



Saturday, July 1 - Zambia - - By now the bodies of our SMBC mission team members have acclimated to a new time zone (6 hours ahead of EST) along with a new eating schedule. Please continue to pray for the health of our team. Pray for the team to rest well and be protected from any physical illnesses which may challenge them or the team.

Sunday, July 2 - Zambia - Please pray for our SMBC mission team members as they worship today with fellow believers across the capital city of Zambia. Pray that our team is able to share their testimony, encounter Christ in a different cultural context and see the bride of Christ from a new and renewed prospective.

Monday, July 3 - Zambia - Today, pray for our SMBC team who is serving in Lusaka, Zambia as they prepare for the Ignite College Evangelism Rally held tomorrow on the campus of the Zambia Baptist Theological Seminary. Pray for the final tasks to be completed including the stage construction, game and testimony preparation.

Tuesday, July 4 - Zambia - Today is the day for the Ignite College Evangelism Rally. Pray for the salvation of young college students across the country who will be in attendance. Pray that the approximate 300 students who attend will clearly hear and understand the power of the Gospel. Pray as well for the Zambian pastors who will be preaching at this event to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday, July 5 - Last Frontier - God is working in response to your prayers, so thank you for praying. Recently moved workers to a city among an unreached people group (UPG) had the first and special Easter worship service for the community. One woman became a believer in response to hearing the gospel. Please join us in praising God for this new believer! Prior to attending the Easter service, God was working in her heart and mind when attending evangelistic cooking classes. Please pray for the new

believer to follow through with baptism and for her to grow spiritually. There were others who heard the gospel during the worship service, please pray for their salvation, including two daughters of the new believer. And please pray for the evangelistic cooking class to be an avenue for many to hear the gospel.

Thursday, July 6 - Southern Angola - This is from Steve Evans (M). After two full days of driving, we finally arrived in southern Angola near the Namibian border. What a marvelous weekend we had visiting four new church starts among unengaged and unreached tribal peoples and identified a fifth place for new work. near the Namibian border. What a marvelous weekend we had visiting four new church starts among unengaged and unreached tribal peoples and identified a fifth place for new work.

Friday, July 7 - Maputo, Mozambique: Capital City and Province - (mah-POO-too) - "But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil" (Hebrews 5:14 ESV). In the heart of the city, there are a few seminaries. One Southern Mozambique Team member has the opportunity to teach weekly classes at a small Baptist seminary there whose students come from other parts of the country and are eager to practice what they are learning when they return home. Please pray for this missionary to be diligent in teaching and for the students who are so thirsty for truth and learning to properly apply what they are learning. Ask for these students to grow in their walk and maturity in Christ, be discerning when applying God's truth to the culture around them, and grow in their affection toward their Savior. As the semester draws to a close, pray that these leaders will not grow weary, but instead be encouraged by what they have learned and how God can build on His truths in their lives. Pray for the fire in their hearts, spurred on by the Holy Spirit, to spread as they teach and train others throughout the country.

Saturday, July 8 - Equatorial Guinea - (EH-kwuh TOR-ee-ul GIH-nee) - On June 8 of this year, Equatorial Guineans celebrated the holiday called Corpus Christi, a time of remembering the significance of the institution of the Lord's Supper. Most Equatorial Guineans are Catholic, so the majority of those who appreciated the religious significance of the holiday celebrated in a Catholic church. Pray that they meditated on Jesus' words during His final meal with His closest followers and truly focused their hearts and minds on remembering Him. Pray that they desired to know Him in a personal, life-changing relationship. Pray for Equatorial Guineans who already have a personal relationship with Jesus to speak boldly about Him to everyone they encounter.

Sunday, July 9 - Theological Education in Malawi - Please lift up pastors and leaders in Malawi as they attend the Baptist College of Malawi and various Bible Schools that are being held all over the country this year. Ask that they will have open ears and hearts to hear from the Lord as they are trained. Pray that they will not be filled with head knowledge that can puff up, but instead learn God's truth and do God's will in their lives and ministries.

Monday, July 10 - Zambia - Today our SMBC team will begin their long journey home. Pray for our team as they say their "goodbyes" and exchange contact information in order to continue their relationships and discipling of these student whom they have met over the past two weeks. Pray also for the safety of our team.

Tuesday, July 11 - Theological Education in Zambia - An African accreditation team will be visiting the Baptist Theological Seminary of Zambia to evaluate the institution for reaccreditation. Please pray for the visit to go smoothly, and pray for favor from this team to issue reaccreditation.

Wednesday, July 12 - Northern Coastal Peoples of Mozambique - "In a province where poverty already existed, war has now multiplied that poverty times the hundreds of thousands. Everywhere you look, there are people in need. Orphans are begging, disabled people are calling out, widows are suffering, and so many more are seeking love and survival in all the wrong places. Pray that the body of Christ in Mozambique will 'not grow weary of doing good' (Galatians 6:9 ESV), but instead love unconditionally. Pray that we will be the hands and feet of Christ. He poured Himself out for us, so pray that we will, in return, pour ourselves out for His glory."

Thursday, July 13 - Lilongwe, Malawi, and Beyond - (li-LONG-way) - The Malawi Team writes: "While missionary Chris Schilt is visiting the United States for a couple of weeks this month, he will be meeting with a few of our partnering churches. Please pray specifically for a meeting that he will be having with the leadership at a church in Oklahoma. They have planned a 'vision trip' to Malawi for January 2024. Ask God to begin, even now, to stir up unity among this group of leaders, those who will volunteer to come to Malawi in January, and our Malawi Team members. Pray that God will bless this relationship and build a healthy partnership through this initial meeting."

Friday, July 14 - Sub-Saharan African Peoples - "No matter what African country I have lived in, the doors and windows of my house can never quite keep the creepy crawlies out. I rationalize that sharing my house with spiders and geckos helps keep the mosquito population down. It is a constant chore to keep sweeping them out and wiping down the counters. Sin is like that, always looking for a little wiggle room to slip inside. Will you pray for African believers and IMB missionaries to keep alert to sin, big or small? Pray that repentance from the heart comes quick to the lips so that Christ's Bride may be pure and blameless."

Saturday, July 15 - Last Frontier - There are a number of new ministries to an unreached people group (UPG). Please join us in praying for some individuals of this UPG who are in three different prisons. Please pray for them to hear and respond in faith to the gospel. Please also pray for small churches of this UPG, asking God to grow them to be healthy and fruitful. Lastly, please pray for other churches in the area to be involved in ministering to people of the UPG for God's glory.

Sunday, July 16 - Angola - On a recent trip to southern Angola, missionaries Joseph and Shawna Bell encountered several unengaged, unreached people groups of which they were previously unaware. Pray for the Bells as they consider various ways to introduce the gospel to and establish healthy churches among these people groups, many of whom are nomadic or seminomadic. Others live in very hard-to-reach places. Intercede for these people whom God loves and desires to have a relationship with Him.

Monday, July 17 - Global Health Strategies Network - "It is going to take someone with a pioneering spirit.' Though the world is urbanizing and we are able to reach more and more people through creative means, there are still many places that the gospel has not penetrated. In Sub-Saharan Africa, there is a hospital in one such place. Situated along a river that connects multiple countries, this hospital is strategic for getting the gospel to many unreached people groups. Ask the Lord to call out just the right physician to go to this remote place, to establish a legitimate healthcare ministry, and ultimately to address the region's greatest problem: lostness."

Tuesday, July 18 - Holding Firm Theology in Africa - "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths" (2 Timothy 4:3-4 ESV). Pray for Togo Baptist Convention churches to have solid doctrine and solid discipleship in the face of so many cults and false teachers.

Wednesday, July 19 - Chopi of Southern Mozambique - (SHOW-pee) - Hallelujah! Seven new brothers and sisters in Christ have come up from the baptismal waters, proclaiming their new life in Christ. Praise the Lord! They step boldly back into an unwelcome culture of darkness with their public declaration of hope and light in Christ. Please pray for these seven, some budding new leaders in the Chemane church, asking that their hunger will ever deepen as they pursue Christ in their hearts and homes. Pray for protection against the evil one as he stands ready with his hungry wolves of distraction, rejection, and cultural pushback. Pray for the church leaders coming alongside these new believers in life-on-life discipleship. And please pray for their growth and maturity in Christ as they seek out ways to commune in the body there in the rural community of Chemane.

Thursday, July 20 - São Tomé e Príncipe - (sow toh-MAY ee PRIHN-sih-pih) - Tiago, the general secretary of the Baptist Convention of São Tomé and Príncipe, attended the Africa Baptist Theological Education Network (ABTEN) meeting in Kenya in June. The theme of the meeting is "The Role of Theological Education in Missions," and the group worked to develop curricula that will help churches address various elements of the missionary task, especially leadership development. Pray for Tiago to discern which materials will be most beneficial to the churches in his convention. Intercede for him as he returns home and trains leaders in the formation of healthy churches and specifically helps them to discover ways to carry out the Great Commission.

Friday, July 21 - Theological Education in Malawi - Please pray for all the faculty members, administrators, and educators who will be participating in the Africa Baptist Theological Education Network (ABTEN) conference that is being held in Nairobi, Kenya, this month. Petition for unity and cooperation around God's Word, and pray for mutual encouragement to take place as they meet concerning theological education and leadership development across Africa. Please intercede specifically for the vice principal of the Baptist College of Malawi as he attends via online videoconferencing.

Saturday, July 22 - Last Frontier - Please pray for workers who are studying a language so that they can move to a new location among an unreached people group (UPG). Please pray for them to study diligently and become competent speakers of the language.

Sunday, July 23 - Angola - Theology That Informs Missions was one of the major emphases at the Theological Education conference in Nairobi that pastor João César of Angola and pastor Kamel Quaresma of São Tomé e Príncipe, along with Steve, participated in June.

Monday, July 24 - Tonga of Zambia - (TONG-uh) - Youth are an important segment of the population in southern Zambia. In school, students have a religious education class, and although other world religions are taught, these classes are often taught by Christians. Many of these teachers, however, are Christian in name only. Pray that God will call true believers who are serious about their faith to serve the Lord as religious education teachers.

Tuesday, July 25 - Chuabo of Mozambique - (SHWAH-boh) - June is a special month for the people of Mozambique, as that is when they celebrate their independence from Portugal. Pray for the Chuabo believers as they celebrate the country's Independence Day, asking that they will also celebrate the freedom they have in Christ and will share freely with those around them.

Wednesday, July 26 - Lilongwe, Malawi, and Beyond - (li-LONG-way) - The breakdown of the family is not new. From the first bite of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, problems and discord have been and continue to be a plague on the family. In every culture on planet Earth, there exist different expressions of this discord, but the truth remains that without Christ, it is impossible for families to function as they were designed. Please pray for opportunities and for a willingness on the part of Malawian believers to strive for biblical families. Pray for missionaries Chris and Jamie Schilt as they continue to encourage Baptist leaders to strive for their own families to be biblical and to teach their churches what biblical families look like. Pray that all of these efforts will improve the health of Christian families, impact the health of Baptist churches, and bring God glory in Malawi.

Thursday, July 27 - Last Frontier - Three victims of human trafficking who are from an Unreached People Group (UPG) were arrested by authorities for not having the proper travel documents. Please pray for them to not be deported to their country of origin. But rather, please pray for them to be released back to their family members in the area or to believers they know in the area.

Friday, July 28 - Last Frontier - Please pray for several volunteers who are ministering to an unreached people group for the next two months. They are doing a variety of English ministries and outdoor events to connect with these people and share the gospel. Please pray for God to go ahead of them in each outreach preparing the way and the people. Please pray for God to make it a fruitful summer in expanding His kingdom among this people group.

Saturday, July 29 - Chuabo of Mozambique - (SHWAH-boh) - Pray that children among the Chuabo people and across Mozambique will encounter loving role-models who can point them to the gospel.

Sunday, July 30 - Sub-Saharan African Peoples - A missionary writes: "We thank God for the many volunteer team members who are coming to serve the Lord in Sub-Saharan Africa this summer! Please pray for specific, Spirit-led encounters with those whom the Father is drawing to Himself. Pray for Bible studies to be started and for churches to grow. May the missionaries be encouraged by these partners in the gospel."

Monday, July 31 - Yawo of Northern Mozambique - (YAH-oo) - Workers ask: "Please pray for open doors at a rural university in northern Mozambique so that we may engage the students and faculty with English as a Second Language (ESL) and the gospel. Also pray for the leadership among the Yawo churches as they meet together in June to hold one another accountable, grow in godliness, and encourage one another in the faith. Please ask the Lord to raise up more godly leaders to shepherd the Lord's flock among the Yawo."