



Monday, April 1 - Missionary Explorers, Project 3000 - Thank you for joining Missionary Explorer John Pratt earlier this month in praying for a man he met from an unengaged and unreached people group. The man, Raj, had seen a movie about Jesus a long time ago but hadn't heard the gospel until John told him that day. John asked us to pray with him that God would heal Raj's lump on his stomach and the itchy rash that was keeping him awake every night. The Lord is answering your prayers! "I am not exaggerating," John said after meeting Raj and his wife the next day. "The spots on his arm were there, but they were much less severe than yesterday." Raj and his wife testified that for the first time in many years, he slept through the night. John prayed with them, thanking God and asking Him to continue healing Raj completely. John gave him an audio Bible, and Raj invited him to fish again in a few days. When they met again, Raj didn't want to fish. He wanted to talk about all the stories he learned from the audio Bible. "He listened to it for two straight days without stopping until the phone died," John said. Pray that Raj would trust God as his savior and be a strong witness to his village.

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Tuesday, April 2 - Globalization, Global Engagement - Praise God with us for a new believer among an unreached people group (UPG) whose three friends became believers after he asked a worker to share the gospel with them! Thank God with us for how He is using workers to spread the gospel among this UPG. Please pray for the four new believers, asking that they will live a life of faith. Please continue to pray for several workers who recently moved to live closer to this UPG, asking that they will successfully transition into new ministries there. Ask also for good relationships with the people group and partners so that they can effectively spread the gospel among these people.

Wednesday, April 3 - Chikunda of Zambia - (chi-KUN-duh) - Please pray for the Chikunda of Zambia. It's the rainy season, but the area where they live hasn't had the rain they need for the crops to grow. Pray that they will rely on the Living Water during these hard times.

Thursday, April 4 - Globalization, Global Engagement - Pray for an upcoming training on how to build a bridge from the church to the mission field. Pray that it will bring more laborers to the field and ask that more churches will have an urgency to take the gospel to the nations--the unreached.

Friday, April 5 - Nsenga of Zambia and Mozambique - (n-SANG-uh) - Please pray for the teachers at the local Bible School that occurs three times a year. Pray that they will seek the Lord for direction as they lead the students and that the students will have open hearts and minds to soak in all that they are being taught.

Saturday, April 6 - Angola - Please pray with us as we work with various potential partners in supplying the Himba peoples God's Word in written form. This would be in cooperation with Wycliffe Bible Translators, South Africa. In addition to us and Wycliffe, there is a Baptist church in the U.S. and a mission sending organization considering supporting this project. Money will need to be raised for transcriptions of existing and future Oral Bible Translation products in the Himba language and for printing and distribution of the Scripture portions. Right now there is Genesis, Luke, Acts, Romans, and Hebrews already recorded and could be transcribed. 1&2 Timothy should be completed within a few months. We would love to see the other three Gospels done, as well as the book of Exodus. We recently entered work among this tribal semi-nomadic people and God is already doing amazing things among them.

Sunday, April 7 - Sub-Saharan African Peoples - "Of the nine countries in Central Africa--Equatorial Guinea, São Tomé e Príncipe, Gabon, Republic of the Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Angola, Zambia, Malawi, and Mozambique--only five of them have IMB personnel living there. Please pray for our missionaries in Angola, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, and the DRC who travel and share the gospel in the other four countries. Pray that the work will be multiplied and that Africans will obey the call to missions. Ask the Father to prepare these called ones and to provide training and safety for those who are traveling already to other lands to spread the good news."

Monday, April 8 - Theological Education in Zambia - Zambian Pastor Castiel of Lusaka asks for your prayers in finding resources to repair the roof of Lwimba Baptist Church where the Bible School he is leading meets. The roof was blown off by a windstorm at the beginning of the rainy season. Please lift up this pastor, as he often teaches in difficult conditions. Pray for the Bible School students who are willing to learn and eager to know God's Word and to share it with their community and beyond. Pray that the church will find creative ways to gather the resources needed for repairing the roof in a country that is one of the poorest in the world.

Tuesday, April 9 - Last Frontier - Please pray for ministries that are engaging an unreached people group (UPG) with the gospel. But first, praise God with us for new believers! Please pray for them to read their Bibles and participate in discipleship classes. Others are hearing the gospel. Please pray that they will have faith to believe in Jesus. Bible studies and a variety of trainings are happening weekly. Please pray for God's Word to be believed and lived out in their daily lives. There are seeker events and services happening during the Easter season, please pray for people to hear and believe the gospel. There is a trauma healing project that is being planned. Please pray for God's guidance and blessings on it so that these people will experience both emotional and spiritual healing through salvation. As these outreaches and others are happening this month, please pray for God to use each one to bring individuals from this UPG into a relationship with Him through faith in Jesus. Thank you.

Wednesday, April 10 - Lilongwe, Malawi, and Beyond- (li-LONG-way) - The Malawi Team writes: "We currently have two job requests that we are asking the Lord to fill within this year. One of them is for someone to come and help us manage the Baptist Guest House in our city. Our guest house serves as a small retreat for missionaries working around this country and beyond its borders. It also serves as a base of operations for many short-term volunteer teams coming to minister each year in Malawi. It is a dream of ours that someone could manage this guest house while also helping us host students from the United States working alongside us while staying at the guest house. Another request we have is for someone to come and help us engage, evangelize, and disciple the next generation of Malawians. There are many who attend college in Lilongwe or in other cities around the country, but there are also many who continue to live at home, working in the fields or at a small business, and they desperately need to be reached with the gospel and biblical discipleship. Please join us in praying for the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the field of Malawi."

Thursday, April 11 - Last Frontier - Please pray for an unreached people group (UPG) during March when believers remembered and celebrated Jesus' resurrection. Workers were diligently sharing the gospel,

hosting outreaches, and holding special worship services so this people group can hear, understand, and believe God's gospel. Please pray for God to enable them to hear the salvation message, understand it, and believe in Jesus as their Savior. Thank you.

Friday, April 12 - Theological Education in Malawi - Missionary Chris Schilt, who serves in Malawi, is the theological education consultant for the countries of Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, Gabon, and São Tomé e Príncipe. Please pray for Chris and a handful of other theological educators as they prepare for a planning and strategy meeting coming up in April where they will discuss future improvements and developments they can make in their fields of service. Please pray for ideas to be developed that will not only help individual educators or individual institutions, but also benefit the theological education efforts in more countries across Central Africa.

Saturday, April 13 - Angola - Please pray for Mark and Madison Sekiziyivu. Mark was born in Uganda and came to the U.S. with his family as a young boy. They are attending IMB's interview conference these next three days starting tomorrow and are interested in serving in Angola - Mark in Next Gen ministries and Madison as a Nurse. Please pray for them to sense God's leadership - either in Angola or wherever He may lead them - during their time in Virginia. Pray also for them as they are separated from their infant son, Moses, who is staying with Madison's parents in Colorado.

Sunday, April 14 - Global Health Strategies Network - "In a megacity in Africa, our team is focused on reaching the whole of the city; this includes those living in slums, the refugees there, as well as those who have fallen victim to the sex industry. As team members reach out to women trapped in that life, they meet their physical and emotional health needs. But the need is great, and the workers are few. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will call out His chosen healthcare worker with a heart for women's health to come alongside and assist this ministry in effectively caring for needs and reaching even more women."

Monday, April 15 - (loo-SAH-kah) - Lusaka, Zambia - Thank you for praying for missionary Randy Windham in February as he was teaching and counseling at the men's addiction rehabilitation facility in the community of Lusaka West. Give thanks to God that, so far, four men have prayed to trust Christ as their Savior! Please continue to pray for the clients to be receptive to the gospel. Lift up Randy as he shares God's truths with these men who are struggling with addictions.

Tuesday, April 16 - São Tomé e Príncipe - (sow toh-MAY ee PRIHN-sih-pih) - Pray for the leadership of the Baptist Convention of São Tomé e Príncipe as they develop and carry out plans for a Bible Institute where training will focus on all elements of the missionary task: entry, evangelism, discipleship, healthy church formation, leadership development, and exit to partnership. Prayer is an essential component of each element as leaders seek to walk in obedience to the Lord's commands and teachings.

Wednesday, April 17 - DR Congo - Steve Evans had a great meeting with the pastor and two missions committee members of Heartland Community Baptist Church in Sioux City, Iowa. This month they have a missions team heading to DR Congo and wanted some orientation on Orality and Bible Storying. Steve talked and shared with them several resources: Orality and Bible Storying - A Missional Experience; Understanding Your Salvation Bible study; God's Heart for the Nations Bible study; and the ST4T story set (Bible Panorama). They were very excited about the whole concept of Orality and Bible Storying and want to take it further than just the missions trip to DRC, but also throughout the church and association.

Thursday, April 18 - Missionary Explorers, Project 3000 - "Thanks for praying for me and my national partners," Missionary Explorer John Pratt said. "Different men who are Christians join me on trips and translate for me. We sleep in the same room and spend 24 hours a day together. That can have its struggles, but so far, none of us have had issues with each other. I can't help but believe that is in part due to your prayers. Please keep praying. Ask that our relationships will be strong and healthy as we go out and explore unreached people groups."

Friday, April 19 - Chopi of Southern Mozambique - (SHOW-pee) - "Many crowd around, awaiting their turn. The fraying cord extends methodically into the depths. An oil jug prepared a year ago for today's service is pulled from the depths. Children strain to drag it up together as water splashes from the open

top. 'Lower your bucket from your head so we can pour.' People wash their hands in the overflow and bring home the murky water to boil out the impurities. This was once the scene before the trucks came. They dug for days until the water was pure and no longer tasted of salt. They poured the concrete base, then steadied the handle, and the community rejoiced at their first-ever freshwater pump well. There, on the well's plaque, sits the church's inscription, inviting all to taste of the living water and have life. It's impossible to track all the positive effects of clean water for this community, but some are seen in the healing of skin rashes and the renewed health of frail babies. Please join us in praying for continued human-needs ideas for the quiet countryside in need. Pray for wisdom in rising to the tasks and coordinating compassionate projects that point to the Lord's mercy."

Saturday, April 20 - Lozi of Zambia and Namibia - Pray for the Lozi of the Western Province of Zambia. Ministry takes place in various programs led by the Zambian home missionary in the area. Pray that the Spirit will lead the churches that are being started and the discipleship that is taking place.

Sunday, April 21 - Global Health Strategies Network - While we have moved the leadership of hospitals and clinics that we have started to local people over the years, we still do lots of clinical medicine in the service of the missionary task. Praise the Lord that, recently, a volunteer mobile clinic in Africa was able to meet needs and share the gospel over the course of several days! After the clinic, 17 people had come to faith. A week later, that number grew to 21 new believers attending Bible study. Give thanks to God, who continues to use His workers to meet needs, share the gospel, and reap a harvest in His harvest fields!

Monday, April 22 - Lilongwe, Malawi, and Beyond - (li-LONG-way) - Missionary Chris Schilt will be traveling this month with the newly appointed Director of Missions for the Baptist Convention of Malawi to visit some of the convention's home missionaries in their fields of service. Please pray for safety on the roads as they travel. Pray for productive interactions and mutual encouragement in each of the locations they plan to visit. Ask that these two men will find these home missionaries thriving in their places of service and utilizing the training they've received over the past year and a half. Please also pray for them to gain more insight into the dynamics of each home missionaries' situation and ministry. Pray for opportunities for discipleship and fellowship between all involved, as well.

Tuesday, April 23 - Mbunda of Western Zambia - (m-BOON-duh) - Pray that the Lord will open doors for people to spread the good news of Jesus among the Mbunda people of Zambia's Western Province!

Wednesday, April 24 - Summer Olympics 2024 - Plans continue for the Olympics this summer in Paris, France. Pray that all volunteer spots will be filled and that the logistics will be completed for housing all of the volunteers. Pray for hearts to be prepared by the Holy Spirit even now, for those conversations that will be held before, during, and after the Olympics. Please begin praying for many to hear the gospel and have their lives changed eternally!

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Friday, April 26 - South Main & Lusaka, Zambia - Praise God that South Main Baptist Church has been invited to serve alongside IMB missionaries, James and Mary Margaret Adair, in Lusaka, Zambia. Lusaka is home to roughly 500,000 college students, and a group of 6 young adults (mostly college students) from SMBC has decided to go minister to them June 24 - July 6. Pray for James and Mary Margaret to have wisdom and stamina as they prepare to receive this team.

Saturday, April 27 - South Main & Lusaka, Zambia - Pray that God would be spiritually developing the team members that will be serving in Zambia as they live their day-to-day lives in the US. Pray, also, that their logistical preparations would go well.

Sunday, April 28 - South Main & Lusaka, Zambia - Praise God for those who will be supporting the team to Zambia from the States, whether by prayer or financial giving. Ask the Lord to grow His Church in the spiritual disciplines of prayer and generosity so that the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 can be realized.

Monday, April 29 - South Main & Lusaka, Zambia - Pray that South Main's Zambia team would be operating in an encouraged and unified spirit as they juggle their preparations to go with education and jobs.

Tuesday, April 30 - South Main & Lusaka, Zambia - Pray that the Lord would be providentially preparing students in Lusaka to accept the invite to the worship rally and to receive the good news of Jesus Christ.