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Praying for People of Peace

Recently we were visited by our friend who represents Central Asia. As part of the presentation they mentioned the need for people of peace. I asked them to explain what was meant by the term "people or person of peace."

The term is taken from Luke 10:1-7. In verses 5 and 6 it says...

"5Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house-hold.' 6If a **person of peace** is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you."

Some people have speculated that Jesus implemented an approach to reaching the lost with the instructions to the 72 that He sent out. Others have argued that He wasn't necessarily trying to implement a specific way to reach people, but was just giving 'A' way to begin the conversation.

In Luke 10, Jesus sends out the disciples into what he describes as the harvest field. He invites them to go empty-handed, just themselves and the invitation to bear witness to the nearness of the kingdom of God, eating and drinking with those who welcome them. "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you." (Luke 10:5, NIV)

Someone who "promotes peace," as Scripture references, is not necessarily someone who is a follower of Jesus (though they can be) but is someone who resonates with the peace that is being shared. They welcome you into their home or business and extend hospitality. They are known by the rest of the community and can vouch for you. They can serve as a bridge between you and the neighborhood or network you now find yourself in. They can resource you in ways you cannot resource yourself.

Based on the description above the **person of peace** can open the gate for meaningful conversation about the gospel.

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Pastoral Insights by Pastor Barry

Psalm 22 represents the sacrifice of Jesus with the first words in the Psalm being,



"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" As you read through the Psalm, there are several more prophetic connections pointing to Jesus' suffering (verses 6-8, 12-18). But the verses that caught my attention are found toward the end of the Psalm. "All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations." (Verses 27-28)

Whenever I read the word "nations," my attention piqued. The plan of God is to rule all the nations. The hope of the world is the One who rules also saves and rescues. The previous verse (V26) says, "The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him..." It might be well understood by each of us that God's heart is filled with a love for the people of all nations. But to me, Psalm 22 clearly presents the importance of the sacrifice of Christ so that all nations, all peoples, all the poor and powerless may be offered life. We call that the great commission!

Anytime you are able to join the Global Outreach Community, we will promise to be passionate about our call from God to love the world and share the Good News with all the nations!

Keep Praying for...

Team Naphtali

Pray...

...for for Mr. Z*'s heart ready to be baptized, because he still asks for more time.

PARI - Sundanese Christian Fellowship

Pray...

...for Isaiah Team...a New House Church in the Pandeglang area

...for Joshua Team...the Pioneering of New House Church in Every Region where there are already people so that they can be disciples and can form House Church.

...for **Peter Team**...for students who are independent to become network leaders, and pray for the addition of new staff.

...for Judah Team...for the students to grow in faith and also be active in the growth of House Church and generations.

...for **Gideon Team**...for Mr. H*'s health to be healed by God and prays for the students of Mr. A* and Mr. K*, so that they will be fostered and loyal to God.

...for Paul's Team...for the maturation process of the congregation, the House church that is less active so that it can be active again.

...for **Cornelius Team**...for cooperation with God's people, church members who long

to reach Mr. S* so that it will be realized soon by bringing together his family, friends and acquaintances who are already open.

...for **Daud Team**...for the RB and CKL market areas where there are already new believers so that the House Church can be opened soon.

..for **Ezekiel Team**...for the network of the House Church of Mr. H*, S*, M*, H*, H* to grow and Training for Leaders continues to run.

West Java—Home of the Sunda

...for **Enoch Team**...for the process of adaptation in Ciamis and pray for the right platform.

...for **House Church**...that this year 200 New House Churches will be born

...for **Weekend Student Services**...that every student who joins PARI has a commitment to love souls, so that in the coming school year students will be even more enthusiastic in delivering good news.

...for Noah Team...for Mr. I* to be trained to be a student so that he can reach his family, friends and acquaintances

...for the development of the current 192 **House Churches**, hopefully, it can be multiplied in 2024 and by the end of 2025 there will be 650 House Congregations

...for the **Children's Ministry...**so that their faith in God will be stronger and they can become future leaders.

Prayer requests continued on page 4...

*Full names are not used to protect the individuals on the ground.

<u>Agenda</u>

Introductions

Kelley McCormick sharing about his trips to Cuba and Mexico

Group discussion about what is next for the Community

Prayer time

Calling All Global Outreach Community Members!

We Need You!

Thursday, August 8th, 6 PM Please Come!



Remember...Marie Evensen?...



For the last 12 years I've been full time with YWAM in Salem, Oregon and have invested in many areas of ministry. I began working with our ropes challenge course where we would host churches, businesses and schools for a day of team building. In that time, we taught about godly character and how to have unity with one another in teams. From there I worked with three DTS schools and led two outreaches to Thailand where 19 people accepted Christ! Most recently I have gotten additional training through a Foundations for Counseling Ministries (FCM) school and Addictive Behavior Counseling (ABC) school. With this equipping I have been to Brazil for three outreaches where we have taught seminars and met with individuals to bring healing and

transformation through the love of Jesus and prayer. It was this last outreach from June to August 2023 that I felt God called me to move full time to Brazil.

My vision is to help others experience the healing love of Jesus that restores their identity.

I'm joining a YWAM ministry called Casa Rocha (Rock House), which is located in a slum area of Belo Horizonte. Casa Rocha is a community center focused on impacting individuals and families through community development and the love of God. The community center is a safe place in the local neighborhood for evangelism, Bible studies, kid's clubs, sports, water aerobics, workshops, house visits and more. I'm excited to join this amazing ministry and see how God will use my efforts, skills and experience to bring His Kingdom to this place.

Marie will be leaving for Brazil in September. We will have a commissioning service on September 1.

I will have a sign up to form a prayer team specifically for Marie as she faces this new adventure! Look for me in the hallway outside the auditorium to sign up. -- John

Person of Peace (continued from page 1)

There is also the aspect that the Father has been drawing the person, whether they have accepted Jesus or not at the time of contact. It could be a situation where the person has had a vision or dream that has prepared their heart for the contact.

The point is that the **person of peace** is a person whose heart has been prepared by the Father as a means of getting the gospel to a certain family group or segment of the society the believer is trying to share the gospel. I believe that it is important that we pray for our representatives/partners in ministry in regards to the **person of peace**.

- Pray that the believer will be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit so that they will know when God is leading them to a **person of peace**.
- Pray that the **person of peace** would be open to the gospel message and willing to share the message with their family and friends.
- Pray that those included in the **person of peace**'s circle of influence will be open the gospel when approached.
- Stand against the plans of the enemy, that the gospel will be planted deeply in the good soil of their hearts and pray diligently for the outcome of this effort.

 --John

Prayer Requests (Continued)

Central Asia - From our envoy...

Pray...

- For two new interns financial needs \$500 per month per intern.
- Camp needs an additional







Praise: We praise God for our 38 healthy piglets. That he continues to keep them healthy to grow to a suitable age to sell to buyers. This profit will increase our provisions for the orphans & widows!

Pray:

- For our students are on school break until later part of August. May God keep them protected & guide them into enduring & healthy relationship with others.
- For Pastor Steve will be able to organize a gathering of the orphans to address spiritual & emotional needs.

Greater Indonesia - Sulawesi - IMPACT

Pray...

A field worker "K" shared the following updates and prayer requests:

Ministry to street children

 They are helping about 15 children by meeting physical and spiritual needs. If kids show interest, they are discipled with DBS-like methods. PRAY for these children to come to know our Heavenly Father.

Sulawesi

Greater Indonesia

Sulawesi

Pray...

Ministry to street children (continued)

- They recently purchased some land and plan to build a permanent home on it. They need to raise 50-60K; worker is heading back to the U.S. at the end of September to fundraise. PRAY for favor!
- Methamphetamine has become a huge problem in the city; most of the kids use it. PRAY for the children's safety.

Ministry to UPGs in Sulawesi

Bajau

- K visits two villages weekly. PRAISE GOD three people were baptized at the end of March. PRAY for their spiritual growth and the beginning of a DBS group.
- A mom suffering from cancer came to Christ before she died. PRAY for her daughter and husband to also come to Christ.

Tolaki

- K is studying with a couple. PRAY they come to a deeper understanding that becoming a Jesus follower is a relationship, not a religion.
- K was able to help a student whose father was in a bad accident. PRAY for them to seek God.
- The children in the village are more open to the Gospel than the adults. PRAY many children will come to Jesus and bring their parents along!

Muna

 PRAISE GOD there are now some workers (expats and nationals) living among them. PRAY for workers to meet people of peace and for opportunities to share Jesus.

