



Wednesday, May 1 – Globalization, Global Engagement - The work to reach the unreached is big. Pray for a gathering among global leaders, united in one heart and one mind, to focus on reaching the unreached.

Thursday, May 2 – Theological Education in Malawi - In the country of Malawi, there are several different groups that have recognized the huge need for theological education and leadership development. Each group has their own strategies, plans, and missiology concerning educating the current and future leaders of the church in Malawi. Please pray for these groups to have sound, truly biblical theology that they are passing on to their students. Pray that there will be cooperation and partnerships developing between these groups to prevent duplication of efforts unnecessarily. Also pray for a kingdom-building mindset among these groups instead of a "mini-kingdom" mentality.

Friday, May 3 – Nkoya of Western Zambia - (n-COY-yah) - The Nkoya people make their home in the Western Province of Zambia. Pray that God will raise up harvest laborers to spread the good news of Jesus Christ among this people group!

Saturday, May 4 – D R Congo - Stephen Menda is Congolese and a member of Heartland Community Baptist Church in Sioux City, Iowa. He was part of a small missions team that went to DR Congo in April. This was the church's second trip to Congo, where they not only do human needs ministries, but also concentrate on evangelism, discipleship, planting churches, and training trainers. At the end of March, Steve Evans met with the team to give them an orientation on uses of Orality and Bible Storying in their outreach and ministry there. Please pray for this team as they share the Gospel and advance the Kingdom in this physically and spiritually needy country.

Sunday, May 5 – Lusaka, Zambia - (loo-SAH-kah) - Pray for the student ministry that takes place on various campuses around Lusaka. Pray for the discipleship that happens during this time. May it be fruitful, intentional, and Spirit led.

Monday, May 6 – Angola - Pastor Marcos, a long-time Angolan pastor, said at a recent meeting of the leadership team of the Baptist Convention of Angola's Missions Department, "To be Baptist is to have a heart for missions." This sentiment was later fostered by the administrator of the Baptist convention, who said, "I have the heart of a missionary. My life is to do missions." Pray for these influential men to have many opportunities to share their vision and passion with Angolan churches! Pray that each local fellowship will embrace its commission to be a church that is sending Angolan missionaries to share the gospel throughout Angola, in other African countries, and to the ends of the earth.

Tuesday, May 7 – Yawo of Northern Mozambique - (YAH-oo) - "What would you do if your sister asked you to cook herbs bought from the witch doctor to give to your sick mother? Linda's sister cared for their mother in her own household, and she asked Linda to cook the herbs since she had to go out and plant in her field. Had it been her own household, Linda would have thrown out the herbs, but what should she do since her sister had paid for them? At first, Linda served the herbs to her mother. Convicted of sin, she confessed it to the church the next Sunday and asked for prayer. The next week, Linda didn't cook the herbs, and when her sister asked her why, she said she forgot. Again, convicted of sin, she confessed this to the church. The church encouraged her, counseled her, and gave her Scripture to show to her sister. Linda is one of the most courageous and faithful believers we know here, and as we watched this unfold, I learned anew how much they need prayer to stand up for Jesus. Please pray for Linda and all Yawo believers to rely on the strength of the Lord, boldly share His truth, and stand against evil."

Wednesday, May 8 – Theological Education in Malawi - Last month, you were asked to pray for missionary Chris Schilt and the theological education missionaries from across Central Africa as they were preparing to meet together this month. Please pray for safety as they all travel to and from their meeting. Intercede for the vision casting, strategic planning, and prayer time as they discuss the future of theological education across the region. One of the major discussions they'll be having is how to incorporate more orality training within rural and formal theological education for those who are nonliterate.

Thursday, May 9 – Angola - Joy !!! Rejoice with us on the arrival of missionary nurse colleague Joy Tiebout after many months of delays. She landed in Luanda, Monday, April 1. She was met by Shawna and Joe Bell, and they traveled together to the city of Lubango for their missionary service. Pray as Joy travels, and gets settled in Angola. Praise God for His faithfulness.

Friday, May 10 – Globalization, Global Engagement - Pray for visas to be approved for an upcoming global meeting with Baptist missionary-sending organizations, denominations, and churches from around the world. Pray that those representing 73 countries will be granted a visa to attend this four-day meeting.

Saturday, May 11 – Lilongwe, Malawi, and Beyond - (li-LONG-way) - "Our Malawi Team is traveling for a missionaries' leadership meeting this month. Please pray for the missionaries serving all over

this area as we travel to and from this planning meeting. Pray, also, as we gather together for prayer, mutual encouragement, strategic vision casting, and planning as we seek to lead the missionaries in our many teams all across Sub-Saharan Africa. Pray that God will be glorified as we plan for the years ahead and give clear direction as to how we can better serve the Lord here."

Sunday, May 12 – Sub-Saharan African Unengaged Peoples - The Borgu Fulbe of Togo, a nomadic people group, mixes Islam and animistic beliefs. Pray that the Lord will open the hearts and minds of the Borgu Fulbe to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Monday, May 13 – Angola - Pray for our new missionary family - Kayla and Njato Razafimbahiny and their three girls - as they begin several weeks of orientation at the IMB's International Learning Center outside of Richmond, Virginia. We are so excited God has led them to serve in Angola in the area of Theological Education. Especially pray as they begin the long and intricate process for getting Angola visas.

Tuesday, May 14 – Lilongwe, Malawi, and Beyond - (li-LONG-way) - April can be a difficult month for many in Malawi. The rains are wrapping up, last year's harvest reserves are long gone, the new harvest isn't ready yet, and school fees are due for many students as they prepare to take exams. This can be a very difficult and taxing time for parents of multiple children, people living in the city, and believers and churches who are trying to meet needs in their communities. Please pray for believers across Malawi to continue walking in faithful obedience to the Father during this time of struggle. Pray for those who are in need to have the necessary resources. Please pray for the church of Malawi to be generous to those around them, trusting the Father above to provide everything they need, as well.

Wednesday, May 15 – Lozi of Zambia and Namibia - (LOH-zee) - Pray that God will raise up workers among the Lozi people in the Western Province of Zambia who are passionate about intentional discipleship. Pray that people's hearts will soften toward the gospel.

Thursday, May 16 – Sub-Saharan African Peoples - There are times when the rains falling on East Africa are not sufficient to plant crops and reap a good harvest. However, there are other times, like this year in parts of the region, when the rains allow people to plant early enough to reap one harvest and then plant again to reap a second harvest. Please ask God to send enough rain all across East Africa so that there will be a great harvest this year, and pray that believers in Jesus will look not only at the green things that are growing, but also at where God is at work in people's lives, calling them to Himself. Pray that they will take time to share with those who need Jesus. "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. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth" (Psalm 65:9-10 ESV).

Friday, May 17 – Lusaka, Zambia - (loo-SAH-kah) - Pray for harvest laborers all across Lusaka, asking that God will continue to work through those who are participating in kingdom work. Pray that ministry will be fruitful and intentional for Christ.

Saturday, May 18 – Equatorial Guinea - (EH-kwuh TOR-ee-ul GIH-nee) - Big oil reserves bring a large expatriate population to Equatorial Guinea. Pray for the Christians working in this sector to

work with integrity. Pray for them to take advantage of every opportunity to share the gospel with their friends and neighbors.

Sunday, May 19 – Angola - Missionary Shawna Bell ministers as a volunteer nurse at a large Baptist school in Lubango, Angola. Pray for Shawna as she has opportunities to impact many young lives with the gospel even as she helps with various medical needs. Intercede especially for a group of ninth-grade girls from the community whom Shawna is discipling in her home.
<http://www.imb.org/sub-saharan-africa/>

Monday, May 20 – Missionary Explorers, Project 3000 - Last time missionary explorers, Colson and Caleb, travelled to find people groups that they were researching, locals warned them that guerrillas were nearby. The explorers adapted their plans and detoured around the area to continue searching for the unreached people groups. Please pray for them because they are headed into the same area again. To these explorers, it's worth the risk to share the gospel with the lost. "These groups are small, but they are gripped by spiritual strongholds of darkness that do not want to be penetrated by the light," they said. "Pray that we will overcome the darkness because the one who is in us is greater than the one who is in the world. Pray that we will be discerning when these obstacles arise, remembering they are not random and that we will use our spiritual armor to fight and stand strong."

Tuesday, May 21 – Nsenga of Zambia and Mozambique - (n-SANG-uh) - Please pray for the Nsenga churches to seek the Lord in all decisions. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him" (James 1:5 ESV). Pray for their leaders to be humble. "But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26-28 ESV).

Wednesday, May 22 – Maputo, Mozambique: Capital City and Province - (mah-POO-too) - "It's early on a Sunday morning as I head to church. I see hundreds and hundreds of people on the beach and in the water. 'This, is not normal,' I think to myself. 'What is going on? It's 6:30 in the morning!' I came to learn that the Zion National Church, a false religion, comes together to be baptized, perform rituals, dance, cleanse themselves of their sins, and get into good standing with God before the new year. This large event happens once a year, but now every Wednesday and Saturday, I see smaller groups striving to purify themselves in the same manner. But, praise God, just a couple of days later, down the beach a little ways, our church baptized a husband and wife who were living in sin, heard the gospel, repented of their sins, and chose to follow Christ! Please be praying that Christ will continue to reveal Himself through His Word and that Mozambicans will no longer try to save themselves through traditional rituals but come to understand that salvation is by grace and through faith in Christ alone."

Thursday, May 23 – Chikunda of Zambia - (chi-KUN-duh) - Not all Zambian believers are able to receive a formal Bible education. There is a Bible School that occurs in several rural areas of the country to provide that opportunity. Please pray for the Bible School that will be held on April 22 - 26 in the area where the Chikunda live.

Friday, May 24 – Yawo of Northern Mozambique - (YAH-oo) - Yawo villages are filled with adultery, drunkenness, witchcraft, robbery, and fear. Please pray for the Yawo believers to turn aside from the things of the flesh and to "set their minds on the things of the Spirit" (Romans 8:5 ESV). May they look to the God who reigns in majesty to care for their every need. Pray that as they look to Jesus, His light will overflow from them to their neighbors and the Lord will bring salvation to the Yawo people and their villages will be transformed by the truth of the gospel.

Saturday, May 25 – Togo - Tony Emes is the church planter for Iglesia Casa de Paz in Charlotte, N.C. His sending church is Providence Baptist Church in Harrisburg, N.C. Pray for their mission trip to West Africa (Republic of Togo). Their purpose is the equipping of leaders in evangelism and discipleship and for planting a church. Also, Togo needs clean water. People are dying from consuming unhealthy water. They will drill a well for this community as a platform to share with other communities the good news of Christ. Pray for the people of Togo to accept the living water of Jesus.

Sunday, May 26– D R Congo - Here's a message from the missions team of Heartland Community Baptist Church in Sioux City. They are in the D R Congo.

"Miracles! Some men came to see us. They left the Catholic church and looked for other churches. They tried charismatic and did not like it. They tried Pentecostal, and were not happy. They formed a group of 8-10 men to pray God would send them a solution. They prayed all night this past Sunday and in the morning they heard we were here, so they traveled far to meet us on Tuesday. We cried as we heard their story and told us we were an answer to their prayers. Not often do you hear you are an answer to some group's prayers! We told them they were answer to our prayers also! They want to learn how to have morally pure lives. We are researching ways to tele-teach them Scriptures. They are very eager to learn and meet with us every week this year. Wow, is all we can say! What a mighty God we serve! Keep praying; God hears you!"

Monday, May 27 – Peoples of Northern Zambia - Pray for the work in the Northern Province of Zambia. Ask God to raise up men and women whose hearts belong to Him and who desire to see the gospel spread throughout northern Zambia.

Tuesday, May 28 – D R Congo - This message is from the missions team of Sioux City's Heartland Community Baptist Church. They are in D R Congo. "76 people were baptized at the river in Kinanga. We ended the training for teaching others about Christ and salvation at 8 pm with the requirement they must tell someone about Jesus by tomorrow night. At 10 pm one man texted me saying, 'This works! Now my whole family is saved!' He went right home, assembled his whole family and told them the "Woman at the Well" story and his own testimony, then asked them to accept Jesus into their lives! All of them did! He is amazed! God is surprising us everywhere we go. Thank you for your Storying training. It went so good. Like Jesus, we now have 12 solid men who left this meeting totally inspired and ready to follow through." The honor and glory go to the Lord for this.

Wednesday, May 29 – Angola - Please take a moment to pray for these three precious families. 1. The Razafimbahiny family (Kayla & Njato and their three girls). They are at the IMB's Missionary Learning Center (ILC) near Richmond preparing for service in Angola, where they will serve in Theological Education and Leadership Development. 2. The Nottingham family (Elizabeth & Zach and their four children). They have been approved by the IMB Board of Trustees for missionary service in Angola where they will serve as Missionary Catalysts. They will soon be commissioned as missionaries by the IMB and attend orientation at ILC. 3. The Sekiziyivu family (Madison & Mark and their little one); they will have an official interview with us over Zoom as they are in the IMB selection process to serve as missionaries overseas. They are seeking God's leadership on where to serve,

but are earnestly praying about a Student Strategy and a Nursing position in Angola. We praise God for the Razafimbahinys and Nottinghams and pray for them as they make preparations for service in Angola. The addition of the Sekiziyivus would truly round out an IMB team with all three families serving in the capital city of Luanda. We currently have Joe & Shawna Bell and Joy Tiebout serving in the city of Lubango.

Thursday, May 30 - Global Health Strategies Network - Pray for a healthcare practicum training that will be coming up for healthcare personnel. At this training, field workers will learn practical skills that they can use to meet the needs around them. In addition, they will get the tools they need to share this training with national partners to extend this compassionate ministry beyond what the field worker can do alone. Pray that the Lord will bring the appropriate field people to the training and that He will prepare the way for them to increase the effectiveness of their ministry as a result.

Friday, May 31 - Nkoya of Western Zambia - (n-COY-yah) - Pray that there will be revival among the Nkoya people in the Western Province of Zambia and that hearts will turn toward Christ!