as other people groups in the region. Teaching during the conference will carry the overall theme of and focus on the "Dependability of the Word of God." After this time of instruction, fellowship, and encouragement, some of the men will remain in the area for training in sermon preparation and Bible-teaching preparation. Be praying through the first few weeks of February for the final preparations ahead of this conference, both for those leading and for others handling the logistics. Pray for the spiritual preparation of those teaching and those attending. Pray that the serious security concerns in the nation will not hinder those traveling into Mali to teach, nor those traveling within the country to the event. Lastly, pray for the Lord's protection over the time these men will be together. Pray that amid the intensifying persecution and difficulties across Mali, these indigenous leaders will continue to grow spiritually and have an increasing burden for sharing the gospel not only among their own people but also with others around them.

**Friday, March 7 - Digo of Kenya and Tanzania - (DEE-goh)** - "Join our Digo Team in giving thanks to God for answered prayer on the coast of East Africa: A Digo mother said yes to Jesus! Please pray for her husband to become a follower of Jesus, too, and to lead his family in following the One who loves them deeply. Pray that they will be a bright light for Jesus in their community, radiating His love to many Digo people. Ask for them to stand strong in the face of persecution. Pray for them to be welcomed into a body of believers who will help them grow in their relationship with Christ. 'In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him' (1 John 4:9 ESV)."

**Saturday, March 8 - Swazi of Eswatini - (SWAH-zee)** - It has been very windy in Eswatini! Recently, three of the Swazi Baptist churches lost their roofs due to severe weather and high winds. Etjeni Baptist Church, Bethel Baptist Church, and Mkhaya Baptist Church suffered severe damage, requiring major repair or total roof replacement. Swazi Baptists are doing the best they can to help each other by organizing materials and labor. Pray that these congregations will be able to repair the damage to their churches quickly so they can continue meeting weekly for worship. "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'" (Psalm 122:1 ESV).

**Sunday, March 9 - Windhoek, Namibia - (VIN-took)** - With the start of a new school year, Youth With A Purpose (YWAP), a ministry of the local church in Windhoek, will begin its 27th year of teaching Windhoek youth about Jesus. Please ask God for this year's youth group to grow roots firmly planted in God's truths, making them unshakeable by the world in which they live. Would you pray that God will make this generation of youth into a mighty force for His purposes, reaching the nations with the great news of Jesus?

**Monday, March 10 - Equipping East Africans to Reach the Nations** - "Please be in prayer for the nearly 40 believers from across East Africa who will be attending a two-week residential training course on effective cross-cultural missions. They are all either feeling called to go to the nations themselves or to help their churches be more effective in sending missionaries. Pray for understanding, for inspiration, and for unity as we strive to build up biblically sound missions strategies in the next generation of Great Commission missionaries coming out of East Africa."

**Tuesday, March 11 - Pretoria, South Africa - (pri-TOR-ee-uh)** - Just a few weeks ago, in mid-January, the stores lined their shelves and kiosks with pencils, notebooks, scissors, and calculators. In South Africa, the school year begins around about January 15 and runs through the first of December. Pray for the teachers and students in Pretoria this month as they settle into the schedule of a new year of education. Classrooms at the government schools in Pretoria boast 40-70 children per classroom! "Lord, we pray specifically for the teachers whose hearts are fully committed to You. Fill them with the knowledge of Your will for each of their many students through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives (Colossians 1:9). Strengthen the teachers of the preprimary, primary, secondary, and tertiary schools. Strengthen them with all power according to Your glorious might so that they may have great endurance and patience (Colossians 1:11)! May the name of Jesus be lived out and His love spread boldly and gently by the teachers this school year in Pretoria."

**Wednesday, March 12 - Cape Town, South Africa - (KAYP town)** - Missionary Ceila Torres and Gleemoor Baptist Church of Cape Town, South Africa. are hoping to do a community development project in February in Lavender, a tenement community in Cape Town. Currently, only one Christian lives in this community of 650 people. Please ask God to open ministry opportunities in Lavender, which is near Gleemoor Baptist Church. Ask Him to prepare the hearts of the people in Lavender to hear the gospel. Plead with Him to go into this community and prepare the harvest field before Ceila and the Gleemoor team begin their work there. Also pray for the Lord to prepare and send out more laborers into the Lavender harvest field. "Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38 ESV). Pray that the seeds sown will land on good soil and bring forth a bountiful harvest of salvation of the people and praise to God. "And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold" (Luke 8:8 ESV).

**Thursday, March 13 - Cote d'Ivoire** - As the Baptist convention meets this month, pray that the 300-plus Baptist churches in Cote d'Ivoire will be faithful and true to God's Word, hold fast to biblical convictions, not fall prey to the prosperity gospel, and give God the glory.

**Friday, March 14 - Durban, South Africa - (DER-bun)** - Missionary apprentices Luke and Leslie Montgomery work with university students in Durban, South Africa. In February, a new school year will begin. Pray that they will be able to identify believing first-year students with whom they will be able to build relationships. They want to ensure that Christian students continue walking in obedience to God while at school. Helping them become disciple makers and potential church leaders during their university years is another desired outcome. Pray that these students will be an example to others "in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12 ESV).

**Saturday, March 15 - São Tomé e Príncipe - (sow toh-MAY ee PRIHN-sih-pih)** - Please pray for Pastor Tiago as he virtually responds to requests for prayer and gives biblical guidance to individuals who are seeking answers, prompted by probing questions that they have seen online. Pray for other faithful followers of Jesus in São Tomé e Príncipe to feel called to join Pastor Tiago in ministering through this outreach using digital engagement strategies.

**Sunday, March 16 - Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)** - Please pray for two Congolese pastors, George and Cory, as they travel and attend a pastors' conference. The two will be flying a short distance from the capital city and then taking a motorized canoe upriver for 6-8 hours to reach the city of Makanza. After the conference, the two have the opportunity to present a Tell His Story evangelism training in a local pastor's church. The training focuses on teaching local believers how to use God's story and their own personal testimony of salvation to evangelize their lost friends and neighbors.

**Monday, March 17 - Swazi of Eswatini - (SWAH-zee)** - A volunteer team from the United States will be involved in a three-day pastors' conference, two one-day camps, revivals in different regions of the country, as well as many home visits. Pray for a wonderful ministry during the team's time in Eswatini on February 12-28. Pray for safe travels and good health of the team members. Ask God to work in and through them in a mighty way among the people as they teach and encourage the saved and share the gospel with the lost. May the Swazi people freely share the Word that they freely received with their friends, neighbors, relatives, and others with whom they come in contact. "You received without paying; give without pay" (Matthew 10:8 ESV).

**Tuesday, March 18 - Chopi of Southern Mozambique - (SHOW-pee)** - "They live five hours away roundtrip. Some have yet to hear the truth that will set them free. Some have been given an audio Bible. Some now have the Word at their fingertips. But how can discipleship take place? What can it look like? What will the Lord do? Please join our Southern Mozambique Team in praying for open doors for follow-up discipleship to our audio Bible distributions that happened at the end of this past year. Pray for entrances to working with existing unhealthy churches that may not yet be convicted of their straying ways. Pray for partnering with a 'person of peace' (Luke 10:6) who was welcoming of evangelical work in the past. Pray for the vast need for discipleship--the plentiful harvest and the meager and feeble laborer representation. Please pray for the audio Bible studying tools to bridge into this massive Chopi people group while they are awaiting the discipleship they may not even know that they need. 'Please, Lord, show us the way and open the doors. Pray that every tongue will confess You as Lord and Savior of their lives and then begin to work out their salvation with healthy discipleship strides."

**Wednesday, March 19 - Peoples of the Islands of Lake Victoria, East Africa** - Thank the Lord that Send Relief was recently able to provide food for 200 families, including nearly 50 leper families and others in the surrounding villages. Namagera is home to a group of lepers who have been outcast and forgotten by most. They were not welcomed in community gatherings and were even asked to leave churches when they dared to enter them. Now the leper colony is a mini hub of the community. It began more than two years ago when the dire conditions of those living in the leper colony came to the attention of a young Ugandan man. He began to organize community support through International Mission Board missionaries to assist with unmet spiritual needs, medical care, food, and clothing. The help to the lepers opened doors to their larger community. God's presence has changed the people of Namagera! Villagers now join in worship with the lepers under a tarp right in the middle of the leper colony. Physical food has opened doors for spiritual healing and social acceptance in Namagera. Praise the Lord!

**Thursday, March 20 - Church Planting in Zimbabwe** - Pray for missionary Trey Lancaster as he uses various agricultural means to build relationships with lost communities. He desires to teach farming and livestock production techniques that will help people be more productive and better able to care for the needs of their families. He has been working alongside six trained Tonga men from the Binga district to share the techniques they have learned, as well as the gospel, with others. Pray for God to bless His children in Zimbabwe by sending adequate rain and an increase in their livestock and crop production. "You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it" (Psalm 65:9 ESV). Pray that as the gospel is shared, there will be an abundant increase in new believers, as well!

**Friday, March 21 - Sub-Saharan African Peoples** - "All our personnel serving in East Africa thank the Lord for a wonderful meeting that was held at the end of December 2024 and into the first days of January 2025. We were able to worship together, get training and encouragement from one another, and have great fellowship. We thank all Southern Baptists who give to the International Mission Board, as that allows us to have this gathering every few years. Pray for all our personnel in East Africa this year to remember the challenges they heard regarding engaging lostness where they are. Pray that first and foremost, they will seek the Father daily, hourly, and minute by minute. In John 15:5 (ESV), Jesus said: 'I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing' (John 15:5 ESV)."

**Saturday, March 22 - Dakar, Senegal - (dah-KAR)** - (dah-KAR) - "Following months of preparation, working together, and getting to know one another, all with two goals in mind--to evangelize the population in the suburban region east of Dakar and to plant a church there--the 'Zone 6' group has just decided to begin gathering as a church," workers write. "The area is strategic, as it's expected to grow by about 5 million people in the next 10 years. Now, when we go out talking with people, we'll have a church meeting to which we can invite them. And the members who live in the area will have a local church body--praise the Lord! Please pray for this effort, as it's certain that the evil one will not want it to succeed or grow. Pray that we may be of one heart and mind, '[devoting ourselves] to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers' (Acts 2:42 ESV). Pray, too, that we can purchase a building or land to have a permanent location and avoid the power of eviction by other-religion landlords. Pray that our hearts will be fully committed to the task of introducing the kingdom of God to those who walk in darkness (Isaiah 9:2)."

**Sunday, March 23 - Basotho of Lesotho and South Africa - (BAH-soo-too)** - Basotho Team members Kyle and Kim Totty, from the highlands of Lesotho, request prayer for the people in the mountains of Mokhotlong district. These Basotho are hearing the gospel more and more. Please pray that the young churches and new believers will take the mission of gospel proclamation seriously and be obedient in making disciples. Some of the new believers are sharing their faith, and they often experience persecution in various forms. Pray for them to be bold in evangelizing as God walks with them faithfully step by step. "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 28:18-20 ESV).

**Monday, March 24 - Peoples of Ghana** - "When Jesus spoke to Paul during his Damascus road conversion, He said that He was sending Paul to the Gentiles 'to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me' (Acts 26:18 ESV). This is our Ghana Team's prayer for the many lost souls in Ghana and around the world. A pastor recently explained that, sadly, there are people in some churches who are also spending time participating in traditional religious practices like appeasing the ancestors and petitioning false gods with sacrifices. Ask the Lord to open their eyes to show them that it is not possible to serve both darkness (Satan) and light (God) and that they must choose. Pray that they will understand the amazing grace of the gospel, repent of their sins, and choose to put their faith in Christ alone."

**Tuesday, March 25 - Angola** - Jesus said that all people will recognize His followers by the way they love one another: "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35 ESV). He said this after commanding that they love each other as He had loved them: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34 ESV). Intercede for pastors of Angolan churches, asking that they will lead out in demonstrating this godly, sacrificial love as they shepherd the members of their congregations. Pray that this love will be recognized and replicated by church members.

**Wednesday, March 26 - Pedi of South Africa - (PEH-dee)** - While many Pedi hold on to their African traditional religion, the Zion Christian Church (ZCC) is also very popular among them. Sadly, the ZCC is a combination of African traditional religion and Christian beliefs, resulting in false doctrine. Please pray that the Pedi will be introduced to the one true gospel that declares that Jesus is "the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through [Him]" (John 14:6 ESV).

**Thursday, March 27 - Johannesburg, South Africa - (joh-HAHN-is-burg)** - Pastor Tshepho's retirement is approaching, and he does not yet know who will take his place. The congregation is in need of a spiritual leader who has a vision for gospel proclamation, especially in the nearby Muslim communities. Please pray for God to raise up such a person, and ask that Pastor Tshepho will faithfully invest in him. "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).

**Friday, March 28 - Nairobi, Kenya - (ny-ROH-bee)** - On December 12, which is Jamhuri Day (Kenya's Independence Day), 15 Kenyan youth and a missionary gathered at their pastor's house in Kikuyu, a town outside of Nairobi, for fellowship and teaching. The youth prepared the meal budget and shopped, chopped, cleaned, and cooked the food. In true Kenyan style, fellowship and food are the fabric of togetherness! The pastor, missionary, and youth ate until full, and then the Word and identity in God were taught. The youth learned from Ephesians 1:4-14 about true identity in God and how to distinguish between that and the identity of the world. The youth asked tough questions, and the missionary and the pastor answered those questions with specific Scripture verses. The fellowship lasted from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Everyone left knowing who they are in Christ and how to share their identity with others. They came hungry, both physically and spiritually. Give thanks to God that they left filled, both physically and spiritually! "I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him" (Ephesians 1:17 CSB).

**Saturday, March 29 - Karamojong of Uganda - (CARE-ah-muh-jong)** - "This past Christmas, our Karamojong Team invited the local community to be a part of our annual Christmas celebration. We welcomed 1,000 men, women, and children into our compound, where we feasted and shared the gospel with a captive audience! It took 40 church leaders and workers to cook and serve the food: two bulls, one goat, 75 kilograms of rice, and 40 kilograms of beans. Give thanks to God that we were able to feed everyone! 'Thank you, Jesus, for being the Bread of Life so that "whoever comes to [You] shall not hunger, and whoever believes in [You] shall never thirst" (John 6:35 ESV)."

**Sunday, March 30 - Basotho of Lesotho and South Africa - (BAH-soo-too)** - "We're so thankful for God's provision for the children being served by the care centers and the school this year," writes the Basotho Team. "We faced challenges with the land we use for our skills training center, and God made a way where there seemed to be no way! We also faced challenges with our high school. The school was closed for months because of some problems with registration. There seemed to be no way forward, but God made a way! We were able to meet with people in the highest offices of education. They said that they wanted our school to be open and gave us what we needed. We recognize these provisions as God's favor and help when we needed it desperately. Please keep praying for these children. They're catching up from the months they spent out of school but have a long way to go. We see every day that God is for these children and He is pursuing them. We're thankful for how they're growing spiritually and pray that they'll be spiritual leaders in their communities one day!" "Thus says the LORD, . . . 'I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert' (Isaiah 43:16-19 ESV)."

**Monday, March 31 - Maputo, Mozambique: Capital City and Province - (mah-POO-too)** - One Southern Mozambique Team member teaching the children's group at their church plant makes sure that she shares not only the Bible story for that week but also the gospel. She knows that children coming alone to church without their parents may or may not return, so she ensures that gospel seeds are sown. She has also challenged the children, ages 7-12, to share the stories they hear with friends and family members, helping them to realize that God can use them as missionaries in sharing the gospel with others. Because of these children and how God is using them to share with their parents, now families are starting to come to church. Pray that salvation will come from burdened children's hearts. As these children learn songs and stories about God, pray that the words will find their way to soft and open hearts and ears.