

"Prayer is crucial in evangelism:
Only God can change the heart of someone who is in rebellion against Him. No matter how logical our arguments or how fervent our appeals, our words will accomplish nothing unless God's Spirit prepares the way."

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Pastoral Insights by Pastor Barry

"I believe in God."



When you read that, your impression is most likely a positive one. But my intent is to highlight the darkside of this profession. If you are like me,

you have met hundreds of people who will tell you, "I believe in God." But that is not the crucial confession, right!?

As I prepare for my sermon on Sunday, the Apostle John is very concerned about people believing in God's existence but denying the reality of Jesus the Christ. "No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son (as Messiah) has the Father also." (1 John 2:23)

The crucial aspect of the mission is presenting Christ as God. A few months ago I had an honest conversation with a Muslim. He had a great deal of respect for Jesus. He even said that Jesus came to him in a dream. But then I said that Jesus is the Son of God and the only way to heaven, with these words, "Isa al Masih." Jesus is the Messiah. He changed the subject and didn't want to talk about Jesus anymore.

There are 2 billion Muslims in the world. Without Christ, they will die an eternal death and be separated from God forever. Our mission is far from completed. Let's remain eager and diligent in our shared purpose of pointing people to Jesus, even to the ends of the earth.

The End of the Earth Has An Address

Somehow, we have a sense that the fact there are unreached peoples is acceptable in our personal world. But it is true that Jesus died for everyone – even those at the ends of the earth. And everyone that Jesus died for is known by God. And, just like each of us, *everyone has a real address in the eyes of God*, even if we consider them to be at the ends of the earth or the uttermost. It must be disappointing to God that there are still unreached people groups (UPG) 2000 years after Jesus gave the commission to go and make disciples of all nations.

Missions is not about, "What can I spare?" The question must be, "What is it going to take?" For each of us it is the risk of stepping out in faith, abandoning our agenda for His, and offering a sacrifice—a living sacrifice. It is radical dependence on Christ. Be troubled that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord does not fill the earth. Be troubled in your soul that there are addresses that have yet to be visited by a witness for Christ. Be passionately committed to expanding the reach of the gospel – whether it is going, mobilizing, or sending; whether you are working on the front lines or in the infrastructure to make disciples of the nations.

Coming Soon!

New Harvest Institute
Starting October 12th, 4:30 - 6 PM!



Kenya Highlights

Amani Fellowship continues to see the orphans flourishing in education. Obviously, there are still some that struggle as it is initially difficult to learn when placed into an education system with little or no prior schooling. It is amazing to see the resilience in these children when given time to catch up to their level. We enrolled another student into a University (Rongo University) with limited cost of only \$100 per semester. Our students, as orphans and disadvantaged financially, can receive a level of governmental assistance making the tuition cost very reasonable for our graduates when their exam grades are exceptional. We must pray the government continues to provide such subsidies for our students so that we can continue to support a few of our exceptionally academic students in higher education.

We continue to expand ideas for additional projects to help Amani Fellowship become more self-sustaining. The startup of our pig project was quite intense (actually overwhelming to me, learning as we proceeded) yet amazing to see the program develop and grow with the added surprise benefit of hiring many local village laborers to gather river rock, plant & harvest potatoes for feed, to result in our well established and maintained pig farm. Now, we are currently researching the option to purchase property for farming to provide profitable crops such as bananas and other local crops in demand. Goodness, this is surely beyond my scoop of skill once again! So, I reflect on God's past faithfulness, and my faith increases as we begin to pur-

sue another project. So, we step forward in trust that the hand of God will continue to bring the knowledge, wisdom, and discernment as God opens doors and orchestrates the amazing. Let us all join in prayer in accordance with God's will, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you" **James 1:5.** What a precious peace that flows out of His promise. God will give us wisdom! Never forget that as I do lead many aspects of Amani Fellowship, I am one very simple, normal person just like each of you, joining God in His work. You each are equally empowered to do what God calls you to do. Each prayer, each sponsorship, each mission team member, each board member is so essential and so pleasing to our God. He loves partnering with each one of us together! Let us pray with excitement and watch what God does in the days to come.

Prayer focus: Continued governmental financial assistance for our university students. Continued blessings and prosperous pig farm. Knowledge, wisdom, and discernment, for the opportunity to begin a farming project to provide further self-sustaining income for God's children and widows in Amani Fellowship.

Praise: Take valuable time and sit with God and reflect on what He has done so far. Praise Him for the big and the small. Not just in Amani Fellowship but also uniquely in your life. This is your reasonable act of worship and frankly a privilege to honor and love your God.

Blessings,

Phyllis Featherstone

Brazil Report...

Hello everyone,

It's always fun to adjust to a few hours of time difference, the tiredness of 30+ hours of travel and all the fun sounds in the community. Brazil is a big celebration culture so Saturday night was full of fireworks until 1:30 am, for no apparent reason and then we have chickens so some lovely roosters like to crow in the early hours. Good times!



This week I will jump back into ministry and I'm excited to share chocolates and sweets that I brought from the US and to see those in the community that God has connected me with.

Prayer Requests from Central Asia



From our representative...

- ◆ Please pray for Bear to use his CPAP machine and get the sleep that he needs.
- ◆ Please pray for Bear to begin eating normally so that his strength will return.
- Please pray for Bear to get back his zest for life and that his dark clouds will pass.
- Please pray that God will give us wisdom in how to love him, parent him and help him get regulated.
- ◆ Please pray for the remaining \$300,000 needed to complete the Camp and Retreat Center in Central Asia.
- Please join us in praising God for the \$900,000 in our current projected giving toward the building project in Central Asia.
- Please pray for resolution with the neighbors and local villages over disagreements concerning the local water supply which originates from the river that borders the property.
- Please pray for good relationships and a Christlike testimony with the neighbors and the local villages

Brazil Report...From page 2

One update I want to share is that I'm going to start using an email platform called Mail Chimp to send out my updates. I've heard that sometimes these emails end up in the junkmail box so by the end of today, if you don't see the email, check your junkmail.

My biggest prayer request right now is the transition back into ministry and navigating the house improvement projects. I'm not experienced in construction or anything like that so I'm needing to find connections with trustworthy contractors to do the work.

Thank you all so much for the prayers and walking with me on this journey!

Marie

Naftali's Prayer Points:

- 1. Pray for the T* city, K*, S*, J*, S*, G* T*, C*, C*, and P* P* areas, that in these areas, Jesus will guide us to the people He has prepared to believe in Him.
- 2. Pray for Mr. A*, a client who believes but is currently living in C* B*, that Jesus will continue to guard his faith and keep him believing.
- 3. The Reading Posts in S* and U* will be a blessing to the people there and open the way for the Gospel to spread.
- 4. Pray for Mr. U*, who previously believed but has now changed his ways, that Jesus will open his heart again and even have a personal encounter with Him.
- 5. Pray for Pak W*, Pak O*, Pak K*, Pak I*, Pak W*, Ibu Y*, Pak T*, Pak *, Pak H*, Pak R*, Pak U*, Pak U*, Pak N* and his wife. They are open clients and still want to be invited to discuss the Gospel.
- 6. Pray for the opening of a reading post in P* P* at a madrasah (Islamic boarding school) so that it can serve as a bridge for us to share the Gospel in the area. The opening is planned for early October at the latest.
- 7. Pray for our baptized clients, F* and S*, that they will remain faithful to the Lord Jesus and grow in their faith. F* is currently having difficulty discipleship because he is busy with work. S* is working outside the city in S*.
- 8. Pray for Mr. L*, a client who believes but doesn't have much time left to be discipled, so that Jesus will touch his heart and allow him time to be discipled.
- Our platform as Love of Reading Teachers and Health Cadres will increasingly be a blessing to the community in T*.
 Many children are illiterate and parents have vision problems when reading.

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Keep Praying for...

Indonesia

West Java—Home of the Sunda



Team Naphtali -

Pray for guidance for Mr. A* and his colleagues in S* district, so that their faith continues to grow and is more courageous outreach.

PARI Prayer Request -

Barnabas Team - Pray for the group meeting, hopefully many members of the House Church will attend, as well as the activities of the children served will also be more enthusiastic.

Student Services - Pray that there is one believer, namely J*, so that in this month he can be followed up again for baptism.

Abraham Team - Pray for the old and new House Church (HC) to keep running, there will be additional members and it will get stronger.

Amos Team - Pray that there will be a breakthrough in the program to achieve the 2025 target.

Children Youth Ministry (CYM) - Pray that God will accompany and bless the children served, as well as the planning made for the next five years at CYM, that every existing planning is in accordance with God's will, so that every activity, agenda and activity can glorify God.

Caleb Team - Prays for the House Church that has been formed so that there will be additional members from neighbors or other acquaintances and grow in faith and can be generational.

Nehemiah Team - Pray for the 8 disciples to keep a strong vision.

The Daniel/Bethany Team - Prays for the addition of members and the formation of a new House Churches and meeting new students.

Isaiah Team - Prays for Y*'s mother, D*, and B* who have heard the Gospel, to be nurtured and believe in Jesus Christ.

Joshua Team - Prays for the plan to plant the New House Churches in 5 places.

Peter Team - Pray that there would be a new place for the House Church to worship, because the place that was previously banned by local residents so that it could no longer be used.

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Judah Team - Pray for the existing 6 House Churches to be healthy and the plant of new House Churches so that they can be achieved in 4 places.

Jehosaphat Team - Pak H* has plant new House Church, there are 4 peoples, so that these people remain faithful. already believe but have not been baptized, hopefully they can be baptized.

Timotius Team - Prays for the family of Mr. F*, a student who is being trained to reach out to his friends and acquaintances to be given courage because the outreach area is majority Muslim. Pray (H* of A*) who has believed and wants to be baptized, so that they can be baptized in this month.

Gideon Team - Prays for the newly converted family of Pak J* M* so that their faith grows in the Lord Jesus.

Women's Ministry - God help for the Women's retreat on October 21-23, 2025. May God's visit and God's presence be more pronounced.

Paul Team - Pray for Mr. G* to be committed to seriously serving God or leading his 2nd House Church.

Cornelius Team - Pray for the discipleship of the L* network there are 5 people who are disciples, praying for the sick: Mr. A*, I*, D*, S* to be healed. Pray for our target areas for agricultural land.

Ezekiel's Team - Prays for Mr. A* A* and 3 members of his family who are in Babtism, have told the story of the children of S* / Release of their past sins, in the future so that they continue to process in continuous discipleship.



Mission Forum
Meeting
Thursday,
October 9th - 6 pm

Special Emphasis: Tajikistan, Central Asia See you there!