

PRAYER POWERLINES

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

“Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn,” (Isaiah 60:3).

MARCH 2021: Stages of Ministry

SUNDAYS • Six stages of ministry

OMF workers labor toward Indigenous Biblical Church Movements (IBCMs). We can describe IBCMs in six stages, their first letters spelling the word DISPEL. Pray that the “unreachedness” of East Asia’s people will be dispelled as well as our indifference and lack of faith to reach others.

MONDAYS • Discernment

We begin (and continue) with discernment, seeking God’s face to discover those groups and communities without a gospel witness. We research the people, their needs and, driven by a holy dissatisfaction, pray and invite others to pray. This includes prayer walks, ethnographic research and looking for what God is doing. Pray for field leadership’s discernment and the development of prayer resources, as there are still hundreds of unreached groups.

TUESDAYS • Inroads

Pray for inroads among the people God puts on our hearts and that God will provide answers as we ask these questions: how can faithful and equipped witnesses live and share among the unreached? Which skills of believers does the community and government welcome? Teaching? Business? Compassionate work? How will these workers learn the culture, language and worldview of these people? Who will mobilize and send these workers?

WEDNESDAYS • Sowing

Sowing is the third stage of DISPEL. The gospel needs to be shared in sensitive, culturally relevant ways. Sometimes Scriptures still need to be translated. Pray that field workers will share wisely and appropriately. Arts, social media and online ministries all play a catalyzing role. Pray for discernment of open doors and where to sow the Good News.

THURSDAYS • Planting

The purpose of sowing is to make connections with new believers and to find those who are open to hearing and receiving the Good News. Pray that churches will be planted, and for new believers being disciplined. Pray that new believers will reach out to their own people, in spite of persecution.

FRIDAYS • Enabling

Pray for the emerging indigenous church to become self-supporting, self-propagating, self-governing and self-theologizing. The missionary’s role changes from pioneering into enabling the new church to reach their own as locals plant their own churches and train their own leaders. Pray for missionaries to do well at modeling, assisting, then watching and ultimately leaving, so that the church plant can exist independent of missionaries.

SATURDAYS • Launching

The Great Commission comes full cycle when the new church movement begins reaching out in missions cross-culturally to other unreached peoples, as partners in God’s global church. As these partners launch a new church, they themselves mobilize, train, send and set up missionary sending structures (Indigenous Mission Movements or IMM). Pray for the OMF teams that walk alongside these IMMs, and for the IMMs role in fulfilling the Great Commission.



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OMF ministry vision: *Through God's grace we aim to see an indigenous biblical church movement (IBCM) in each people group of East Asia, evangelizing their own people and reaching out in mission to other peoples.* A fruitful IBCM can be characterized as disciples making disciples who make disciples, churches planting churches that plant churches, leaders raising leaders who raise leaders, resulting in transformed communities and mission outreach to other peoples. IBCMs are something God does and we join. It begins and is sustained through prayer. An IBCM among each people group has its own story with many ups and downs. As a church matures, certain stages are recognizable even though they may differ in length and challenges from group to group. The stages below, in order, form the acronym DISPEL.



Discern

Finding God's heart, learning about the people, their needs, and beginning to see how to join God in reaching them.

Prayer movements. Ethnography and research. Vision trips and prayer journeys. Advocacy. Partnerships.



Inroads

Placing Gospel workers among the people.

Mobilizing, sending and placing field workers. Cross-cultural training and language learning. Identifying needs and bringing skills and services welcomed by the people. Incarnational living. Supporting these efforts.



Sow

Bringing the Gospel in an understandable way before the people.

Scripture translation. Media ministries. Storytelling and orality. Arts. Understanding bridges and barriers to the gospel. Proclamation. Finding persons of peace.



Plant

Those who respond to the gospel are discipled and gathered into fellowships

Forming indigenous fellowships. Training of leaders. Reproducible discipleship. Handling persecution. Follow-up. Inner healing. Identity as body of Christ.



Enable

Sustaining the multiplication of an indigenous church without dependency issues. The church reaches its own people. The movement stage. Exponential growth.

Outward focus. Flock care. Reproducibility. Training hubs. Multiple generations.



Launch

The indigenous church takes the Great Commission cross-culturally to other people groups.

Mobilization. Missionary and theological training. Send-ing structures and member care. Partnerships with the global church.

When you pray for a missionary or unreached area, *can you identify at what DISPEL stage is that ministry?* Pray for the activities involved, that the work may advance further to the next stage.



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