

PRAYER POWERLINES

"SOLID, LASTING MISSIONARY WORK IS DONE ON OUR KNEES." - J.O. FRASER

"Give thanks to the LORD for he is good; his love endures forever," (Ps. 118:1).

NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAYS • Sending new workers

Praise God for empowering new workers beginning cross-cultural ministry. OMF welcomes new members from all around the world. They gather at the International Center in Singapore for three weeks of training. Five people are being sent from the U.S. Pray for Matt and Patience (East Asia), Ben and Tiffany (East Asia) and Morgan Hildebrand (Japan). Ask God to fill them with joy and expectation, fully equipped for their new assignments.

MONDAYS • AIDS care ministry

Pray for an AIDS Care Project in northern Thailand that serves children and their families affected by HIV/AIDS. An ongoing concern relates to the few children who have contracted HIV; their cognitive abilities in many cases seem to be hindered. Pray for wisdom for the families, teachers and doctors as they seek to support these children in leading a normal life and regularly taking their medication.

TUESDAYS • Abundant growth

Thank God for how he has blessed the people of Mongolia during the last 25 years. Churches have grown from a handful of believers to tens of thousands. Thank God for effective evangelists who continue to share the gospel. Ask God to empower first-generation Mongolian believers with a vision for cross-cultural ministry among unreached Buddhist peoples further south.

WEDNESDAYS • Mobilizing more workers

Please pray for OMF Mobilizers who connect with attendees at mission conferences. Two strategic opportunities in November include the Global Missions Health Conference (Louisville, Kentucky), and the International Conference on Missions (Kansas City). Pray for strong connections and engaging conversations with potential applicants.

THURSDAYS • Thanking God for abundant provision

Rejoice in God's faithful provision for missionary families. During their partnership development, new appointees trust God for 100 percent clearance. Pray that the year-end season will prompt generous donors to joyfully participate in The Task Unfinished. God calls us as intercessors, donors, cross-cultural workers and advocates on behalf of East Asia's unreached people. Pray for greater vision, mission expansion and breakthrough.

FRIDAYS • Mobilizing East Asians for ministry

Thank God for fruitful mission mobilization teams in areas like South Korea, Japan and the Philippines. Pray for effective recruitment, equipping, and support structures calling East Asian believers to cross-cultural ministry. May East Asian churches fully embrace sending people from their own churches to share the good news about Jesus.

SATURDAYS • Bearing much fruit

Christian workers in Myanmar request prayer that they would remain in Jesus, bearing much spiritual fruit. Pray that they can joyfully love each other so that their communities would realize they are Jesus' disciples. Pray that the same aspiration would be evident in our lives as well.



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Pray for the people of Myanmar

Myanmar is one of the most resource rich countries in South East Asia. Most people live in rural areas with rice farming, fishing, and agriculture as their main occupations. However, the main exports are petroleum gas, gems, and logs.

Myanmar has been in the news over the last few years, notably for its moves towards democracy and the opening up of the country. Western brands are being seen in increasing abundance, cellphone usage is rapidly increasing, and there are more and newer cars on the roads. For many, however, it seems that little has changed. Still, there is generally a much more positive atmosphere.

Buddhism is the majority religion, following the Theravada tradition. Myanmar considers itself one of the last outposts of true Buddhism. Although officially only 1% is considered animist, in reality, religion is often mixed with a wide range of traditional and animistic practices. The Christian population is estimated at around 9%, with the majority being from ethnic minorities such as the Kachin, Chin, and Karen.

There is a significant church in Myanmar, but the majority of the believers came from the ethnic minorities. The Bamar, Shan, Mon, and Rakhine ethnic groups, in particular, have very few believers. Local Christians had some interest in mission work to their countrymen, but the cultural divide is huge, and it is challenging to know how to begin.

Church planting in Myanmar can be hard. There is a lot of uncertainty about what might create trouble for local believers. OMF workers focus on building mutually beneficial partnerships with the local church, as well as preparing the way for more workers to come. There are ongoing challenges finding stable permissions to work in the country and good ways to study language, culture, and worldview. Despite these challenges, God has graciously provided missionaries with a wide variety of visas and ministries.

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