

# Global Outreach



## Community Newsletter

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### Eternity In Their Hearts

Our God is so great! In Ecclesiastes 3:11 it says, *"Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted **eternity in the human heart**, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end."* (NLT) In this verse we see that God in His infinite wisdom has placed something in the hearts of people that draws people individually to Him.

When we start looking at reaching people groups the idea of establishing a Church Planting Movement (CPM) promotes the idea of entire families, even extended families making the decision to follow the Lord Jesus.

In the nineteen eighties a missionary by the name of Don Richardson published a book called ***Eternity in Their Hearts***. The premise of the book was that God not only placed something in the individual hearts of people, but He also placed a prior witness in their cultures. Richardson was an anthropologist as well as a missionary. He demonstrates how animistic tribes all around the world, with no apparent exposure to orthodox religious instruction, grasped the gospel message. This is made possible because God was already there, working in their midst, as a prior witness. This prior witness culturally prepared the various people for when the Gospel came to them and their people.

In Don Richardson's case it was the concept of the Peace Child. Don and his family worked among a tribal group in New Guinea called the Sawi people. They were cannibalistic and the greatest virtue of their society was that of betrayal. Consequently the Sawi were in a state of continual warfare among the various tribal groups. After Don translated the Sawi language so he could communicate with them, as he was teaching he came to the part where Judas betrayed Jesus to the Chief Priests.

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### Pastoral Insights

by Pastor Barry

#### To The Ends Of The Earth!

"In that day the root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious." (Isaiah 11:10)



Isaiah 11 has become one of my favorite prophecies about Jesus, the Messiah. The Lord will usher in the culmination of the age when the wolf will live with the lamb and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. (11:6 & 9)

The word nations is used differently in our day than when it was written in the Bible. When Jesus commands us to "make disciples of all nations," the word he uses for nation is the Greek word "ethne," like ethnic groups or people groups. The meaning of a people group has to do with shared language, culture, heritage, beliefs, and geography. It is estimated that there are 17,000 people groups in the world, with over 6,000 of these isolated from the Gospel.

Jesus will rally all people groups to himself, giving each one an opportunity to hear and receive the Good News and then his glory will reign forever. But not until then!

 GLOBAL OUTREACH  
across the street & around the world

# Prayer Requests

## Keep Praying for...

### Team Naphtali

#### Pray for...

...the Reading Post service so that it can run well and become a blessing and a good platform for the Team.

...for 4 families who have been open to the gospel, so that they can be served and become believers.

...the Holy Spirit to revive the churches in T\*. Numbers are small and many are afraid of persecution if they be bolder in their witness.

### PARI - Sundanese Christian Fellowship

#### Pray...

...for **PARI**...for more workers

...for workers to have a fresh vision of God's heart for unbelievers

...for **Isaiah Team**...for the Church Planting of house Churches in 2 villages so that there will be additional members. And pray for 2 people who already believe to remain faithful to God

...for **Joshua Team**...for the Church Planting of new House Churches in 3 regions, so that there are new converts

...for **Peter Team**...for the Church Planting of new House Churches in 3 regions, so that there are new converts.

...for **Judah Team**...for the Church Planting of 2 new House Churches so that this month can happen. Pray for baptized believers to be prepared to reach out to their friends and family.

...for **Gideon Team**...for the New House Church to run well.

...for **Paul's Team**...Grateful that 1 new House Church has been formed, pray also for Children Youth Ministry to keep going

...for **Cornelius Team**...for planting 3 new groups that were being processed to the House Church.

...for **David Team**...for 3 students to have the courage to reach their friends and family.

..for **Ezekiel Team**...for 10 disciples to attend the training for local leaders

...for **Enoch Team**...for 4 sub-districts in the service area so that there would be believers in the area

...for **Noah Team**...Thank you to the Pak I\* House Church, who have dared to reach out and are in the process of being discipled

## West Java—Home of the Sunda



...for **House Churches**...that there will be an addition of 80 New House Church until the end of December 2024, especially in the Bgr area.

...for **Weekend Student Services**...for 100+ Seminary students that have committed to go to the unreached people in Indonesia.

...for the **Children's and Youth Ministry**...for new smart children so that they can adapt to the new environment and school, and can be fostered their faith is getting stronger.

...for **Daniel Team**...for D\* can become a true disciple, her faith continues to grow and experience a personal encounter with Isa Almasih

...for the 16 active House Churches, so that the members and disciples continue to multiply so that this year's program can be achieved.

...for the church planting of the 3rd generation of the House Church in 2 places, so that the converts are ready to be baptized and a new House Church is formed

...**Abraham Team**...that our services can be multiplied and the House Church can be in accordance with its standards

...**Caleb Team**...for the Church Planting area so that new House Churches can be built in 8 villages

...**Nehemiah's Team**...for the plan to open the House Church in 12 new villages so that it can be implemented

...**Lay Outreach**...for the seminar that has been held, there were 806 participants who attended most of them students, and there were 130 who longed to become full evangelists, pray for their calling.

**Prayer requests continued on page 3...**

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

## Prayer Requests (Continued)

### Central Asia - From our representative...

#### Pray...

...specifically for the fundraising they are doing for the new retreat center and for the mission trips that are being planned for next summer.

...for all those in-country and for the short-term mission teams who will be going over to help with outreach and building.

#### Kenya - Amani Fellowship



• **Kenya ministry team.** **Praise God** we are formulating our team! We have the Parsons and Jason & Crista Kessler on the team. Others are considering joining us. We just love the way God coordinates a team for His exact purposes. We all need prayers for protection and preparation of our hearts for this ministry!

#### Prayer needs:

- It is now time to start drafting up our agenda for our trip. Here is where we really need clear guidance from the Holy Spirit because our own emotional connections can be strong in terms of what **WE** want to do. We need to keep focus on what we see God doing and how we are called to join in with Him.
- Also our students will be wrapping up the year and are given a lengthy stay at home for the month of December. Pray they do well in their final exams this month as this allows them to continue to progress up in class. Pray that our orphans will be welcomed home to guardians who have a godly heart of love accepting the orphans as their own. In their break time that God nudge their hearts to drawn near to Him as their Heavenly Father and grow in spiritual maturity.



### A big hello from Brazil!

#### Acampamento Perseverança - Perseverance Camp



A couple of weeks ago we put on a camp for people who we minister to who live on the streets. We had 40 participants in total; 25 who came straight off the streets affected by various drugs and/or alcohol and 15 men who were already enrolled in rehab programs. It was a very intense 5 days, but it was amazing to see how God worked through the week of the camp. Each day we had morning and evening services with testimonials from those who God rescued

#### My Personal Experience

My time at the camp was very hard, but 100% worth it! I was one of the leaders of a room where three women from the street stayed. It was intense and a bit overwhelming at the start of the week to be sleeping in a room with women whom I didn't know and who were detoxing from drugs. It was definitely a new experience and was a big stretch for me with my limited Portuguese.

#### Prayer requests:

- ◇ **Learning Portuguese.** I am growing in my skills, but there are still times where I don't understand and where it is hard to be effective in communication with others.
- ◇ **The 7 men and 1 woman who are in the rehab programs.** That they will have lasting change in their lives!
- ◇ **My Team.** That we would continue growing in unity and effectiveness as a ministry team.
- ◇ **Safe travels.** On December 2nd I fly back to the US to spend Christmas with my family.
- ◇ **My VISA process.** There are some documents and a background check that I will need to do when I'm back in the US. Then I should be able to submit my information for a long term VISA. Pray for favor in this process and that I don't forget anything that is needed.

*Marie*

*Prayer requests continued on page 4...*

## *"Eternity in Their Hearts" (continued from page 1)*

Judas became the hero of the story.

Discouraged because he couldn't find a way to communicate the Gospel to these tribal people and because the warfare between the different tribes was escalating to the point that he and his family were in danger, Don called the tribal leaders together and told them he and his family could not stay where they were not safe.

The tribal leaders did not want them to leave. To make peace between the warring factions they performed a ceremony where the Chief of one tribe would give his son to the Chief of the other tribe and as long as the child lived there would be peace between the two factions.

The Lord impressed on Don that this way of suing for peace between the two tribes was exactly what he needed to be able to share the Gospel with these people. By God the Father giving His Son to the people of the tribe, as long as the Son lives there will be peace between them. ***The Peace Child!***

Today 80-90% of the Sawa people have become part of God's forever family. They are now sending missionaries to the other tribal people near them.

### **Fast forward to 2024...**

New Harvest Church has a partnership with a

ministry to the Sunda people of Indonesia. (PARI) As I have explored the various ministries that are reaching out to the Sunda people, I have come across a group that has discovered a cultural link similar to that of the **Peace Child** that Don Richardson discovered with the Sawa people.

The Sunda community is awaiting a kingdom era that is led by a King known as Budak Angon (**Shepherd King**)/Ratu Adil (King of Justice). The Sunda people have a great love for music and the theater. The group I am in contact with is producing movies and television programs based on the teachings of the Shepherd King. As they have produced the movies using many Muslim people in their movies, the people are beginning to respond to the teaching that Jesus is the long awaited **Shepherd King**. Even some of the Sunda royalty are beginning to recognize that Jesus is the only one who can fulfill the prophecy.

Our God is so good and His glory covers all of the earth! Let us worship Him and thank Him for preparing the way by placing this culturally relevant teaching in the Sunda people...truly He has placed...***Eternity in Their Hearts!***

--John

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## ***Pray for the Sunda People!***

PRAISE GOD for:

- ◇ ...the redemptive analogy in the Sunda culture
- ◇ ...Sunda royal family members who are coming to believe that Jesus is the only King who is perfect, wise, and holy
- ◇ ...the production of a full-length movie 'Budak Angon'



PRAY for:

- ◇ ...the Sunda to realize that the coming kingdom is God's kingdom, and the Shepherd King is Jesus
- ◇ ...Holy Spirit to open the hearts of the Sunda to receive their King Jesus and start a harvest festival
- ◇ ...the Sunda to understand all the principles of the Sunda kingdom in light of the Bible
- ◇ ...believers to walk in the power of God that is available to them now
- ◇ ...spiritual fruit from the Budak Angon movie