



Monday, September 1 - Lilongwe, Malawi, and Beyond - (li-LONG-way) - "This month, a pastor will be bringing a few men from a church in Oklahoma to Malawi for a 'vision trip,'" writes the Malawi Team. "They will follow our team around for a week, learning about the different opportunities that their church has to minister alongside our missionaries in Malawi. They'll see the vast opportunities for partnership with the Baptist Convention of Malawi to equip each and every believer to share the gospel and disciple others. They'll see the immense opportunities for leadership development across the country. And they'll see the need for evangelism and healthy church training, the need for biblical family training, and the need for theological education. Please pray for this group from Oklahoma to travel well and be guided by the Lord in how they can partner with us in the future."

Tuesday, September 2 - West Africans in Paris, France - "We asked you to pray a few months ago for the training that our team was helping to provide for a group of volunteers from two Chinese churches in the Paris area. We appreciate your prayers for that, as it has now concluded and the group is heading to West Africa for the first two weeks of August to partner with our workers there to share the hope of Christ. As these young adults make final preparations to travel, please pray for a safe trip, good health, team unity, patience, with new things, open hearts, clear communication, stamina for the heat there this time of year, and consistent follow-up in August after the team leaves. May the Lord's presence be evident, and may He be glorified through these volunteers!"

Wednesday, September 3 - Basotho of Lesotho and South Africa - (BAH-soo-too) - Two years ago, you were asked to pray for the development and building of The Gathering Place in the highlands of Lesotho, a place where Basotho could gather for discipleship, training, and sending out to make disciples. Basotho Team members Stan and Angie Burleson now request prayer for the completion of the construction of the classroom at The Gathering Place and for the future ministry that will take place there. Building in a foreign country has its own unique challenges. Pray for all the needed supplies to be available and for the ability to attain them. Volunteers from the United States and Basotho people are working side by side on this project. Pray for clear communication and unity. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel and to disciple workers during the construction. Thank you for praying for the future ministry that will take place in the classroom that God has already prepared in advance for the building of His kingdom! "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4 ESV).

Thursday, September 4 - Peoples of Ghana - "New Hope, a trauma healing training, will finally start this month! It has been seven months since we first asked for prayer about the timing for two of our Ghana Team members to receive the training and lead others through it. We are thankful that the details have finally been settled and the training will begin the first week of this month. It will be a blessed yet difficult two-month period, as the participants will talk about difficult experiences in their lives and what Scripture teaches them about how God wants to use them for His glory. Please ask the Lord to minister to these women in special ways and guide them as they teach the lessons they're learning to other women in their community. Pray that this training can be used among many groups for both evangelism and discipleship purposes in the capital city of Accra and elsewhere around Ghana."

Friday, September 5 - Conakry, Guinea - (KON-ah-kree) - August is historically the wettest month of the year in Conakry, Guinea, receiving upwards of 4 feet of rain in that month alone. Because of the weak infrastructure of the city, the people's dependance on either walking or using public transportation to get around, and the flooding that typically happens with these rains, many activities in the city take a pause. Workers in Conakry typically use these rainy days to plan for the year ahead. They will be meeting to strategize and map out the upcoming year of ministry. Pray that the Lord will "establish the work of [their] hands" (Psalm 90:17 ESV) and lead them through these days of planning. Pray that they will be unified in vision and that they will plan the upcoming year according to His direction.

Saturday, September 6 - Port Elizabeth, South Africa - Please lift up missionary Shannon Jensen in prayer, as she has an opportunity to speak to a group of women parolees in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, in early August. Pray that she will be able to share clearly how Jesus can change their lives. "Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things" (Hebrews 13:18 ESV).

Sunday, September 7 - Theological Education in Cape Town, South Africa - God is busy working in the present and preparing for the future, just as He always does. He puts on the hearts of His children calling to serve Him in ministry and to be trained for it. Cape Town Baptist Seminary in South Africa is busy interviewing and admitting these God-called servants during this mid-year school break. Currently, the seminary has 95 bachelor's- and master's-level students. Some live in Cape Town, and others attend classes online. The bachelor's degree can take four to five years, depending on whether a student attends full-time or part-time. Please pray for these new students to understand what the lecturers teach. Ask the Father to help them translate that education into the training of their head, heart, and hands in local ministries now. Ask God to bless these students with focused studies and the means to pay for their courses. "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me'" (Isiah 6:8 ESV).

Monday, September 8 - Wassulu of Mali, Guinea, and Cote d'Ivoire - (WAH-soo-loo) - Pray as Lead Wassulu worker assists in pastoral training alongside a Malian Christian leader this month; he will be traveling internationally in order to join this training session. Intercede for the health and stamina of the teachers, both spiritually and physically. Also lift up those coming to the training from various people groups who share a common language and region with the Wassulu. Pray for the families of both the leaders and the participants, as the spiritual battle among the Wassulu and within their homeland is quite obvious. Ask the Lord to protect all these men from distractions at the hand of the evil one as they seek to faithfully follow God's directives for their lives.

Tuesday, September 9 - Peoples of Madagascar - Madagascar Team members serving in Antanarivo, the capital city write: "Thank the Lord that the university ministry meeting happening every Thursday is going very well! A group of disciplined Malagasy students have been faithfully sharing the gospel of Christ with other students. Many are interested in studying the Word. Please pray that a Bible study group will be formed during the summer break and that God will add more students to be disciplined (2 Timothy 2:2). Also give thanks to God for a new door that has opened for ministry among families with disabilities. More

than 100 amputees came to know Christ, and a women's soccer team has been formed among them. Please pray that many local churches will recognize the needs of the disabled and be interested in reaching out to those families (Luke 14:21). Please pray for the sports ministry, which is one of our team's strategy plans. Ask God to open a door for the Word to be shared through the sports ministry. We have been praying and seeking to have a sports center in this city. Pray that God will give us wisdom and also more workers in His harvest field (Luke 10:2)."

Wednesday, September 10 - São Tomé e Príncipe - (sow toh-MAY ee PRIHN-sih-pih) - Generous donors recently provided Portuguese-language New Testaments to the alliance of evangelical churches in São Tomé e Príncipe, as Portuguese is the official language of the country. The donation is such that each home in the islands can be given a New Testament! Baptist churches are joining in the effort to visit each home, share the gospel, give the residents a New Testament, and invite them to join their church community. Pray for many people to commit their lives to the Lord after they hear the gospel. Intercede for those who receive a New Testament to hunger to know what it says and apply its truths to their lives.

Thursday, September 11 - Muslims of South Africa - Many Muslims in South Africa come from other countries. Recently, Hawa, a Muslim woman from another African country, dressed fully in black, came to a church in a large city in South Africa. This church has ministries that help foreigners to access services that they need in their new country. Grace, a former Muslim from that same country, connected with Hawa at the church, and they have become friends. As Grace bravely shared about her own turning from Islam to faith in Jesus (and subsequent persecution), Hawa opened up and told Grace that she is now secretly following Christ, as are her children. Pray for Hawa and her children, who will face extreme persecution if her South Asian Muslim ex-husband discovers that his family has accepted Christ. Give thanks for Grace and her growth in discipling others, even those who could persecute her.

Friday, September 12 - Tswana of Botswana - (t'SWAN-ah) - The Tswana of Botswana Team writes: "At the heart of our ministry is sharing the gospel; it's our number-one priority. One evangelism method we often use is a simple but powerful tool called 'Two Paths,' based on Matthew 7:13-14. These verses describe the wide path that leads to destruction and the narrow path that leads to life. We explain that the only way to move from the wide path to the narrow one is through repentance and belief in Jesus: His death for our sins and His resurrection. We're so thankful for the volunteers who join us! More hands mean more gospel conversations and more opportunities to train others to share their faith. Many volunteers start the day nervous when sharing the 'Two Paths' for the first time – and for many, it's the first time they have ever shared their faith – but they leave encouraged and emboldened at how God can use them. Pray for open hearts as we go out and for clarity as we speak, and pray for more people to respond to the call to share."

Saturday, September 13 - Angola - Pray for followers of Jesus in the city of Lubango to do follow-up evangelism and discipleship with individuals who recently heard the gospel message. Many of these individuals are university students who were impacted by the witness of a volunteer team from a church in Tennessee. Pray for both new and old seasoned believers to follow the commands of Christ faithfully and to demonstrate His love and grace through their lives. Pray that students will be encouraged to share their faith with their fellow students.

Sunday, September 14 - Digo of Kenya and Tanzania - (DEE-goh) - Ask the Lord to give the Digo people dreams and visions of Jesus. Pray that their hearts will be drawn to Jesus and that they will look for answers in the Bible to who He is. Ask that they will believe that He is the Son of God who died on the cross for their sins and rose again, victorious over sin and death. Pray that they will be willing to follow Jesus as Savior even though it will mean persecution from family and friends. Ask that they will find a loving church family to welcome and encourage them and help them to grow in their walk with Christ.

Monday, September 15 - Church Planting in Zimbabwe - In some Zimbabwean communities, women are forced to sell their bodies to provide for their families. Young girls grow up watching this behavior and often repeat the cycle, believing that it's their duty to contribute in the same way. These communities face not only material poverty, but also deep spiritual brokenness. Pray for women, men, and children affected by this cycle. Ask God for wisdom in providing physical help without creating dependency. Pray for the hope of the gospel to break generational chains and bring a new identity in Christ. "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me... to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives" (Isaiah 61:1 ESV).

Tuesday, September 16 - Johannesburg, South Africa - (joh-HAHN-is-burg) - Cosmo City Baptist Church and our Johannesburg Evangelism Team members thank you for your prayers that the church would be able to hold its first Vacation Bible School in a long time! A volunteer team that was in town was able to assist the church for a few days, as well. Give thanks to the Lord that 36 children were able to hear the gospel message, and a few families indicated an interest in returning to Sunday School and worship services. The leaders of the church are being mobilized to set an example of reaching out to the community. Please continue to pray for a clear, God-given vision of outreach for Cosmo City Baptist Church.

Wednesday, September 17 - Cape Town, South Africa - (KAYP town) - In Cape Town, South Africa, a city of over 6 million people, a couple of million people live in abject poverty in shacks made of discarded wood and nails, plastic sheeting, and old tires. Crime is rampant in those poverty-stricken areas. Missionary apprentices Jason and Nicole Zaruba use social media to witness to people in one specific township that is too dangerous to enter. Using a social media ad aimed to reach the people in that township, the Zarubas share the gospel with lost people online. In just over two weeks, they prayed for 50 people who responded to the ad and shared the gospel with 17 of them. Good conversations occurred, and five people who heard the gospel genuinely showed an interest in learning more. Clearly, God is at work, softening hearts! Ask God to increase the harvest for His kingdom in that township. Pray for the Zarubas not to grow weary in sharing the gospel online. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to people so they will have softened hearts to hear the gospel. "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6 ESV).

Thursday, September 18 - Nairobi, Kenya - (ny-ROH-bee) - A young college graduate has felt the call to missions for many years. She feels that her heart is calling her to Africa. She recently graduated with an education degree. She wonders if there are any jobs that would allow her to serve the Lord and teach children in Africa. She begins to pray for God's guidance. There are many recent graduates looking for ministry opportunities. Please pray that these graduates will find their way to Nairobi to work at two international schools located in the city. These two schools in Nairobi serve students from kindergarten through the senior year of high school. The students are from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds, representing more than 65 nations. Pray that recent college graduates with a heart for the nations will come and serve these students, bringing with them a bright gospel witness in the classroom and on the school campus! Pray that Kenya will allow their visas to be processed quickly so that the children in those classrooms will hear the gospel through these called-out teachers and servants.

Friday, September 19 - Basotho of Lesotho and South Africa - (Bah-soo-too) - The Basotho Team requests prayer for their new teammates, Walter and Mary Norvell, as they begin their journey. "Walter and Mary have begun their training this month, and they plan to arrive in Lesotho in October. Pray for them as they wrap things up in the United States, including their 'see you later's' to friends and family. 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19 ESV)."

Saturday, September 20 - Kampala, Uganda - (kahm-PAH-lah) - The teenage boys cluster around the beanbag chair, joking and teasing each other as they compete in a video game. The teenage girls giggle on the porch with their milkshakes, taking pictures. But this isn't a normal church youth party. Uganda's capital city hosts around 10% of the country's 1.8 million refugees, including these Sudanese teens. They're celebrating the ending of their Bible story-based trauma healing program with a missionary.

They've learned things like how to biblically lament the incredible hardships they've experienced, how to share and prove their difficult stories, and how to support friends carrying similar traumas after fleeing war in their homeland. Pray for refugees in Kampala from Sudan, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Somalia, and elsewhere. Ask the Spirit to bring healing through groups like these so that many can say, like Joseph, "You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good... to save many people alive" (Genesis 50:20 NKJV). Prayer for believers who've been trained in these trauma healing programs to "catch a vision" and use this resource to minister to their communities and share the hope and healing of Jesus with fellow refugees who need it.

Sunday, September 21 - Port Elizabeth, South Africa - Please pray for missionary Helmer Jensen and his new co-laborer, Dean, the associate pastor of a church in Port Elizabeth, who have been with different officials at the local prison. They are hoping to see how they can partner together in sharing the gospel with inmates who are incarcerated there. "I press on toward the goal for the price of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14 ESV).

Monday, September 22 - Dakar, Senegal - (dah-KAR) - "Our team has new leadership. The couple now leading our team are no strangers to the city but have been serving elsewhere for a few years. Pray that they will adjust quickly to their new home and new role, and ask the Lord to guide them clearly in helping our team to move forward in ministry. This includes the church-planting effort in an area not far from Dakar."

Tuesday, September 23 - Dar es Salaam, Tanzania - (dar es sah-LAHM) - "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame'" (Romans 10:9-11 ESV). "Give thanks to God that in July, students from a university in Dar es Salaam had the opportunity to interact with a volunteer team of college students and young adults from the United States. These volunteers even engaged the students in a workout while sharing their life stories and the gospel. Please join our Dar Urban Team in praying that these university students will one day confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in Him so that they will not be put to shame."

Wednesday, September 24 - Northern Coastal Peoples of Mozambique - "What do I have to offer? I don't even speak this language." There the volunteer sat, wondering how she could be used in this foreign land in only four short months. After sitting awhile, she decided to use the only thing she knew: English. She started inviting students to come once a week and simply talk. They could talk about anything; the purpose would be to learn English. Before she knew it, two of her students had recommitted their lives to the Father and were attending the local gathering of believers. Fast forward two years later, and she has returned to Mozambique for two years this time and is now getting to witness one of those students pursue his calling to the foreign mission field! There is power in an obedient heart. When we are weak, the Lord is strong. "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV). Please pray for the short-term and long-term volunteers who come to the field, asking that the Lord will stretch them and use them in His master plan of getting the gospel to the ends of the earth!

Thursday, September 25 - Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire - (ab-i-JAHN) - Pray that believers in Abidjan who are being discipled will "bless the LORD at all times" and have His praise "continually be in [their] mouth" (Psalm 34:1 ESV), especially during times of trial.

Friday, September 26 - Durban, South Africa - (DER-bun) - Missionary apprentices Luke and Leslie Montgomery, who work with university students in Durban, South Africa, recently hosted a "Question Night" at their ministry cottage and said, "This is an open forum where no questions are off-limits and we seek to find answers in God's Word." The first question was: "What does the Bible say about abortion?" Luke asked the group their thoughts and received various replies, everything ranging from "It is wrong to have an abortion" to "Abortions are okay until the child is born." Luke and Leslie read several Bible

passages, and after discussing what they said, the young adult who thought that having an abortion was okay until the baby was born said, "I did not realize that God considers a life in the womb just as important as one outside the womb. I have to change my view on this to be in line with what the Bible says." Join Luke and Leslie in praying that the Spirit of Truth will be active in these young people to "teach [them] all things and bring to [their] remembrance" the things that they already know (John 14:26 ESV).

Saturday, September 27 - Equatorial Guinea - (EH-kwuh TOR-ee-ul GIH-nee) - Jesus and the apostles warned that false teachings would arise, teachings that would cause even faithful followers of Jesus to veer from His Word. The prosperity gospel that is prevalent today entices people to think that God will provide perfect health and abundant wealth to those who trust in Him. This is contrary to Jesus' teaching that His followers would "have suffering in this world." Pray for followers of Jesus in Equatorial Guinea to trust in Him even when they face difficulties. Ask for them to remember the rest of Jesus' teaching, which is that He shared the knowledge of coming suffering so that those who trusted in Him "may have peace" and "be courageous" because He has "conquered the world" (John 16:33 CSB).

Sunday, September 28 - Sub-Saharan African Peoples - "As International Mission Board missionaries, we meet believers in our countries of service who receive a call from the Lord to be sent out as missionaries. The IMB's Global Missionary Partner (GMP) program allows us to recruit, train, and help send these called-out believers. These brothers and sisters are our ministry partners. Often, they are able to go to countries and areas where it is difficult for us to enter and begin evangelizing and discipling. Please pray for our ministry partners who are called by the Lord to difficult regions of the world to share the gospel. Pray for them to abide in the Lord and remain faithful to the calling He has presented them. Pray for their home churches to be supportive of their missionary calling, training, and sending, as well as networking with them when they are sent. Pray for us, as IMB missionaries, to wisely counsel and encourage our GMP co-laborers and assist them well in living on mission wherever the Lord leads them. Jesus said, 'For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister . . .' (Matthew 12:50 ESV)."

Monday, September 29 - Pedi of South Africa - (PEH-dee) - Pray for the young pastor who is leading the new church among the Pedi in Glen Cowie, South Africa. The church is growing rapidly under his leadership. Pray that this young man will continue to be a faithful leader who is "self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined" (Titus 1:8 ESV).

Tuesday, September 30 - Peoples of the Islands of Lake Victoria, East Africa - "During a prayerwalk, I was able to engage with a pregnant woman who was sitting on a lawn," writes missionary Sonya Herron. "I gave her bread and water, which surprised her. I then began discussing spiritual matters and talked to her about her faith. She initially spoke about her physical needs – support, money, job for her husband – all serious and legitimate needs. I kept bringing our discussion back to the fact that her real need was spiritual. The woman admitted that despite attending a church, she didn't know where she would spend eternity. That day, I shared with this young woman how to be saved. It's not through church affiliation, I told her, but through Jesus. There is no way to get to God but through the acceptance of Jesus Christ. The young woman, with many physical needs, finally understood about the gift of salvation that awaited her. Sitting on the lawn, she gave her life to Jesus. Join me in giving thanks to God for this 'divine appointment' and the woman's receptive heart!"