



Go!

Praying beyond our walls

“When Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You send them, and when they pray to the LORD . . . then hear in heaven their prayer . . . and maintain their cause” (1 Kings 8:44–45)

June 2004

Connect

Every Sunday, 9:30am & 5:30pm –
Pre-service prayer (Wedge Room)

Every Tuesday, 7:00am – Father’s
Heart men’s prayer (Café)

**Every Thursday, 9:00pm – Frank
& Sandra’s weekly prayer
(Duluth)**

**Sunday nights (once a month),
7:00pm – Mary Hower’s prayer
for Central Asia with Adam &
Mary Hoyt (Norcross); call for
next date—770-265-1597**

Fri, July 2nd, 7:30pm – Unveiled
(Auditorium)

Fri, July 16th, 7:30pm – Unveiled
(Auditorium)

On your knees!

“What a huge harvest!” he [Jesus] said to his disciples. “How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!” Matthew 9:37–38 (The Message)

Website

Visit us on the web at
www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer

Give Him Praise!

- Karen Peterson (Mission Bridge Central Asia)—One of the first days we were there, a neighbor Inoyat came over. She had some heart problems. So we prayed that God would heal her. God did. Later she even brought her medicine to the doctor and said I don't need these anymore because God has healed me. She goes to the small church there. She is not a Christian yet but last Sunday she confessed to stealing from her husband. God is working in her life. Pray for her and the other locals we got to pray for and tell them that Jesus was coming to save them.
- Jennifer Poteet (Mission Bridge Central Asia)—Our trip was about God fulfilling the things He had spoken over us. Before we left, we had many words given to us individually & from others about being light in the darkness. We also had several visions about God raining down His love, mercy & Spirit over the country, which led us to pray for it to rain (physically) to signify what God was doing (supernaturally). Both of these words were fulfilled while we were there! One long term missionary there commented about the fact that when we're in the country, there is more light to expose the darkness, and it also rained one night! It's the first time anyone we talked to could remember it raining this late in the year - it typically doesn't rain after about April.

The Chandler 5! (chandlerfamily5@hotmail.com)

Edinburgh Scotland . . . The Chandler family (Kent & Debbie, Joshua, Jacob, Hannah) has been serving for the past three years with Youth With A Mission, Scotland. We have served on the leadership team of the Operation Year, Discipleship Training School, during which time we were responsible for training and discipling 18-25 year olds, helping them to know God and make Him known. The school acted as a year-round evangelism team in Edinburgh, as well as other parts of Scotland. We ministered in schools, pubs, and prisons, as well as street evangelism during the Edinburgh Arts Festival. Out of the year team we were a part of, we have seen 3 of our 7 students commit their lives to full-time missions work, and all three are back in Edinburgh as YWAM staff members.

Our family has also been ministering with the Almond Vineyard in Edinburgh. We have been able to work with this church plant for the past two years, taking part in servant evangelism events, hosting a home group, teaching, and occasionally preaching, as well as helping to coordinate church-wide events. We have seen it grow from about 30 people to over 75 strong. We love getting to be involved in helping to equip the church.

While helping to lead the school, Kent had the opportunity to lead the team to Morocco for a month. During that time God really spoke to him about reaching the unreached Muslim people groups of that North African nation. Morocco is a Muslim nation with a population of 31 million people, but less than 1,000 national Christians. After seeking God together for His guidance, we have started the process of going to work with the YWAM North Africa Regional Centre in Torremolinos, Spain, with the intention of working in Morocco. We feel that we are to be a part of planting churches, and will do that through business development consulting - planting businesses and discipling the workers - and by working alongside the Village of Hope children's home in Ain Leuh, Morocco.

After our time in the United States, we will return to Scotland to conclude our work there, part of which will be to prepare an outreach team from the Almond Vineyard for their trip to Capetown, South Africa, in Sept./Oct. As God provides and allows, we look to be moving down to the YWAM North Africa base some time in November, 2004.

[Please pray for the Chandlers as they serve God in Europe & Africa!]

Pray for Russia

Ralph & Vicki Hale (Perm, Russia) sent these prayer requests in for the Perm Vineyard:

- Please pray for our annual "Week of Evangelism" (June 28-July 2), for the churches' growth and participation.
- Please pray for favor with the authorities in charge of our location, the "Mir" theater. A new law means that the Vineyard has to be out by July. A committee from the city will visit our Sunday service on July 4th to determine whether we might be exempt from the new law. Please pray for favor with this committee & that they'll see a clear demonstration of the love of God. We believe God is going to give us the Mir Theater, & that we're supposed to stay there.
- Pray for our upcoming "Vacation Bible School" (July 26–31); pray for God to provide finances (>\$400); we're going totally evangelistic; last time we had up to 100 kids each day

Holli Oakley:

- Next week I go to Ufa with a team of 16 (Mission Bridge). Please pray that our trip will go without problems, that we will touch the hearts of many people in Ufa, & help the Ufa Vineyard to grow.
- I hope to go to an evangelistic student camp in Chelyabinsk for 12 days. Pray that students from Perm will want to go, for finances, that students will be impacted for life & no emergencies.
- Please pray for my visa situation; pray that God's will prevails & that if I need to leave the country, my finances will cover the trip.
- upcoming expenses (visa, student loans coming dues, expanding ministry expenses); pray that my support base will increase.

Andy & Rachel Frecka:

- We're off to Albania tonight and will do family camps during July

Missions-focused prayer groups

Mary, Adam, & Mary's prayer for Central Asia: Come pray with Mary Hower at Adam & Mary Hoyt's home on one Sunday a month (7:00pm) (call for next date)! We focus on praying for our adopted country in Central Asia, and pray for other missions-related things as well. 6657 September Eve, Norcross 30092. 770-265-1597, howermary@cs.com

Frank & Sandra's weekly prayer: Come pray with Frank & Sandra Teixeira in Duluth every Thursday night (9:00pm)! We pray for many things, focusing on Brazil and general prayer requests for the AVC, starting at 9:00pm in our home. 2006 Howell Walk, Duluth 30096. 678-957-1519, 678-887-8759 (cell), grettex2000@bellsouth.net

Pray for John & the Bantu people

John Arnold (AVC, Global Impact Team member) works with World Relief, and reports that the Somali Bantu people are 99% unreached (never heard the gospel before). This year we have incredible opportunity to minister to the Somali Bantu who are being brought to Atlanta. There are no really strong Muslims among them, but local Muslims here are trying to pull them into Islam.

Pray about what your involvement individually and our involvement as a church should be. Pray that they come to Christ! Pray about whether you could host a family for **one week** when they first arrive. World Relief will walk you through everything you need to know and do. The hope is that the host family would fall in love with them. The AVC can

Pray for Tajikistan

Please continue to pray for the nation of Tajikistan. God is moving there in mighty ways, but there is a huge spiritual battle going on that we need to keep fighting!

Pray for:

- **The new young local believers**, many of whom are suffering persecution from friends and families when they profess Christ. Pray for their protection and that they will stand in faith and continue to boldly proclaim the freedom they have found in Jesus.
- **The ESL students who heard the gospel**, many for the first time, during the recent outreach. Pray that the truth of Christ will be evident to them and that they will continue to seek out believers to inquire about the kingdom of God.
- **The children at VBS** who heard of Jesus and His love for them. Pray that they will have childlike faith that believes the promises of God for their lives. Pray that they will take the stories and songs they learned back to their friends and families and that they inspire the first generation to live for Christ in the nation.
- **The church planting team**. Pray for protection, perseverance, and joy in the ministry they are doing among the Tajiks. Pray for team unity and love, and pray that they can reap fruit from the seeds sowed on the outreach.
- **The Vineyard church planting team** that is in training in Russia. Pray that the Lord will equip them for every good work in Tajikistan, give them a vision and passion to see Tajiks know Jesus, and grant them wisdom as they finish their training process.
- **The Tajik people**. Pray that they will see Christ as the Messiah and not just a prophet. Pray that they will seek His face and that He will reveal Himself to them. Pray that He springs up salvation in their land and that the nation of Tajikistan will be a light to other nations, proclaiming the goodness and Lordship of Jesus!

help with household items. Prayerfully consider if you could be a friendship volunteer (help with transportation, sending a letter, etc.).

Who are the Bantu? Two centuries ago, the Bantu tribal people were abducted from their homes in southeastern Africa and transported to Somalia, East Africa, as slaves. For generations, they have been downtrodden and oppressed by their Somali masters - forced into servitude.

In the 1990s, approximately 12,000 Bantu people fled the brutal civil war in Somalia and sought shelter in bleak refugee camps in neighboring Kenya. Since then, the Bantu have been living in primitive - and often appalling - conditions at the Kakuma refugee camp where they have continued to be treated as semi-slaves. Now God is bringing them to us!

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