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GOD  
ARISE!**

*Kingdomtide: A Season of Christ's Harvest*

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**Laborers in the Vineyard**

Matthew 20.1-16 • Rev. Dr. Don L. Davis

**Take Me to the Harvest Fields**

*Don L. Davis*

Lift your eyes unto the fields, for they are full and ripe  
They're ready to be gathered here, so plentiful and white  
Enter now and don't delay, for soon it will be night  
So let us work while it is day, and labor in the light

Take me to the harvest fields, the harvest time has come  
To the Spirit now I yield, to labor for the Son  
Take me to the harvest fields, to work while it is day  
Jesus be my Strength and Shield, Your call I will obey

The masses do not know the Lord, His mercy nor His grace  
The gospel they have never heard, Or gloried in His name  
Let's cry unto the Harvest Chief, For workers now to send  
To labor in the harvest fields, For soon the work will end

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**Pray for:**

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## **The Master and Laborers of the Vineyard: Equal Pay for Equal Work?**

In his parable of the laborers in the vineyard (Matt. 20.1-16), Jesus compared the Kingdom of heaven to a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. He contracted each laborer for his wage, and granted to each according to his contract. As lord of the harvest, he determined the blessing and remuneration, not the workers; he determines the reward and the blessing to all.

Our God is large-hearted, generous with the things that belong to him, open-handed and open-hearted to all the laborers who are called to work in the vineyard of his mission. What may seem surprising to us is that he is Lord over every dimension of the work: those who are hired, the results of the harvest, and the pay that the workers receive. He can hire whomever he wills at whatever time he chooses, and pay them wages based on his generous spirit. We ought neither begrudge his generosity nor overstep our bounds. In every dimension, the work of winning the world lies in the hand of the Lord of the harvest, who himself is working all things out for us and the world according to his will.



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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 Jesus to manifest himself to these great cities through the Holy Spirit, through dreams, miracles, preaching, missions outreaches, and any other ways he elects to reveal his presence through manifestations of the Holy Spirit. Pray that those few who know the Lord in these cities may recover the truth of God's word in such a way as to redouble their efforts of evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. Ask God to make them fruitful and effective in every way in every place:

- Northern Africa: *Banjul* and *Nouakchott*
- Middle East: *Jerusalem* and *Muscat*
- Central Asia: *Lucknow* and *Varanasi*
- Eastern Asia: *Guangzhou* and *Shanghai*

Intercede for these great cities, asking the Father to pour his Holy Spirit upon them, that *Jesus and his Kingdom would become clear within these influential Gateway cities*. Ask the Father for a clear vision of Jesus within these eight key global centers, for laborers, witness, conversion, and mission in Jesus' name:

- Pray for *Banjul* and *Nouakchott*, that the churches would touch the Islamic fundamentalists, for freedom to proclaim the Gospel among them, for outbreaks of the Spirit among the *Mandingo* of Roots fame.
- Pray for *the peace of Jerusalem*, that the Jewish people would awaken to their need for Messiah Jesus, that they would believe the Old Testament witness about him, and be drawn to him as Lord and Messiah, that believing Arabs and Jews would display the love of Messiah openly and clearly.



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- Pray for *the Spirit's outpouring upon Muscat*, that the few indigenous believers would be empowered, and that new churches would be planted, that radio and literature outreaches would be effective, that Muslims would come to Jesus and openly confess him as Lord.
- Pray for *Lucknow* and *Varanasi*, that these great Central Asian cities and their Muslim and Hindu populations would have a spirit of humility and revelation given to them about Messiah, that faith in Messiah would reconcile these peoples, for laborers to arise from the tiny number of believers within them, that renewal and power would come upon the believers, and that the Holy Spirit would demonstrate the power of the Gospel in the midst of the many peoples within them.
- Pray for *Guangzhou* and *Shanghai*, that the house churches that have been harassed in Guangzhou would be protected and empowered in their witness of Messiah, and given freedom to minister in his name in the city, that God would raise up laborers, pastors, and workers for the believers there, for the university students in Shanghai and their openness to the Lord, for deliverance from decadence, love of money there, and for new evangelical churches among the large numbers of seekers in Shanghai. Pray that the Holy Spirit would move the government officials to allow greater freedom for Christian witness and presence in both cities, and that the kingdom hope would be embraced by many, many people in them.



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### National Strategic Window

Seek the face of the Lord, asking for grace and intervention on behalf of these eight cities of America, (*Riverside, CA; Dallas, Atlanta, San Diego, Phoenix, Washington D.C., Cleveland, St. Louis, Orange County, CA; and New Orleans*). Please intercede fervently, asking the Lord to provide them with churches, pastors, prophets, apostles, teachers, and leaders who will prophetically declare the truth of Christ and his Kingdom with power, and that God would enable them to preach with conviction the good news of deliverance to the broken and captive. Finally, pray that God would bless and restore his people in these cities, reviving them for his glory, and that such revival would greatly impact the poorest of the poor in these great cities.

- Pray for *revival among God's people who live in these cities*, 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. Pray that God would raise up ministries, churches, and individuals who will prophetically declare the lordship of Christ and the hope of his Kingdom throughout the structures of the city, the government, the neighborhoods, and the community.
- 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 raise up men and women who are unafraid to speak boldly and persuasively the story of God in Scripture, and that God would revive his people to obey God's mandate to make disciples in these cities, with the result that many new churches might be planted 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 Office**

- Please pray for Wichita as we end our summer and begin our fall ministry schedule. Church plants are doing well and we will continue to implement goals/PWR's at various points to keep on track with the Spirit's leading. Please pray that we would be VERY responsive to the Holy Spirit's leading at all stages and make strategic decisions as the Lord leads. Lisa and Daren will be taking leadership of the CTV churches as they are planted and then Lord willing, multiply!
- Please pray for our time with Francis Chan in November. We are praying for a great evening where many new people can become acquainted with our ministry and with the need of the urban poor. Pray especially for new supporters and donors to come alongside us as well as for God to raise up more workers for the urban mission field through this event. The event will be November 3, 2011.
- Pray for our board as we are restructuring it some and adding a younger generation of board members. Praise God that Nick Marineau (former mobile coordinator) will be the new board chair! Our former board chair, Brad Welles, will be staying on as a board member, but the release from the chair role will allow him to focus on other regional board needs. Brad has done an exceptional job over the last few years and we have a good foundation moving forward.
- Pray for our property manager need. Chuck Knowles will be leaving on Sept. 30 to take a ministry position with Youth for Christ as well as pursuing his doctorate. Pray for him as he transitions and for us



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as we search for his replacement. We are praying for God to provide a fully supported missionary to take this position.

- Pray for our thrift stores. They are doing well under Miles's leadership and he is making good progress in unifying our staff at both locations and providing needed training for staff and volunteers. Pray for God's continued blessing in adding customers and sales at our Waco location especially. Continue to also pray for the mobile clinic as it is now making two stops a week at Lighthouse Church and Restored Church.

### **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 (Wichita Church Planting)**

Please continue to lift up Christ the Victor Church as we are in the midst of strategic decisions for our future. We are working hard to figure out our next steps in planting two more churches (one in English and another in Spanish). We have a potential Latino couple who is interested in planting a church with us so please be in prayer for that, especially for Lisa Entz (church planting director) who meets with this couple and discerns the timing and the plan for this. We are hoping to start a second English-speaking church soon, the main thing is to figure out the leadership of that. Please pray God would raise up leaders within our current church and that the faithful core would continue to develop and use their collective gifts to reproduce in another church plant.

Please pray for our Spanish-speaking church plant on Market St. as our indigenous leader couple, Gerson and Myra Berrios, are looking to purchase



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a house and move into the neighborhood. Please pray that they could find the right house and sell the one they are in now.

## **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 (89 satellites, with 9 satellites in 11 countries), and close to 700 students being equipped for ministry and mission through them.
- Pray for the entire TUMI satellite network, all 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.
- We continue to praise God for the completion of the Spanish Capstone Curriculum, and now have all of the softcover books in-house.
- Pray for our satellites and our local Hope School Fall classes that are going on right now. Pray for the students to persevere and excel in their studies as they seek to fulfill the call of ministry on their lives.

### *New Initiatives and Potential Partners*

- Pray for potential new partnerships with COGIC whom we are in conversations with regarding leadership training and ministries like Streetlights who are developing resources to help equip urban youth and leaders.
- Continue to pray for the WI Associates program, designed to identify, equip, and release indigenous pastors and leaders into church planting initiatives. Pray for God's leading as TUMI is involved in every phase of this program; pray for funding, partners, contacts, and openings to work with emerging indigenous leaders for church planting.



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- Pray for God's leading with recent conversations about translating Capstone into French and Romanian, with possibilities of new satellites in Zambia, Haiti, Brazil, Mexico, Costa Rica; pray for timing, contacts, and clear direction as we pursue new relationships.
- Pray especially for our partnerships with Prison Fellowship, Evangelical Free Church of America – for our existing sites and administration, along with possibilities of new connections with prisons, potential church plants, and the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions; pray also that God would supply funding, personnel, and vision to expand our partnership with Prison Fellowship with new sites in both Michigan and Florida, with the makings of a three-year prison program in our Florida site using TUMI curriculum as its core.
- Pray for contacts with church plant movements in Los Angeles, Guadalajara, Denver, Colorado Springs, India, and other places which are considering establishing TUMI sites
- Pray for God's providential direction as we follow through on numerous leads from various quarters regarding TUMI expansion, partnerships, and new directions.

#### ***Staff and Personal Requests***

- Continue to pray for Cathy Allsman for accurate diagnosis and complete healing.
- Thank you for praying for Don Allsman's mother. We praise God for continued good news regarding her cancer numbers coming down. Please keep praying for her complete restoration to health.
- Pray for TUMI staff family members whose needs continue to require fervent intercession: For Lorna's brother Odrey's healing from diagnosis of Lou Gehrig's disease, ongoing healing for Dan's mother's health, Carolyn's sister-in-law, Nancy, who has struggled with recurring cancer, Beth's mother in a nursing home, Don's family members (Robbie, Alicia, Norma, and the children of



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deceased Veronica) and all the family as they continue to mourn the loss of their dear sister Janice.

- Pray for our protection and health, our spirituality and growth as we pursue new exciting directions in leadership training with the Great Tradition, and ask the Holy Spirit to fill us as we seek to strengthen our World Impact church planters in their prospective endeavors.
- Pray for Don's upcoming speaking engagements, for inspiration, clarity, and blessing as he addresses diverse audiences on various themes.
- Pray for Fernando and Telma Argumedo as they transition fully onto TUMI National Staff (based in LA).
- Pray regarding our need for support and financial support, and wise use of our funds as we pursue our next projects.

### **TUMI Satellites**

- Please pray for the planning of an October fund raising event for TUMI and Prison Fellowship that could greatly expand our training of inmates.
- Praise God for the arrival of Fernando and Telma Argumedo to our TUMI national team, to help us expand our TUMI training to more students, and to provide additional resources for church leaders.
- Pray for the many new relationships with ministries and denominations showing interest in TUMI, that they will take the steps beyond just showing interest.

### **CAP**

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



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## **World Impact Health Ministries**

### *Mobile Clinic*

World Impact Medical Ministries Wichita is shepherding in a new site. Please pray for the leadership while we go through the blessings and pains during genesis phase. Pray for me (Miles) as I also begin to coordinate the summer activities with the Mobile Clinic schedule. We truly desire to exalt Christ in our work and we are blessed with excellent Christian physicians. Pray that they would have continued openings in their busy schedules to serve.

### *Good Samaritan Clinic*

For the GraceMed's Good Samaritan Clinic the medical director is stepping down; his last day is July 1st. Please pray for the right medical director to replace him, and for a smooth transition as we wait for the right person. We could also continue to use prayers for the Spirit's wisdom upon all of our staff.

## **Wichita Thrift Stores**

Please pray for the staff and ministry opportunities of the World Impact thrift stores.

## **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.
- Pray for the expansion of Denver TUMI. The English class is in progress and the Spanish class will start very soon. Pray that our condo in Denver would close. We signed the contract March 29 with a scheduled closing date of May 10. Over a month later there is now no closing date. It is a Fannie Mae (bank owned) property so we got it very cheap and we would like to start renovations so we can move to Denver and be able to get our new TUMI ministry there started in



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earnest in the fall. I am still helping Hendrik at the camp this summer as needed.

### **Morning Star Ranch**

Pray for the Ranch staff and students, for their work, study, and ministry opportunities.

### **St. Louis**

Please pray for the safety of our neighbors and staff as their have been several close shootings this past week. Please pray for the funding needed for the copper theft on the building. Please pray for much needed staff.

### **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/TUMI-NJ**

- Please pray that a relationship can be established with Emmanuel Christian University. This is a theological seminary that focuses on preparing Hispanic emerging pastors and Christian leaders. They are looking for a more centralized location to reach Hispanic leaders in the Tri-State (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) area.
- We have formed a World Impact Pastor's Association for the inner city of Newark, New Jersey. Pray that this will also be an outlet to train, equip, prepare, and disciple the next group of church planters, pastors, evangelists, and other Christian leaders to strengthen our inner city Newark churches.
- We are in the process of reaching Filipino and Brazilian church leaders to present the work that TUMI is doing in preparing Church



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leaders for the 21st Century. This opportunity to prepare their Christian leaders at a fraction of the cost of the more expensive theological schools and seminaries has attracted a great deal of interest.

- Please pray that through the work of TUMI the poor and disenfranchised people within our community may be reached through the various ministries of World Impact, Newark, NJ.

### **Chester**

Chester church plants: Chester chartered our church plant team on August 15th to plant reproducible simple churches. Please pray for the team, Glen Geraghty- leader, Tom Anthony- primary, Candy Gibson- primary, Vicki Anthony- support, Sharon Geraghty-support. Please pray that the Lord will empower those that the team has built relationships with, to be leaders of His church in Chester.

### **Fresno**

Our biggest prayer request here in Fresno is that God would build his church, in particular with Home Fellowship Celebration Church. Having eager disciples and dedicated leaders is so important in the work that we have been called to. Please pray for more of both. Continue to pray for Bethany and Manchester churches, that they both would grow and thrive in the ways that God desires for them. Finally, pray for volunteers for our thrift store and that the Lord would do a new work in the Kings Estates area in Fresno.

### **San Francisco Bay Area**

Please pray for our summer interns. Pray that God blesses them as they ministry along side us.

#### ***San Francisco***

We are celebrating our first TUMI - SF graduation. So please pray for our graduates that they will continue on in their ministry. We are praying that they rise up and begin a new work for the Lord.



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### *Oakland*

Please pray for our summer as we ministry with Bible clubs and have volunteer groups and an eye screening.

### **Los Angeles**

- For Los Angeles Christian School: This year's chapel theme is *Bellove/d*. Pray that each student will come to a deeper understanding that he/she is loved by God and will grow in loving others through His grace.
- For Watts Christian School: That we would have a good school year and lay a strong foundation in the lives of the students and the school.

### **TUMI LA**

Please pray for:

- Mentors and Students who are taking classes this quarter.
- God's provision for this quarter.

### **LA Church Plants**

Bob Engel's praise report on the 2011 Men's Conference:

- Theme: *No Man Left Behind*
- Total Men: 258
- Baptism: 2 from Ray Moore's Church
- Speakers: Don (English) and Fernando (Spanish)
- Churches and organizations represented: 28
- All West Coast World Impact cities were represented.
- Countless numbers of pastors and men came up to me afterwards saying how blessed and challenged they were.
- I called a meeting of pastors and any leader who felt a call to plant churches. Don and I facilitated the time. About 25 showed up with 5 men in particular gave me their email and are committed to the vision and want to move forward on "next steps."



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### **The Oaks**

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

### **Harmony Heart Camp**

Please pray for our summer camps from the inner cities of Newark, NJ and Chester, PA. Please pray that they will enjoy God's creation and be drawn closer to Him and each other because of their time spent at Harmony Heart Camp.

### **Winnipeg - TUMI**

- Pray for the launch of the 2011-2012 school year for the School of Urban Leadership (SOUL) and Escuela de Entrenamiento Biblico (EdenB), our two satellites of The Urban Ministry Institute.
- Pray for our SOUL Council as we are on the search for a director of SOUL to begin by Christmas of this year.
- Pray for George Klassen as he directs SOUL and Fred Stoesz as he continues to direct EdenB. May God raise up a new generation of leaders for His Kingdom building purposes.
- Pray for Rosa, who after 2 years of studying diligently with EdenB was recently rejected for her legal status here in Canada and is soon to return to Guatemala. She so much wants to complete her studies at EdenB and become a legal citizen here. Pray for her peace and that God's will would be done in her life.
- Continue to pray for healing for Fred Stoesz.

### **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



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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 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.



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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 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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Banjul

(bahn-juul)

Day 2

**Meaning:** "bamboo island"  
**Country:** Gambia  
**Population:** 560,000  
**Poverty:** Subsistence living for many  
**Religious Breakdown:**  
95.4% Muslim  
2.1% Christian (mainly Catholic)  
0.19% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** Anglican and Methodist churches

**Major Religious Sites:**  
New Banjul Central Mosque

**City Significance/History:**  
Banjul was nothing more than a cluster of mud huts until the need for slave labor arose in more developed countries. The British changed this village into a large trading post.

Alex Haley's book *Roots* traced Kunta Kinte's homeland to Gambia. It was in the village of Juffure where he was captured and taken to the port of Banjul for transport to North America.

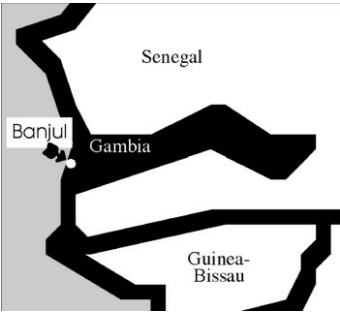
Banjul, located at the mouth of the Gambia River, became a destination where slaves were transported. The 700-mile-long river allowed slave traders to capture slaves far inland and transport them easily for auction and deportation in Banjul. Once on the ships, they went to slave plantations throughout the world.

Today Banjul, technically an island, has been connected to the mainland by a bridge. Its location has caused it to be demographically stagnant for years, and this has hurt the economy. However, the mainland suburbs around Banjul have recently experienced rapid growth.

"The British left nothing but cricket and the Anglican Church"  
—Banjul merchant

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the church will reach out to the Muslim majority, particularly the Mandingo people of *Roots* fame.
2. Pray that the Anglican and Methodist churches will experience revival.
3. Pray for the ministries working with the young people who have moved to Banjul seeking work.
4. Pray for continued freedom to proclaim the gospel in this Muslim land.
5. Prison ministry has produced many converts. Pray for more conversions and the reintegration of released prisoners into churches and communities.
6. Pray that the three Sufi brotherhoods would come to base their fellowship in the Holy Spirit.



Jerusalem  
(jeh-roo-suh-lem)  
Day 10

**Meaning:** "city of peace"  
**Country:** Israel  
**Population:** 518,000  
**Poverty:** New immigration has stressed the economy  
**Religious Breakdown:**  
72.0% Jewish  
25.0% Muslim  
2.34% Christian  
0.16% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** Ancient church, 1,000 Messianic Jews

**Major Religious Sites:**  
Western (Wailing) Wall,  
Temple Mount,  
Dome of the Rock,  
Al Aksa Mosque,  
Church of the Holy Sepulchre

**City Significance/History:**  
This holy city is the focal point of the three monotheistic religions—Juda-ism, Christianity, and Islam. It dates to Abraham's meeting with Melchizedek, the king of Salem, in Genesis 14. Mount Moriah, outside the city, was where Abraham offered his son Isaac on the altar, before God provided the lamb. (Muslims say that it was Ishmael, not Isaac.) Years later, Jesus was crucified outside Jerusalem.

King David built the city as the capital. His son Solomon built the first Jewish temple, later destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 bc. A second temple was built by Zerubbabel and enlarged by Herod the Great. Jesus prophesied its destruction, and in ad 70 the Romans took it apart stone by stone.

Muslims dominated the city for nearly 1300 years. It is their third holiest city and the Dome of the Rock was built on the site of the temple mount. The Crusaders briefly ruled during the 12th century. Mamelukes and Ottomans controlled it until the British occupation during World War I. Jerusalem was reunified again under Israeli rule in 1967.

Christian prophetic expectations are focused on this city of peace. Jesus' second coming to the Mount of Olives is yet to be realized in Jerusalem.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the veil of blindness would be lifted from the Jewish people and that they would believe their own scriptures in the Old Testament.
2. Pray that God would bond the believing Jews and Arabs together in such love that this would point their peoples to the Messiah.
3. Pray that the spirit of rabbinic Judaism would be bound as the city is perhaps the greatest stronghold of religious spirits in the world.
4. On October 4, the Day of Atonement will be celebrated. Pray for conviction of sin, repentance, and the spirit of grace and supplication to come upon the Jewish people.
5. On October 9-17, the Feast of Tabernacles will be celebrated. Pray that God's faithfulness will be remembered as well as his ability to keep Israel through trials.



Nouakchott

(nwahk-shot)

Day 1

**Meaning:** "place of the winds"  
**Country:** Mauritania  
**Population:** 650,000  
**Poverty:** 66% of the people live in slums  
**Religious Breakdown:**  
99.7% Muslim  
0.26% Christian  
0.01% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** A small persecuted church

**Major Religious Sites:**  
Ministry of Islamic Orientation,  
Boutilimit Home (nearby pilgrimage site)

**City Significance/History:**  
Due to its coastal locale and mild climate, this small village of adobe huts was chosen to be the capital of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in 1960. By 1964 the population (12,300) started to grow and has dramatically increased in the last 30 years.

In Mauritania, a major ethnic line has been drawn. To the north, Arab/Berber Africans make up the majority of the population, and in the south, black Africans live.

Northern and southern Africans are being forced from the sahel, the region on the edge of the Sahara Desert, because the ever-enlarging Sahara is drying the sahel, depleting its water sources. Storms blow sand forming dunes that cover the fragile drought-stricken land. Therefore, cities like Nouakchott have to support a fast-growing refugee population.

On the city limit, residents of cardboard shantytowns now make up two-thirds of the total metro population. Overpopulation is causing great deforestation which, in a short time, will result in desertification. Their goats, camels, and cows seek survival in the piles of trash. The desert, with sandstorms 200 days a year, now blows on the streets of Nouakchott, one of the newer capitals in the world.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that Islamic *sharia* law would be overturned and for freedom of religion.
2. Pray for believers to be strengthened in the face of persecution and possible death. Pray for steadfast, godly leaders to be raised up.
3. Pray for Muslims to convert to the truth of Jesus. They face the death sentence, so much grace and courage is needed to follow the Lord.
4. Pray that Christian humanitarian relief to the drought-stricken would show God's love and that the physical needs of the poor would be met.
5. Pray for radio broadcasts in Hassaniya (one of the ethnic peoples) Arabic to be produced. Pray for the translation of a Hassaniya Bible and that the 28% literacy level can be raised so people can read it.



Muscat

(mus-kat)

Day 7

**Meaning:** "place of falling" or "anchorage"  
**Country:** Oman  
**Population:** 177,000  
**Poverty:** Oil has brought economic growth  
**Religious Breakdown:**  
95.5% Muslim  
1.6% Hindu  
2.5% Christian  
0.16% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** Two very small fellowships in the country

**Major Religious Sites:**  
Khor Mosque,  
Ali Musa Mosque

**City Significance/History:**  
Muscat has been a strategic seaport city for the last one thousand years. A mud fort, dwarfed by the volcanic mountains overhead, provided protection for the capital city. The local people would fish, mine lime, or grow dates as their main income, but the sea was their connection to the outside world.

Sinbad, the famous sailor, sailed from Muscat to exotic places like India and China. He would trade lime, dates, and other goods from the Middle East for rice, coffee, and tea. Other ships would stop here before heading into the Persian Gulf or down the east side of Africa. Because of its location, the Portuguese captured Muscat and set up a regional stronghold in the 1580s. They were later replaced by the Al-Busaid Dynasty, who ruled as far as East Africa. By the mid-17th century, Muscat was back in the hands of the Omani. In 1890 Samuel Zwemer established a medical mission work, which still continues.

Oil found in the desert has brought Muscat into the 20st century. After a palace coup, Sultan Qaboos Bin Said replaced his father as the ruler. The city has grown to include two adjacent cities—Mutrah and Ruwi. Muscat is once again a booming area where oil tankers have replaced the trading ships of old.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for strength and boldness for the few indigenous believers, and that churches can be planted.
2. Pray that the sultan would allow Omani citizens freedom of religion.
3. Pray that radio broadcasts and literature distribution would reach the Muslim majority.
4. Pray that expatriate believers working in the city would show a Christian witness through their lifestyle.
5. Pray that ongoing medical missions work would show Christ's love to the people.



## Varanasi

(*var-uh-nah-see*)

Day 19

**Meaning:** "the city between two rivers"  
**Country:** India, Uttar Pradesh Province  
**Population:** 1,193,000  
**Poverty:** Many slums  
**Religious Breakdown:**  
79.8% Hindu  
19.6% Muslim  
0.12% Christian  
0.08% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** 11 churches

### Major Religious Sites:

Durga Temple,  
Golden Temple,  
Great Mosque of Aurangzeb,  
Sankatmochang Temple,  
Visvanatha Temple

### City Significance/History:

Varanasi (also known as Banaras or Benares) has been a holy pilgrimage site for over 2000 years. Ten kilometers away at Saranath is where Buddha first preached on enlightenment. Hindus flock the ghats (the wide stairways) that allow them to wash, bathe, and even die in the Ganges River.

Relatives carry their dying loved ones to the river. Laying the frail bodies on one of the lower ghats, they place the feet of the dying into the water. When the person dies, it is believed that they will go straight to heaven. This is important to many Hindus, who believe their dead relatives can come back as evil spirits to haunt them. Along one section of the ghats are the cremation pits. After the body has been cremated, the ashes are sprinkled on the holy Ganges River. Pilgrims will bathe in the holy and polluted Ganges, seeking to be healed.

Many Hindu priests live in Varanasi. As they walk around in deep trances, people seek them for blessings. Gurus have students coming from all over India to sit under their teaching, to meditate, and to learn Sanskrit.

Here the main Hindu god is Shiva, the god of life and death, who has power to kill or to heal.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that this holy city of Hinduism would become filled with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.
2. Pray that the tiny minority of Christians, most of whom are nominal, would experience spiritual strengthening and renewal.
3. Pray that the millions of pilgrims visiting the Ganges River would find the Living Water given by Jesus.
4. Hindus here are among the world's most unreached mega-peoples. Pray for workers to labor in this vast harvest field. Pray that the leaflets and Gospels that have been distributed would produce spiritual fruit.
5. Pray for a work to be established at the large Hindu university. Little ministry is being done among the students there.



## Shanghai

(*shang-hi*)

Day 26

**Meaning:** "upper ocean"  
**Country:** China  
**Population:** 15,112,000  
**Poverty:** Rising unemployment  
**Religious Breakdown:**  
59.1% Nonreligious/Atheist  
27.0% Buddhist/Taoist  
8.0% Christian  
2.0% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** 80 TSPM churches, TSPM headquarters, strong unofficial church (see [Jinan](#) for TSPM explanation)

### Major Religious Sites:

Longhua Temple,  
Temple of Town Gods,  
Jade Buddha Temple  
1st Communist Party Congress Site

### City Significance/History:

Shanghai's strategic location marked this unimportant, small weaving and fishing village as one destined to be China's largest city. The flowing Yangtze River meets the Pacific Ocean just south of Shanghai, connecting the city with far western Tibet and other cities in between. Trading has made it the third largest port in the world.

The British, followed by the French and Japanese, opened the city for their own interests in the 1800s. These foreign entities built autonomous power centers next to each other, in and around Shanghai. With foreign wealth and cheap local labor, the village grew to one million by 1900. The city became very westernized as foreigners built buildings in their own styles. Chinese servants, child-slave labor, and prostitution became part of the imprint of westernization.

After World War II, the communists chose Shanghai to become the first Cultural Revolution "model city." Rehabilitation of opium addicts and the outlawing of child-slave labor credit their efforts.

Overcrowding and unemployment plague the streets. People coming from rural villages are returned because there just is not enough room for them to live and work.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for the university students who seek meaning in life. They willingly listen to the gospel's proclamation and do not resist its truth when they understand it.
2. Prosperity and materialism have gripped the hearts of the people, with money becoming the most important factor in their lives. Pray against this spirit of mammon and greed.
3. Sexual lust and prostitution characterized pre-Revolution Shanghai. These influences are again seeking to undermine the moral fabric of Chinese society. Pray that this spirit of decadence is broken over the city once and for all.
4. Multiple services are required in the official churches to handle the high attendance. Pray that the TSPM churches would become less political and more spiritual.



## Lucknow

(*luck-now*)

Day 19

**Meaning:** "sign" or "mark"  
**Country:** India, Uttar Pradesh Province\*  
**Population:** 1,391,000  
**Poverty:** Many slums  
**Religious Breakdown:**  
76.8% Hindu  
19.6% Muslim  
2.7% Christian  
0.4% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** A few mission agencies, 26 churches

### Major Religious Sites:

Bara Imambara (Shi'ite grave site)  
Aurangzeb Mosque,  
Jami Masjid Mosque

### City Significance/History:

The Muslim Mongols established a growing power center in the area. They were replaced by still another Muslim group, the Oudh.

Along the Gomti River arose a small capital city for the Oudh Nawab rulers. These rulers came from a Persian background, not Mongol. From here, the Nawabs controlled north-central India for 100 years. They developed the arts, fine culture, and traditional craftsmanship.

The British annexed the area in the mid-19th century. The backlash from this annexation was an Indian uprising against the 3000-strong British diplomatic presence, including women and children. The Indians far outnumbered the British, who held out for three months in their compound, the Residency of the Nawab rulers. (The Residency was built for the glory of the Nawab rulers.) The Indian onslaught ended when more British troops broke through the Indian lines; however, 2000 of the British were dead.

Today the city—a provincial capital—still has a devoted Islamic population. Shi'ite holy men of the past are believed to have special power if you pray at their graves. Many Muslim people pray for strength and blessings at the tombs of these holy men.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for growth in the small churches and that new believers can be taught and disciplined.
2. There is an open door for evangelism at several strategic locations. Pray for a harvest to come from the bold witness at these sites.
3. Many East Asian Muslims come here to study. Pray for the establishment of a ministry to them.
4. Pray for reconciliation between the Muslims and Hindus, that the religious tensions would dissipate.
5. Pray for the workers seeking to reach the various people groups in the city.



## Guangzhou

(*gwahn-joh*)

Day 26

**Meaning:** "capital of a large region"  
**Country:** China, Guangdong Province\*  
**Population:** 4,184,000  
**Poverty:** Communism has provided basic needs  
**Religious Breakdown:**  
59.1% Nonreligious/Atheist  
30.1% Chinese Religions  
6.1% Christian  
5.0% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** 15 TSPM churches, growing house churches (see [Jinan](#) for TSPM explanation)

### Major Religious Sites:

Guangxiao Church,  
Hualin Temple,  
Wuxian Guan Temple,  
Six Banyan Trees Temple,  
Huaishen Mosque

### City Significance/History:

Legend tells that the city started after five goats with rice stalks in their mouths descended from heaven. The gods gave the rice and goats as a symbol of freedom from famine, but famines have still come. Guangzhou is also known as Yangcheng, "goat city."

More than any other city in China, Guangzhou (Canton) has been the gateway for trade into China. As early as the second century, traders from the Roman Empire and India came to exchange goods. In the 16th century, Jesuit missionaries established a work in the city. The next few centuries brought more traders and foreign powers to the area. Robert Morrison, the first Protestant missionary, also entered China through Guangzhou in 1807. By the time Mao closed the door to missions, a total of one million Christians were in the province.

Opium became a necessary obsession for the wealthy Chinese. The British brought opium from India to meet the ever-growing demands of the Chinese addicts. The emperor of China finally ordered the city's regional head to get rid of the British. At the conclusion of the Opium War (1839-42), the Chinese surrounded the British, killing many and driving the remaining out of the area—thus ending another violent period.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for the growth and outreach of the harassed house churches such as the well-known 33 Damazhan, and for the safety of their pastors.
2. Ask God to soften the hearts of the Religious Affairs Bureau officials who are antagonistic toward believers who remain outside the TSPM umbrella.
3. Pray that the gospel can be ministered effectively in the midst of social change, economic prosperity, and new ideas and trends flooding in from the outside.
4. Pray that students at the Theological Seminary affiliated with the TSPM Dong Shan Church would be called as pastors and evangelists to the growing church.
5. Children are used as tools for getting money. Pray for these children in bondage to begging. Pray also for the women caught in a life of prostitution.

