



**Wednesday, March 1 - Last Frontier** - Thank you for your prayers last August for the new Friday brunch ministry among an unreached people group. Workers started this evangelistic ministry to engage seekers who are reluctant to attend a church service. Join them in praying that more nonbelievers will go to the brunch and that the believers will share their testimony during the meal and conversation time. Pray that those who hear the gospel will believe and follow Jesus. Please keep praying for God's guidance on this new ministry as workers continue looking for effective ways to share the gospel with this people group. Thank you for praying.

**Thursday, March 2 - Lilongwe, Malawi, and Beyond** - "Last month, you were asked to pray for the cholera outbreak in Malawi. Please keep lifting up this situation! Cases of cholera continue to rise due to poor water management and sanitation, along with heavy and consistent rains. As the cases rise, government hospitals run out of beds and medicine to treat these patients. The mortuaries across the country are completely full. Funerals must be expedited in order to make room. This is truly heart-wrenching. Our Malawi Team has recently worked with Send Relief, in cooperation with the Baptist Convention of Malawi, to get more cholera medicine purchased and delivered. Please keep praying for Malawi!" from abroad.

**Friday, March 3 - Angola** - Please pray for our Angola team as we work through 2023 strategic initiatives, goals, and action plans. Our desire is to reach the unreached peoples and places of Angola and mobilize the church to do the same. Thank you.

**Saturday, March 4 - Theological Education in Malawi** - Please pray for the Chuabo believers in Mozambique as they start the new year full of excitement about implementing the goals they have made for reaching those who have not heard the gospel of salvation. Ask to God open doors of opportunities as they go out looking for those people. Pray for boldness for those who are sharing the gospel. Pray for open hearts and for many Chuabo to say yes to Jesus' salvation.

**Sunday, March 5 - Lusaka, Zambia**- "I've been discipling Pastor Sakeel since 2019," writes missionary Randy Windham. "We're seeing a pattern of former members of charismatic churches coming to him and asking for help in starting a biblical church. They want to be taught the truth of God's Word. We've planted four churches together from these groups, and we're now working with two more groups that will become new churches next year." Pastor Sakeel was recently invited to preach at a Pentecostal church, so he asked the Lord to give him a sermon. He preached on salvation by grace through faith in Christ--basic doctrine. Afterwards, the pastor of the church and several members were amazed and came to him and said, "We've never heard that before! Will you teach us God's Word and help us become a better church?" Matthew 7:28-29 (ESV) says: "And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes." Pastor Sakeel, like Jesus, taught from God's Word, and the people were astonished! Pray for others to recognize the need to hear the truth of God's Word, and thank God that many have already recognized this need.

**Monday, March 6 - Theological Education in Malawi** - Please pray that as students arrived in February and began their orientation and new classes at the Baptist College of Malawi. Pray that they will be well prepared to handle God's Word rightly and lead the future generations of the Malawian church. Pray that God will continue to work in this institution and cause its faculty and administration to hold firmly the task of equipping the next generation of church leaders, pastors, and lay leaders.

**Tuesday, March 7 - Last Frontier** - A local partner who lives near an unreached people group is providing bi-weekly language lessons to a woman who leads a factory. During these lessons, the partner also shares many Bible stories with her. She enjoys the Bible stories, but she hasn't yet opened her heart. Please pray for this woman's heart to open to the good news of Jesus. The partner also started training local Christian leaders to minister to this unreached people group. Please pray for these Christian leaders to study well and for God to use them to bring many lost souls to Him.

**Wednesday, March 8 - Chuabo of Mozambique** - Pray for the Chuabo children as they get ready to start a new school year. Intercede for them as they learn new things in school. Ask that they will learn about God's love for them and that He gave His Son to save them from eternal death.

**Thursday, March 9 - Holding Firm Theology in Africa** - Pray that God will help pastors in Sub-Saharan Africa understand how to make Scripture clear to those in their churches. It takes insight to understand how to help others see the meaning of a passage. Pray that God will help these pastors have the discernment and creativity needed to help others clearly understand the message of the Scripture.

**Friday, March 10 - Lomwe of Malawi and Mozambique**- The International Mission Board's Lomwe Team served across two countries for more than 20 years, but the last team members retired a year ago. Give thanks to God that trained African partners in both Malawi and Mozambique have continued faithfully serving the Lord and planting new churches in places where there is no gospel

presence! Please pray for Lomwe believers to continue to stand firm in their faith. Pray that the message of salvation by faith alone in Christ will continue to spread across Lomweland and beyond.

**Saturday, March 11 - Sub-Saharan African Peoples** - "Twenty-six percent of the world's refugees and internally displaced peoples (IDPs) are in Sub-Saharan Africa. They have fled their homes due to terrorism, civil war, genocide, and persecution, just to name some reasons. African believers are among those found without a home. Let's pray together from God's Word that our African brothers and sisters will find themselves in perfect peace as they keep their minds stayed upon God (Isaiah 26:3). Pray that His peace will draw many lost people to desire His peace in their own hearts and lives."

**Sunday, March 12 - Marburg Outbreak** - Health officials have confirmed the first-ever Marburg virus outbreak in the Central African nation of Equatorial Guinea as well as two suspected cases in neighboring Cameroon. At least nine people have died from the Ebola-like virus in Equatorial Guinea, with 16 suspected cases being monitored. The World Health Organization said it is sending medical experts to help stem the outbreak.

**Monday, March 13 - Yawo of Northern Mozambique** - During the rainy season, which generally runs from December through April, the Yawo people are preoccupied with their fields and are working hard to try and provide food for their families for the rest of the year. Please pray that the believers will continue to maintain their devotion to the Lord during this busy season and make the most of every opportunity to share Christ with their families and neighbors. Ask the Lord to stretch out His mighty hand to save many who are living in northern Mozambique.

**Tuesday, March 14 - Luanda** - Please pray for a Tell His Story evangelism training in Luanda that was in late February and went for four Saturdays. Pray especially for Ezekiel Castelo and Celso Fonseca who will be leading the training. 40 participants from four churches are expected.

**Wednesday, March 15 - Northern Coastal Peoples of Mozambique** - In the larger cities of northern Mozambique, though still surrounded by Islam, what is called "Christianity" has more of a presence. Unfortunately, many churches in these cities that claim to be Christian follow more of a cultural belief of "church" rather than truly following Christ. The members attend services, practice cultural rituals, and go home living like everyone else. True followers of the King are rare, and disciple makers are hard to come by. Please pray that these churches will awaken to the Holy Spirit as their guide over any cultural teachings. Pray that they will "catch the vision" of sharing the true Word of God and teach others to do likewise.

**Thursday, March 16 - Lilongwe, Malawi, and Beyond** - The Malawi Team writes: "As we have entered a new year of ministry in Malawi, please pray for new mercies as we serve the Lord here. Petition for new as well as continued opportunities to share the gospel, disciple believers, equip leaders, and encourage healthy churches to be on mission to reach the nations with the gospel in 2023."

**Friday, March 17 - Sub-Saharan African Peoples** - "First Peter 1:25 (ESV) states that 'the word of the Lord remains forever.' And then it states that 'this word is the good news that was preached to you.' Pray for those of us serving in southern Africa, asking that we will continuously proclaim the good news! Pray that it will be clear and that people will courageously receive the gospel so that it changes their lives for all eternity."

**Saturday, March 18 - Globalization, Global Engagement** - About 40 participants from three affinity groups gathered in Germany on February 27 through March 2 for an "Eight Steps of the Missions Continuum" Consultation. Please intercede for them as field personnel, along with their national partner, vision together through a process to affirm God's calling and develop action steps to advance together how to impact lostness by each embracing their role in the Great Commission. Pray that as a result of this, many of these partners will look toward sending Global Missionary Partners (GMPs) to serve on IMB teams.

**Sunday, March 19 - Maputo, Mozambique: Capital City and Province** - "Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth" (Psalm 127:3-4 ESV). Among a new church in the capital city of Mozambique, there's a quiet stirring of new beginnings: new dating relationships, new marriages, and new lives. This past year, several members went through the grief of infant loss, while others celebrated the welcoming of a new baby. Healthcare in general is not great, and prenatal care is almost unheard of, and many women, even young girls, welcome a baby into their lives unprepared. Join the Southern Mozambique Team in praying for the health of these babies, for the young women starting families, and for these young, vulnerable marriages. Pray that the young families suffering loss will be able to walk through grief holding tightly to God's hand, and others with babies will raise their precious children in the ways of the Lord. Also ask for these young mothers to be steadfast in their devotion to their husbands and, above all, to the Lord, teaching and obeying His Word so their children may see the gospel lived out.

**Monday, March 20 - Tonga of Zambia** - As in many places, the prosperity gospel has a real pull on people in the southern part of Zambia. Even some in the Tonga Baptist churches hear the teaching on television or from their friends and copy those ideas or practices in their churches. Pray that pastors and church leaders will stand on the Word and against those who want to lead churches in that direction. Ask that leaders will study Scripture well and teach others to do the same. Give thanks to God for the Bible Schools that are being held even in remote locations for the training of church leaders.

**Tuesday, March 21 - Chopi of Southern Mozambique-** "What was it like?' their families ask upon their return. Their younger siblings who had taken on their cooking, cleaning, and subsistence farming chores while they were away for a month are full of curiosity as they await the response. Tales of their lessons unfold around cooking pots. New songs and ideas are shared as the two young believers describe the past month's trainings about how to share their faith and lead other young people to Christ. What an opportunity these two young women have had! What a privilege it's been to become leaders! Their families celebrate, and their church awaits with eager anticipation for what the Lord will do in their community because these two were able to go. Please join our Southern Mozambique Team in praying for Mary and Ramah, these two young women in the rural community of Chemane, as they pray through and apply all that they have learned while away at the training. May their hunger for the Lord spur many on to new faith or to renewed faith among the Chopi in Chemane."

**Wednesday, March 22 - Holding Firm Theology in Africa-** "To know sound doctrine," writes the Theological Education Team, "we must know the Word of God, for 'all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work' (2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV). Pray that believers in Sub-Saharan Africa will read, study, and know the Bible and the truth it contains. David loved God's Word, as we see in Psalm 119:97 (ESV): 'Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.' Pray that this may be true of believers in Africa, as well."

**Thursday, March 23 - Chuabo of Mozambique** - Please pray that Chuabo Baptists will be faithful in abiding in Christ each day of this year. Ask that they will have a hunger to hear and obey God's Word daily. Pray for the Chuabo to be faithful to take the gospel to their neighbors.

**Friday, March 24 - Last Frontier** - Your prayers are making a difference among an unreached people group. Recently, seekers began attending worship services and a Bible study. Please pray for these seekers to become believers. There are also several believers who not yet committed to baptism. Pray for them to follow through with baptism. Other believers among this group are being trained for church leadership. Please pray for them to study diligently, practice what they've learned, and to daily abide in Jesus. Pray also for a new business owner to follow God's leading about allowing a Bible study group to meet weekly in their business place. Preparations are being made for an upcoming evangelistic event. Please join workers in praying for the Holy Spirit to go before the event and prepare seekers' hearts to hear and believe the gospel. Workers are also meeting with potential ministry partners. Please pray for God's discernment in this. Thank you for praying for this unreached people group.

**Saturday, March 25 - São Tomé e Príncipe** - The São Tomé and Príncipe Team writes: "Planning is underway for orality and Bible storying projects that will be carried out jointly with a Great Commission Christian organization. Pray for the teams of São Tomeans who will be working to develop story sets in four languages: Angolar, Santome, Kabuverdianu, and Lungie. Currently, there is no Scripture available in any of these languages."

**Sunday, March 26 - Theological Education in Malawi** - "Our Theological Education Team covets your continued, fervent intercession for a mid-term job request that remains open. We need someone to come to Lilongwe, the capital city, and fill a teaching position at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Malawi, as theological education and leadership development remains a great spiritual need in the country. Please pray along with us that the Lord will call someone very soon to fill this position and that they will obey the call and come!"

**Monday, March 27 - Global Health Strategies Network** - "We don't want to leave any people or place without access to the gospel. There are many countries where there are limitations on entering, and that hinders our ability to get to the people the Lord has called us to reach. Even in countries that are open to our field teams, sometimes working through less traditional means gains us a voice with people who would never go to a church. Pray for teams starting wellness centers, fitness training, health and medical education businesses, etc. As these businesses get started, ask that many people will be helped by their ministry and be in a position to hear the gospel in a way that they can understand."

**Tuesday, March 28 - Equatorial Guinea** - Equatorial Guinea is the only African country in which Spanish is an official language. It has a relatively small population of approximately 1.5 million people, but that number comprises 16 people groups and 16 different languages. Twelve of the languages are native to Equatorial Guinea, and most are spoken by a relatively small number of people. The majority of Equatoguineans are employed in agriculture, and many of them are subsistence farmers. In an increasingly urbanized Africa, Equatorial Guinea demonstrates that there are still needs for strategies to share the gospel with the tens of thousands of people who live in rural areas. In Equatorial Guinea, many of the individuals who become followers of Jesus and need to be disciplined may not speak Spanish or any other language into which the Bible has been translated. Pray for churches to find meaningful ways to evangelize and disciple these individuals in obedience to Jesus' commands.

**Wednesday, March 29 - South Main** - Please pray for our college team of 8 who will be travelling to Lusaka, Zambia (June 26-July 10) to share with college students. Pray for them as they continue their evangelism training.

**Thursday, March 30 - South Main** - As our college team prepares for their time in Lusaka, Zambia the development of resources are needed in the area of discipleship. Many of the college students who will accept Christ (during our time on the field) will need a discipleship resource to assist in their spiritual growth. Pray for our team as they are currently working with Zambian Baptist leadership in the development of this valuable resource.

**Friday, March 31 - South Main** - Pray for our college team to develop prayer partners and funding partners as they prepare for the summer mission trip to Luska, Zambia. Pray that every student will work diligently to identify at least 25-50 prayer partners who will pray daily for them June 26-July 10. Funding needs are always a concern for college students who have less opportunity to work while attending college. Please pray that no student goes without the needed \$2,500 to travel. Thank you for giving to the South Main World Missions Offering. Because of your faithful giving, each student will receive approximately 30% funding toward the cost of their trip.