

# LET GOD ARISE!

*Eastertide: The Resurrection of Christ*  
4.8.12 - 5.5.12



**He is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!**

Mark 16.1-8 • Rev. Dr. Don L. Davis

**Jesus Has Risen! He is Not Dead!**

*An Easter Chorus • Don L. Davis*

On Sunday at first light, the spices they brought  
To set on his body, and do as they ought  
The huge stone they found there, had been rolled away  
The tomb there was empty, the place where he lay!

Jesus has risen, he is not dead!  
The Lord rose victorious, just as he said!  
Evil's been conquered, on death he has tread,  
Jesus has risen, he is not dead!

Don't be alarm-ed! I know whom you seek;  
The Crucified Jesus, the dear Nazarene  
But, look, he is risen, and lives evermore  
Death could not hold him for he is the Lord!

Why seek you the living among all the dead?  
The Lord is not here now, he's risen instead!  
Go tell his disciples to Galilee flee  
For he goes before you, and there he'll be seen!

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## **He is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!**

Nothing is as it seems. The essence of Christian faith and life, the heart of our hope, is the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth from the dead. Jesus' resurrection, to put it mildly, is the cornerstone of our faith. The same Jesus who was crucified, who died on the Tree, who was buried in a borrowed tomb, and descended into the grave – this same Lord was raised from the dead on the third day, triumphant over death and able to save all who call on him in faith.

Every single Gospel account of our Lord's resurrection demonstrates its power and mystery. With the women coming to the Tomb toward the dawn of the first day of the week, the entire episode unfolded – the angel of the Lord's descent from heaven and the rolling away of the stone. We see the battle-worn guards fall like dead men at the shaking of the earthquake and the presence of the angel's splendor. The angel tells the women a message totally unexpected: the crucified Jesus is no longer in the tomb, but has risen from the dead, just as he said. He tells them to go and tell his disciples to meet the Lord in Galilee as he promised, and as they leave with fear and great joy, they encounter the risen Lord himself, and worship him. He comforts them, and tells them to go and tell his "brothers" that he will meet them in Galilee, as he told them beforehand.

This amazing tale is the reason we can have hope in a world so dark and feeble, so confused as to what really matters, and so discouraged over what is really possible. All the prophets and apostles agree: the Messiah of God had to suffer, but God declared that he would rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to the entire world, beginning from Jerusalem. Now death is dead; now life and hope spring forth! God can raise the dead, the curse is broken, the devil and his minions are defeated, and hope of eternal life is offered in Jesus' name. We need neither fear nor shrink back. Our Lord, who is the



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Firstborn, our Elder Brother, is alive forevermore, granting life and grace to all who call upon him, and guaranteeing that all who believe will never die.

We can expect genuine revival in the midst of the dark city, for the risen Christ is neither intimidated nor overwhelmed by the dark. He is alive, able to penetrate every home, street corner, neighborhood, or community where Satan now rules. He can break the power of sin, overcome the tyranny of fear, and raise to life even those hopes which seem smashed and dead. Because he lives everything can be renewed, and his name speaks life to all who believe.

Let us cling by faith to the reality of the risen Lord, and affirm with joy and hope that the One we represent in the city has now been given a name above every name, that he is risen from the dead, and well able to save all those who come to God through him. This is the hope of our lives, the strength of our hope, the confidence of our ministry, and the surety of our faith.



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### Global Strategic Vision

Pray fervently and in faith for the following *Gateway Cities in the 10/40 Window*. Ask the Lord of the harvest for more spiritual laborers, greater opportunities and open doors, for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, and seeds planted for church planting movements in each city.

- Northern Africa: *Conakry* and *Tunis*
- Middle East: *Amman* and *Kuwait City*
- Central Asia: *Bishkek* and *Male*
- Eastern Asia: *Taiyuan* and *Jinan*

Pray fervently for these great cities, supplicating on their behalf before the Lord, asking him to pour out his own dear Holy Spirit upon them, *that the Gospel of Christ might penetrate every dimension of these societies, and that the Church could be planted within each of these influential Gateway cities*. Let us entreat the Lord on behalf of these key cities, believing God for his intervention:

- Pray for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit within *Conakry* and *Tunis*. In *Conakry*, pray for the economic recovery of the city—that jobs would be created and the current government would be wise in the implementation of reforms; pray for continuing freedom for Christian witness and missionary activity and that Christians would have a vision for evangelizing the Muslim majority, for the Gospel to penetrate three dominant Muslim peoples (the Maninka, the Fula, and the Susu). Pray for unity and cooperation among missions agencies and national churches. In *Tunis* pray that God would reveal his holiness and that the Tunisians will be convicted of sin and come to him. Pray against the strongholds that bring about child sacrifice, against the power of materialism and complacency. Pray that God would use economic hardship to draw Tunisians to himself. Pray



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that the government would ease its strict controls, allowing individuals the freedom to investigate the Gospel.

- Pray for *Amman* and *Kuwait City*, these great Middle Eastern cities. Pray for *Amman*, for continued peace with Israel, allowing more opportunities for fellowship and ministry with churches in the West Bank. Pray for ministry to the Palestinian refugees who are experiencing poverty and unemployment. Pray for camp ministries among the youth of the city and that many would hear and respond to the Gospel. Pray that godly leaders will be raised up to serve growing churches and for their financial support. Pray for fruit from the Bibles and literature that is dispersed from this great city. Pray that the previous war in *Kuwait City* will continue to lead Muslims to question Islam's teaching about life after death and that many would turn to the true Resurrection and life. Pray for emotional rebuilding among the families torn apart by violence. Pray for strength and boldness for Kuwaiti believers, that the emir will grant full freedom of worship and witness to them, and for the establishment of an indigenous church. Pray that Kuwaiti resources will be used to advance the Kingdom instead of propagating Islam and persecuting believers.
- Pray for *Bishkek* and *Male*. Pray that the residual occultism, shamanism, and demonic possession in the culture of *Bishkek* will be broken. Pray for the Kyrgyz church—for unity among the immigrant, ethnic Christians, and that it would be indigenous and led by godly leaders. Pray for outside workers to make Jesus plain in the context of the Kyrgyz culture and pray for the distribution of the Kyrgyz New Testament and other Christian media. Pray for *Male*, that tentmakers will be able to work in the city and that Christian expatriates will have wisdom in sharing the Gospel with the city's residents. Pray that Bibles and Christian literature may be imported and that Bibles in the Dhivehi script will become available. Pray that



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anti-conversion laws will be changed and that suspicion and prejudice against Christianity might be removed, ending restrictions against Christian media so the Gospel may be heard.

- Pray for *Taiyuan* and *Jinan*, for these influential great Eastern Asian cities. Pray that evangelists would be raised up in *Taiyuan* and that it will become a center for the dissemination of the Gospel. Pray that the blood of the martyrs and the joyful witness of believers enduring harsh conditions in the coal mines will be a strong witness producing fruit for the Kingdom. Pray for safe delivery of Bibles and Christian books and that the worship of Guanyin, the goddess of mercy, would be replaced by the worship of the true God of mercy. Pray for revival in *Jinan*, an educational and industrial center, and that the residents of this city of springs may come to know the source of the real living water. Pray for the TSPM seminary – for solid biblical teaching and training, and that the students will be used to increase his name and glory in all of China. Pray for the widespread distribution of Chinese printed Bibles and openness for all who read them.



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### National Strategic Window

Intercede on behalf of eight of the inner cities of America, (*San Francisco, CA; Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC; New Haven-Meriden, CT; Birmingham, AL; Louisville, KY; San Jose, CA; Las Vegas, NV-AZ; Tucson, AZ; Jacksonville, FL*) that the Holy Spirit might ignite fresh movements of vital spirituality and missions outreach in these cities.

- Pray for *revival among God's people who live in these cities*, that *God would be God in each of them*, that pastors and Christians within them will feel again the urgency and power of the Holy Spirit to win the lost around them, and feel the burden of being custodians of God's true Word.
- Pray that God would pour out his power and grace upon the *believers in these cities in such a way that new and fresh testimonies of the truth in Jesus* would be given in neighborhoods that rarely if ever hear of the victorious reign of God in Jesus, and his offer to cleanse the repentant through his shed blood.
- Above all this season, pray for *an outpouring and visitation of the Holy Spirit upon the churches in these cities, especially upon those who minister the Good News of Christ among the least evangelized in these communities*. Pray that God would grant the churches in these cities deep grace to see what is at stake in the telling of the Good News, and that all believers in them would sense the need to share the powerful riches of the truth of God within their particular circles of influence. Pray for a new awareness of God's mandate to make disciples in these cities, and for fresh, vigorous efforts to plant churches among the poor in these cities.



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### Regional, Local, and Inter-Ministry Strategic Focus

Let us claim together the power of the Word of God on each ministry area listed below, trusting the Holy Spirit to manifest his wisdom and presence within each area, filling the members who serve within them, and empowering a new generation of believers through them to spark fresh revival and a new awakening among the unreached urban poor within Wichita, and throughout our entire geographic region.

### Wichita

Thanks for Praying for Wichita! Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed! What an awesome season we are going into where we can specifically celebrate Christ's resurrection and victory over death, sin, Satan and his kingdom of darkness!

Please pray for our Wichita ministry this Eastertide season as we are falling into our spring schedule while also preparing for our busy summer schedule! Here are some things we would ask you to pray for:

- Annual Staff Reviews next week. Please pray that I as Director would be able to continue to lead, shepherd, motivate, and inspire my staff through these times. All our staff (both missionaries and support staff) have filled out reviews and will be meeting with me to see how they are doing as I continue to maximize their calling and giftings to accomplish our vision.
- Property Manager Search - please continue to pray that God would provide a missionary property manager in his timing. We have had some potentials, but nothing for sure yet. We are trusting God to provide just the right person to come and serve us with their skills of excellence in managing a large property.
- A guys' house in the neighborhood just west of Hillside and 13th. Josh is forming his church planting vision and so we are praying for greater incarnational living opportunities for him to be in the neighborhood.



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- The first Christ the Victor Church Plant School on May 3-6! Please pray for the four teams that are planning to attend that they grow in their understanding and commitment to Christ the Victor and also their year charter that they will be working on during the conference.

### **Planted Churches in Wichita**

Please pray for our church plants, for their growth and impact on their respective communities, for the glory of God.

- Lighthouse Community Church in Oaklawn
- La Iglesia Cristiana Vida En Cristo Jesús in Planeview
- Living Hope Church
- Christ the Victor

### **TUMI**

#### *Satellites, Hope School, and Growth*

- Praise God with us for the continuous, steady growth of the number of TUMI satellites in America and across the world (101 satellites, with 10 satellites in 7 countries), and more than 900 students being equipped for ministry and mission through them.
- Pray for the entire TUMI satellite network, i.e., the site coordinators, mentors, and students, applications in process, and new sites recently accepted into our family. Pray for their vision, commitment, resourcefulness, and protection as they lead their students into the Word of God more fully.
- Pray for our local Hope School of Ministry classes, and our new training format of workshops and seminars, new partnerships formed with local churches, and the many new students being trained.
- Pray for Ron Phelps and Ryan Carter, their contribution to our enterprise and their participation in various TUMI projects for teaching and research.
- Pray for local churches in Wichita considering establishing their own TUMI satellites



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- Pray for new volunteer and support staff here at National, and their efficient and helpful transition into our work flow, and their contribution to our projects and work

### *New Initiatives and Potential Partners*

- Pray for the Prison Fellowship expansion, our relationship to vendors, our creation of storage and inventory systems, and the organization of our processes for the PF expansion in June. Pray for Cathy Allsman's role as Prison Administrator, for the PF administrators rolling out the expansion, and for the leaders of both World Impact and PF as they sketch out the specific steps of the California prison outreach.
- Pray for our ongoing discussions with Bishop Gatlin of the COGIC denomination, who hope to begin TUMI classes sometime this fall.
- Pray for the creative work of the Chicago-based rap music ministry, Streetlights, which continue to develop resources we hope to integrate within our TUMI curriculum.
- Pray for our potential partnership with Tabernacle Bible Church, a deeply influential 130 year old traditional African-American church here in Wichita, who are considering starting their own satellite in September 2012.
- Pray for our relationship with Dr. Stanley Long of the Evangelical Training Association, who are discussing the possibility of a partnership with TUMI in training leaders in their program.
- Pray for Fernando and Telma Argumedo's administrative support of our TUMI satellite expansion work, their life and ministry, and their ministry future.
- Pray for the WI Associates program, for the leaders we are befriending and supporting, and for the funding, contacts, and openings they are employing to plant new churches and set up TUMI sites.
- Pray for the continued development of TUMI satellites and the AWANA Malachi Dads program, for the Lord's timing and leading



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in how these satellites are formed, and for AWANA's vision and effort to make these happen over the next months.

- Pray for God's leading as we pursue translations Capstone into French and Portuguese, and concerning inquiries of starting satellites in Zambia, Haiti, Brazil, Mexico, Costa Rica; pray for timing, contacts, and clear direction as we pursue new relationships.
- Pray our connections to empower church plant movements in Los Angeles, Guadalajara, Denver, Colorado Springs, India, and other places considering creating TUMI sites.

#### *Staff and Personal Requests*

- Pray for God's healing for Don's nephew, Robert James, recently diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, and for Norma Bridgewater, who continues to recover from various physical and mental health issues.
- Pray for TUMI marriages and families, for their strength, refreshment, protection, and leading as they serve the satellite clientele.
- Pray for Cathy Allsman's transition to our team, and her physical health and strength.
- Thank you for praying for Don Allsman's mother, and her ongoing struggle to defeat cancer; pray for her complete restoration to health.
- Pray for TUMI staff's protection and health, our spirituality and growth as we pursue new exciting directions in leadership training with the Great Tradition.
- Pray for Don's upcoming speaking engagements for inspiration, clarity, and impact.
- Pray for the efforts and planning in constructing our Curriculum Distribution Center, which will enable us to support the Prison Fellowship expansion in California; pray for Joe Graham, our team leader in overseeing the building's construction, and all others who will be contributing to its creation in the coming months.



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- Pray for our financial support, and wisdom as we oversee our various projects.
- Pray for our TUMI staff family members who need God's care:
  - Lorna's brother, Odrey, and his complete healing of Lou Gehrig's disease
  - Dan's mother's health
  - Carolyn's sister-in-law, Nancy, and healing from recurring cancer
  - Beth's mother, Kathlyn, in her nineties in a nursing home
  - Don's family members (Robbie, Alicia, Norma, and the children of deceased Veronica) and all his family members

### **TUMI Satellites**

Pray for:

- International partnerships with Awana
- Finalizing Spanish translations of textbooks and materials for sites
- Finalizing logistics to support the prison fellowship expansion

### **CAP**

Please pray for our recent CAP graduates and preparations for the next CAP session.

### **World Impact Health Ministries**

- Please pray for four sites here in Wichita and those who are ministered to in Christ's name that they would respond to the good news that is founded in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Pray for the physicians that usually are volunteering in the evening after a twelve-hour day in the clinic. Also pray over the mobile clinic, drivers, and nursing.

### **Wichita Thrift Stores**

Please pray for the many who are without work and imprisoned.



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### **Dallas**

Pray for the staff and various ministries of World Impact Dallas.

### **Deer Creek Christian Camp/Denver TUMI**

Pray for the staff and ministry of Deer Creek Christian Camp.

### **Morning Star Ranch**

Please pray for:

- More full-time missionary staff . . . we are praying for two families/couples by the end of this year
- Remaining funds and laborers to complete the new dining hall/kitchen by this summer
- Continued grace as we rely on the Lord to lead us in ministering to the churches in the city

### **St. Louis**

Pray for our battleground discipleship group. Two guys have gone through “The Making of a Disciple” and are wanting to go even deeper.

### **Other Regional Items**

Please pray that we can work together more with our church plant efforts and have a coordinated vision. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we seek to follow and strategize for the plans that we believe the Lord has given to us.

### **San Diego**

Pray for the staff and various ministries of World Impact San Diego.

### **Newark**

Pray for the staff and various ministries of Newark: church planting, thrift store, Newark Christian School, TUMI-NJ, job training.

### **Chester**

Church planters are seeking to find indigenous leaders to disciple and empower for our church plants. Pray for open doors to build relationships



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and for fruitful discipleship. Pray also for TUMI in PA prisons as more students are interested in taking TUMI classes in the Chester prison. And our Grace Dental Clinic will be opening very soon. Please pray for no more delays in our construction and launch date.

### **Fresno**

We are praying for 100 disciples, 15 faithful dependable church leaders, and 5 new church plants. We recognize that all of this can only be done by the might of our Lord so please join us as we pray for these specific things which we believe will contribute significantly toward a church planting movement.

### **San Francisco Bay Area**

We are praying for the peace of Oakland and God's continued blessing on Bay Community Fellowship and World Impact that we can be a vehicle blessing in our community, especially in the wake of the recent campus shooting that took the lives of seven people.

### **Los Angeles**

Please pray for the following staff needs:

- A clinic administrator for the Watts Health Ministry
- A store manager for the Sonshine Shop Thriftstore
- A healthy baby girl and healthy delivery for Robyn and Byron Siemsen
- Continued faithfulness and confidence in achieving our vision of planting 8 new church plants in 2012 through empowering urban leaders, World Impact church planters and strategic partnerships

### ***Los Angeles Christian School***

Please pray for:

- The Menendez family have been in a long standing battle against cancer. Judith, wife and mother, has undergone lung surgery and



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chemo treatments. Pray that the cancer is completely gone from her body. Insurance has been a big cause of stress, and financial burden.

- Ramos family, we have the three youngest siblings from the family in our school. Single mom with five children. They have had a series of situations that require counseling and court appointments. They are draining and time consuming. Mom is holding on by the skin of her fingers. Each of the students in our school show the effects of their situation. Pray for strength and endurance for all of them.
- Nochez family, pray for this single mom to surrender to Jesus. She is a believer but has kept areas of her life away from God, and in her own hands. Pray for her son Kevin, that he would know to trust God for all of his needs.
- Our graduating eighth grade class. Pray that they would finish their final school year with us strong and that their faith would be deep and grounded as they prepare for high school.
- Our students to grow in their understanding of purity and living that out.
- Kindness to reign as students interact with each other; pray against bullying.

***Watts Christian School:***

We are praying for teachers so that we can expand the school and offer 2nd grade in the fall.

Pray that we will finish the last quarter of the school year strong.

***Kaleo Young Adult Ministry***

Please pray for our Kaleo young adult ministry that just started a month ago. We are asking God to help our group of young adults be missional in inviting their non-believing friends to attend our informal get-togethers where relationships would be built and the Gospel presented.



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## TUMI LA

Please pray for the success of our mission to equip ministers to build God's kingdom among the urban poor. This includes recruiting and orienting new mentor-teachers, planting new classes in locations that are easily accessible to the urban poor, and raising scholarship funds to support our students. Many potential students are in county jails and state prisons, so please pray for the ministry of Mike Broyles as he seeks to establish TUMI centers there. Finally, pray for our students who are called by God to ministry but who face daily challenges to the completion of their training.

## LA Church Plants

- The Men's Retreat will take place June 8-10. Our theme is WAR OF THE WORLDS with Dr. Don Davis as our speaker. Pray for a mighty movement of the Holy Spirit to move the urban men into active battle service for the King and His Kingdom. During this time we will pull the pastors and leaders aside to discuss with an urban network for men. Pray for an organic, viral movement to take hold of these pastors so that the network is driven by them and for them.
- Our Jefferson Christian Church plant has been recently chartered to reproduce themselves. Join us in praying for clear leadership to come forward and either take the pastoral led of the church or be released, with a team, to plant another Jefferson Christian Church.
- Pray for our newest World Impact Associate, Hector Cedillo. He has been commissioned, by the grace of God, to assist in establishing a house church among the spanish speaking Mexicans in the Bronx, New York. Pray for God's favor to go before Hector. He begins his first of three journeys to the Bronx (he is from Los Angeles), at the end of May.

## The Oaks

Pray for the staff and various ministries of The Oaks Camp.



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### **Harmony Heart Camp**

Please pray for the staff and various ministry opportunities of Harmony Heart Camp.

### **Winnipeg - TUMI**

- The School of Urban Leadership is seeking to hire a new part-time satellite director by this summer. Pray that the Lord will send us just the right person for this task. Pray also for each of our students but especially for our first year student, Karuba Suven. Karuba is blind and we are seeking to come up with the best possible ways to include him in every lesson. Pray for our creativity and resources.
- Regarding Escuela de Entrenamiento Biblico: Pray that our third year students will complete their classes with great joy. They have only four more classes to graduate. Pray for our students as we are starting to take them on “missions trips” to two other small cities in Manitoba with growing Hispanic communities. We desire to see our students become more Missions minded and be open to exploring new doors of opportunity for ministry in these cities.

### **Friends and Partners**

God’s continued leading and direction through our WI national and local Board members, God’s blessing, protection, and wisdom for Dr. Phillips and the executive team, for all the Directors of WI ministries nationwide, for all our supporters and volunteers; pray for our partnership churches, here in Wichita and throughout the nation, that God would bless them, empowering them to grow, mature, and multiply so that the Gospel of Christ would spread in their own communities, and from them across the country and world.

### **Continue to pray for our elderly parents, and for those who have recently lost their parents and other loved ones.**

Lift up all those who have recently lost loved ones. Pray that the Lord will comfort all of our family (and their families) during this time of loss and



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that the Lord will use this time of sorrow to direct the attention of any in their circles who do not know the Lord to our Savior.

Please continue to pray for the health of our ailing parents. Please pray also for all of the parents of staff who are aging and beginning to experience health concerns.

Please pray for our staff children across the country. Pray for their encouragement, safety, strength, and growth as they serve with their families in the city. Pray that each will follow the Lord's leading in their lives and that all will be radical disciples of Jesus.

#### **For the National Office Ministry**

Pray for wisdom for the leadership and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our entire staff. Pray for health, nurture and joy along with vision and encouragement among our staff. Pray for their provision and refreshment as they serve us all!

Pray fervently for God's great favor and leading upon Dr. Phillips, and for strength and anointing as he travels and speaks. Continue to pray for his family, and for all the members of our excellent National Board, and all the ministries, staff, and friends of World Impact.

#### **For World Impact**

Please pray for more laborers for the harvest in partnership with World Impact. Pray that we would have more applicants to join World Impact staff.

Pray for God's blessing on our urban church plants around the country, for church plant team leaders and members, for outreaches in new neighborhoods, and prospects of new teams.

Pray for a new level of power and spiritual passion for our workers on the field, for their health and stamina, and for a new vision of how God wants



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to use them to make disciples of Jesus, both in their own communities and around the world.

Pray for God's financial blessing upon our local and national ministry, that we would gain the resources to do effectively and excellently what God is calling us to do.



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## Amman

(ah-mahn)

Day 9

**Meaning:** "protected by Ammon"

**Country:** Jordan

**Population:** 1,273,000

**Poverty:** Alignment with Iraqis during the Gulf War hurt the economy

**Religious Breakdown:**

95.0% Muslim

4.69% Christian

0.2% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** 11 evangelical churches, most converts come from the nominal Christian population

**Major Religious Sites:**

King Hussein Mosque,

Abu Darwish Mosque,

King Abdullah Mosque

**City Significance/History:**

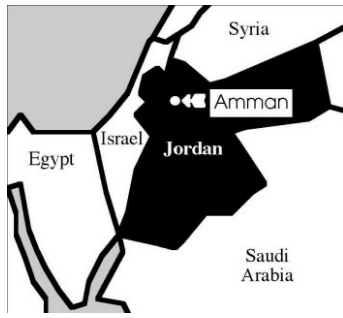
This ancient city dates back to the 4th millennium bc. In the Old Testament it is known as the Ammonite city of Rabbah. King David sent Uriah to this city to die in battle to cover David's sin with Bathsheba. At the city's capture David completely destroyed the inhabitants by having them walk through an extremely hot furnace. David was, in some way, following a local custom. For Molech, a deity to whom parents sacrificed their children by having them walk into or pass through a fiery kiln, was the god of the Ammonites.

As a fortified city in almost desert conditions, water is extremely important to life. Caravans of traders would pass through the city, exchanging goods and replenishing water. The city grew slowly over the seven hills of the area. The population exploded when it became the capital of Jordan in this century. Once a major hub of ancient travelers, it continues to be a crossroad in Jordan.

Jordan maintains the sacred Muslim shrines in Jerusalem and paid millions to regild the Dome of the Rock in 1994. Peace talks with Israel have reopened borders between the two nations. King Hussein's American-born wife helps him maintain close ties with the West.

**Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the important work of Bible and literature distribution. Christian literature is sent from here throughout the Middle East.
2. Pray that the youth of the city (50% of the population is under the age of 15) will have the chance to hear and respond to the gospel. Pray that the camp ministries for these youth will bring many into the kingdom.
3. Pray for continued peace with Israel, which will allow more opportunities for fellowship and ministry with churches in the West Bank.
4. Pray that godly and willing leaders will be raised up to serve growing churches and that finances to support them will be released.
5. Because of the war, 400,000 Palestinians fled to Amman from the Gulf. Pray for ministry to this group which is experiencing poverty and unemployment.



## Kuwait City

(koo-wayt)

Day 8

**Meaning:** "small fort"

**Country:** Kuwait

**Population:** 231,000

**Poverty:** War has disrupted and reduced the standard of living

**Religious Breakdown:**

94.0% Muslim

5.3% Christian (among expatriates)

0.13% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** 25 expatriate congregations, a few national believers

**Major Religious Sites:**

Grand Mosque,

Shabaan Mosque

**City Significance/History:**

From a small desert oasis making money from pearls and other traded goods, Kuwait City exploded as an oil producer. Five gates made entrance into the walled city possible. These walls, once protecting it from invasion, have crumbled. The city has expanded past the old walls, but invaders still attack.

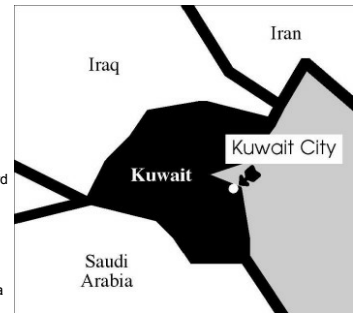
Oil wealth has turned Kuwait into one of the world's richest countries. Schooling, electricity, and water are all free to the Kuwaitis. Iraq's desire for more oil, supposedly to share it with poorer countries, was their justification for military invasion in 1990-91. When the Iraqis were driven out, Kuwait City was free once again. The oil fields were ablaze with 500 wells burning out of control. Black haze blocked the noonday sun. The Persian Gulf was full of oil.

Now the fires have been put out and the city cleaned, but the fear and horror of those days remain in the hearts of the people.

The rebuilding of the city and the return to a normal life has been one of the government's central concerns. Damage to government and historical buildings was extremely high. The physical damage is being repaired, but the people's lives will continue to be affected by the memories of the war.

**Prayer Points**

1. Since the war physical rebuilding has started; however, emotional rebuilding comes more slowly. Pray for the families torn apart in the violence, as many lost relatives.
2. The war caused many Muslims to question Islam's teaching about life after death. Pray that many would turn to the Resurrection and the Life.
3. Pray for strength and boldness for Kuwaiti believers and for the establishment of an indigenous church.
4. Pray that the emir will grant full freedom of worship and witness to Kuwaiti and indigenous believers.
5. Pray that Kuwaiti money will never again be used to propagate Islam by building mosques, burning Bibles, and paying for Islamic conversions.



## Jinan

(jee-nahn)

Day 24

**Meaning:** "south of the River Ji"

**Country:** China, Shandong Province\*

**Population:** 3,208,000

**Poverty:** Communism has provided basic needs

**Religious Breakdown:**

59.1% Nonreligious/Atheist

30.1% Chinese Religions

1.4% Muslim

6.1% Christian

5.0% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** TSPM 20,000 members

**Major Religious Sites:**

Thousand Buddha Mountain,

Shentong Monastery,

Divine Rock Temple

**City Significance/History:**

Jinan is often referred to as the city of springs, a reference to its 102 natural springs. Their source is the Lake of Great Purity outside the city. Huge dikes protect the city from the Yellow River's periodic flooding. The Shanghai to Beijing railway runs through Jinan, providing income and trade.

**In China there are two main distinctions in the church:** the Three Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM) and the house church movement. The TSPM is government-controlled and makes worshippers officially register. Because of the government affiliation with this church, many feel they have sold their souls to the enemy. There is no doubt the government places pastors in the TSPM churches, but true believers do exist in it.

In the last few years, a TSPM seminary has opened in Jinan. Chinese Christians do desire to be trained in leading the church. Over 200 people applied for the 54 openings at the seminary. Around 60% of the curriculum is considered biblical, 40% nonbiblical. Where the Word of God is restricted, prayers need to flow that the 60% would be a sharp two-edged sword.

**Prayer Points**

1. The government has begun to allow Bibles to be printed in China, most of which go to the spiritually hungry believers in the TSPM churches. Pray that these Bibles will produce a great harvest and true worshippers.
2. Pray for the TSPM seminary. May God use this building and these students to increase his name and glory in all of China. Pray for biblical teaching and training.
3. Pray that residents of this city of springs may come to know the source of the real Living Water, who brings true righteousness and purity.
4. Pray for spiritual revival in this educational and industrial center.
5. Tai Shan, one of China's five sacred mountains, rises 100 kilometers south of the city. Pray that the spiritual power behind this stronghold would be broken.



## Conakry

(kon-uh-kree)

Day 2

**Meaning:** unknown

**Country:** Guinea\*

**Population:** 1,734,000

**Poverty:** Much poverty because of government corruption

**Religious Breakdown:**

94.0% Muslim

2.0% Traditional Religions

4.0% Christian

0.04% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** Roman Catholic—4, Anglican—1, Christian and Missionary Alliance—1

**Major Religious Sites:**

Grand Mosque

**City Significance/History:**

Conakry began as a small fishing village on Tomba Island and has since developed into the country's main port, educational center, and capital.

After independence from France in 1958, Guinea embraced Marxist ideology. Christians suffered greatly under the Marxist pro-Islamic government. The city went into decline, with the infrastructure almost completely collapsing. The streets became extremely dirty, with garbage everywhere.

A military coup in 1984 overthrew the Marxist regime and restored basic freedoms. The military government has been struggling to bring recovery and economic progress since entering power. The city's appearance has not improved—changes come slowly. Presently there is religious liberty for Christian witness and missionary activity.

During the rainy season, Conakry may receive as much as 12 feet of rain. Iron and bauxite mining has permitted the city to grow slowly in recent years.

Conakry is struggling to bring economic recovery

**Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the economic recovery of the city—that jobs would be created and that the current government would be wise in the implementation of reforms.
2. Pray that freedom for Christian witness and missionary activity would continue.
3. Pray for the Christians to have a vision for evangelizing the Muslim majority.
4. Pray for the gospel to become established among the three dominant Muslim peoples—the Maninka, the Fula, and the Susu.
5. Many new missions agencies have come since 1985. Pray for unity and cooperation among these as well as with the national churches.



## Bishkek

(bish-kek)

Day 14

**Meaning:** "A stick used to whip mare's milk"

**Country:** Kyrgyzstan\*

**Population:** 710,000

**Poverty:** Increased poverty since the fall of the USSR

**Religious Breakdown:**

60.0% Muslim

27.9% Atheist

11.8% Christian

0.16% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** Russian Orthodox comprise the majority, a handful of national believers

**Major Religious Sites:**

Gogol Street Mosque

**City Significance/History:**

The massive Tien Shan Mountains separate western China from the steppes of Central Asia. The nomadic Kirghiz living in round *yurts* (tents) would move seasonally with their herds from the mountains to the flatlands. The mountains forced the trade routes to pass along the foothills, and many people desired to control these routes. The Chinese, other Central Asians, Arabs, and Mongols would storm the region seeking control. For most of the past two millennia, others have ruled the land.

Bishkek, also known as Frunze, was only one of many settlements established along the long Silk Road. From these sites, travelers would journey along the trade route and local peoples would buy and sell goods. One khan would gain control, only to be replaced by another in the continual struggle to control this strategic site.

In 1825, a fortress was built along the Chu River valley to protect tax collectors from the Kirghiz Silk Road pirates. The Russians later invaded Central Asia and this small Silk Road fortification was easy prey for them in 1865. Russia established a stronghold and city. While under Soviet control, the area developed as the capital, educational, and economic center for Kyrgyzstan.

**Prayer Points**

1. Pray that the residual occultism, shamanism, and demonic possession in the culture will be broken.
2. Pray for unity among the immigrant, ethnic Christians. Their divisions have negatively impacted the church's witness.
3. Pray for the developing Kyrgyz church, that it would be truly indigenous and led by godly leaders.
4. Pray that outside workers would use wisdom and discernment in sharing the gospel within a context sensitive to Kyrgyz culture.
5. Pray for the distribution of the Kyrgyz New Testament and other Christian media and literature.



## Taiyuan (ti-oo-wahn)

Day 24

**Meaning:** "great plain"

**Country:** China, Shanxi Province \*

**Population:** 2,596,000

**Poverty:** One of China's poorest provinces

**Religious Breakdown:**

59.1% Nonreligious/Atheist

30.1% Chinese Religions

1.4% Muslim

6.1% Christian

5.0% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** TSPM 108,000 members (see [Jinan](#) for TSPM explanation)

**Major Religious Sites:**

Chongshan Monastery,

Yongzhou Monastery,

Jinci Temple Complex,

Twin Pagoda Temple

**City Significance/History:**

From its earliest foundations the city has been a place of conflict. Twenty-seven of the temples at one time were dedicated to the god of war—violence was prevalent. As one military campaign after another swept through China, Taiyuan was always in the way. Almost every invading force conquered the city.

In the early 1900s, the emperor of China gave an edict that all foreigners should be killed, and the Boxer Rebellion was under way. To carry out the edict, soldiers from the Chinese secret society traveled from city to city killing foreigners, especially the "evil ones"—missionaries.

When the troops arrived at Taiyuan, they found a walled city. The gates were closed—trapping everyone inside. The troops hunted down and beheaded the evil ones; 130 foreign missionaries were martyred. But the 3,000 member Chinese local church lost even more, as many of them tried to protect the missionaries or wanted to identify with Christ and not the Rebellion. Taiyuan is the industrial center of the region, and home to 9 institutes of higher learning. "If one family in a clan is found secretly worshipping the Pig (Christ), it will bring disgrace to all of that clan."  
—an inscription on a tablet

**Prayer Points**

1. Pray that from the blood of the martyrs a strong and faithful witness will grow and produce fruit of righteousness greater than the evil of the past.
2. Shanxi Province is one of the least evangelized provinces in China, possibly less than one percent Christian. Pray for evangelists to be raised up and that Taiyuan would become a center for the dissemination of the gospel.
3. Pray for the safe delivery of Bibles and Christian books which come through Taiyuan on their way to believers in the surrounding countryside.
4. Pray for believers enduring extremely harsh conditions in the coal mines around the city, that their joyful witness would draw others to Christ.
5. Pray that worship of Guanyin, the goddess of mercy, at the Chongshan Monastery would be replaced by worship of the true God of mercy.



## Tunis (too-nis)

Day 3

**Meaning:**

uncertain

**Country:** Tunisia\*

**Population:** 1,935,000

**Poverty:** No major slums, much unemployment

**Religious Breakdown:**

99.49% Muslim

0.25% Jewish

0.25% Christian

0.01% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** A few Tunisian evangelicals, some Roman Catholics

**Major Religious Sites:**

Zitouna Mosque and Islamic University,

Rue Jemaa es Zituna Mosque

**City Significance/History:**

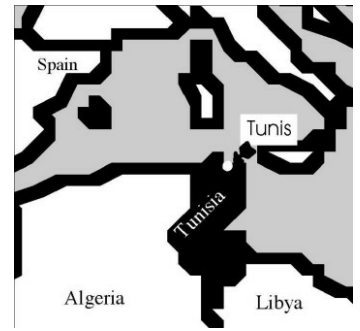
Tunis originally sprang up as a Phoenician trading post nearly 3000 years ago. The ancient Carthaginian Empire was centered in Carthage—now an archaeological site outside Tunis. Child sacrifice was practiced by the people to worship Baal. Among the ruins a graveyard for children and an altar where children were sacrificed have been unearthed. On the Bougarneen mountain outside of Tunis it is reported that child sacrifice still takes place.

After Carthage was destroyed by the Romans in 146 bc, Tunis grew as a Roman, Byzantine, and finally an Arab city. In 1962 French rule ended.

The government of Tunisia has been fighting to keep the country out of the hands of the Islamic fundamentalist group Ennahdha. They have even placed some of its more radical members in prison, charging them with treason. Unemployment and a sluggish economy have not helped the government, but they are seeking to enhance trade with industrialized nations. Tunis has been the headquarters for the Arab league and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). It was Yasir Arafat's home and where the PLO gave leadership to the Palestinians when the group was outlawed in Israel.

**Prayer Points**

1. Pray against the spirit of materialism which strongly grips the people's hearts. Individually and nationally the highest priority is peace and prosperity.
2. Lift before the Lord the child sacrifice situation—asking him to remove whatever spiritual strongholds might still remain.
3. Pray that God would use economic hardships to draw Tunisians to himself.
4. Pray for unity in the small Christian community and against complacency, for life is comfortable.
5. Pray that God would reveal his holiness to the Tunisians so that they will be convicted of sin—Tunis has one of the lowest percentages of Christians.
6. Pray that the government would ease its strict controls, allowing individuals freedom to investigate the gospel.



## Male

(mah-lee)

Day 16

**Meaning:** "mountain"

**Country:** Maldives\*

**Population:** 50,000

**Poverty:** Most people live at subsistence levels

**Religious Breakdown:**

99.4% Muslim

0.5% Buddhist

0.1 % Christian

**Status of the church:** No officially recognized Maldivian believers

**Major Religious Sites:**

Huk Friday Mosque,

Hukuru Mosque

**City Significance/History:**

Little is known about the ancient history of Male. It is believed that the small island nation of the Maldives was founded by sailors from India, Sri Lanka, and other countries.

It is likely that the people worshiped the sun as their god, with beliefs also in evil spirits. Because most of the 1192 islands are only a meter or two above sea level, ancient temple sites have been converted into mosques. Most mosques in the world are built with their main wall facing Mecca; in the Maldives when the Muslims pray, they face the corner of the mosque because the old foundations face the sun.

Islam entered the country in the 12th century when Arab and North African merchants established control. By the 16th century, the Portuguese desired more influence in the East Indian trade, and built a fort at Male. They replaced the existing Muslim sultan and expanded their dominance. The sultan's followers rebelled and massacred the Portuguese.

The sultan firmly established Islam as the state religion, and Islam has continued to be the only religion of the area. Male has been a territory protected by other rulers, but never completely controlled by outside powers.

**Prayer Points**

1. Pray that Bibles and Christian literature may be legally imported, and that examination of incoming mail will end.
2. Pray that Bibles in the Dhivehi script will become available and that anti-conversion laws will be changed.
3. Pray that the suspicion of and prejudice against Christianity might be removed.
4. Pray that restrictions against Christian media might be lifted and that the gospel may be heard. Pray that Christian radio programming will be developed.
5. Pray that tentmakers will be able to obtain residency visas to work in the city.
6. Pray that Christian expatriates will have wisdom and discernment when and how they should share the gospel with the city's residents.

