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ARISE!**

The Season after Pentecost: A Season of Christ's Headship
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The Just Shall Live by Faith: Abraham and Isaac

Hebrews 11.17-19; Genesis 22.1-12 • Rev. Dr. Don L. Davis

The God of Abraham Praise

Thomas Olivers, 1765 (From The Yigdal of Daniel ben Judah, a Jewish judge in Rome, circa 1400, paraphrased by Thomas Olivers, circa 1765. The lyrics are based on the 13 creeds of Moses Maimonides [circa 1130-1204].)

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of Love;
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and Heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred Name forever blessed.

The God of Abraham praise, at Whose supreme command
From earth I rise—and seek the joys at His right hand;
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and power;
And Him my only Portion make, my Shield and Tower.

The God of Abraham praise, whose all sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my happy days, in all my ways.
He calls a worm His friend, He calls Himself my God!
And He shall save me to the end, thro' Jesus' blood.

He by Himself has sworn; I on His oath depend,
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to Heav'n ascend.
I shall behold His face; I shall His power adore,
And sing the wonders of His grace forevermore.

Tho' nature's strength decay, and earth and hell withstand,
To Canaan's bounds I urge my way, at His command.
The wat'ry deep I pass, with Jesus in my view;
And thro' the howling wilderness my way pursue.

The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty bless'd;
A land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.



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There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of peace;
On Sion's sacred height His kingdom still maintains,
And glorious with His saints in light forever reigns.

He keeps His own secure, He guards them by His side,
Arrays in garments, white and pure, His spotless bride:
With streams of sacred bliss, with groves of living joys—
With all the fruits of Paradise, He still supplies.

Before the great Three-One they all exulting stand;
And tell the wonders He hath done, through all their land:
The list'ning spheres attend, and swell the growing fame;
And sing, in songs which never end, the wondrous Name.

The God Who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
Jehovah—Father—great I AM, we worship Thee!"

Before the Savior's face the ransomed nations bow;
O'erwhelmed at His almighty grace, forever new:
He shows His prints of love—they kindle to a flame!
And sound thro' all the worlds above the slaughtered Lamb.

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine! (I join the heav'nly lays,)
All might and majesty are Thine, and endless praise.

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The Just Shall Live by Faith: Abraham and Isaac

Perhaps no story in all of Scripture highlights the challenge of trusting God in the midst of crippling and difficult tests as the account concerning Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22.1-24. Abraham's story is well known. Called by God out of Ur when he was seventy-five years old, he took his wife Sarah and journeyed from the familiar surroundings of their lives to the land of Canaan, for God had promised to bless him and to grant him heirs as numerous as the sands on the seashore and as the stars in the heavens. For twenty-five years he waited for the promise of God to be fulfilled, and when he was around one hundred years old, Sarah, who was long past child-rearing age, gave birth to their son, Isaac. The promise of God had been fulfilled and the child of the promise had come into the world.

Thirteen years later, the Lord ordered Abraham to sacrifice his young son, Isaac, in a place where he would be directed.

Genesis 22.1-2 – After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” [2] He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

Without hesitation or procrastination, Abraham promptly obeyed the Lord. He rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

For two long days Abraham endured the doubt and struggles of having to sacrifice his beloved child Isaac up to the Lord, and Scripture testifies:

On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. [5] Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the



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donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” [6] And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. [7] And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” [8] Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

With cool yet resolute obedience, when he and Isaac came to the place God told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Scripture testifies that, now with Isaac bound on the wood, Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.

At this high moment of drama, the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and told Abraham not to lay his hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now he, the Lord, knew that Abraham feared God, “seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” Amazingly, the Scripture declares that Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Abraham called the name of the place where the sacrifice was given *Yahwe Yir’eh*, (translated *Jehovah-jireh* “The LORD will provide”), and as the text in Genesis affirmed, “as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.’”

Additionally, the book of Hebrews provides further commentary on Abraham’s faith with Isaac in Hebrews 11.17-19:



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By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, [18] of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." [19] He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Abraham did not waver in his embrace of God's promise. Despite the odds, the impossible odds of Isaac surviving such an ordeal, Abraham clung to the promise of God. Romans 4 suggests that Abraham's confidence in God's promise was so strong that he believed that God would raise Isaac from the dead, following the sacrifice and burnt offering of his son on the altar there at Moriah.

Although he was old and Sarah was barren, he would believe in God for the birth of his son. And although Isaac would perish under his knife on the altar at Moriah, Abraham believed God would raise him from the dead, for the promise had been given that through Isaac the seed of blessing would come.

Abraham reveals what we must seek during this month of our Let God Arise intercession. Inevitably, all of us who seek and serve the Lord will experience trials and challenges that take our breath away, that wounds and discourages us, that causes us to doubt and want to give up. Abraham, our spiritual father, reveals that true faith is not one that never undergoes difficulty, but rather is a faith that knows God in the trial, on the mount, during the flood.

Remember, Jehovah-jireh suggests that on the mount the Lord will provide. In other words, it is during the trial, in the midst of the flood, at the time of the challenge that our Lord's grace and power are known. His grace is made perfect in weakness, his provision is always seen on the mount.



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Let us intercede for our cities, therefore, without yielding to the discouragement surrounding the neighborhoods where we live and minister. Our faith will be tried, and in the midst of the trial, like father Abraham, may we learn to quietly wait on the strength and the promise of him who cannot lie, who calls things that are not as though they are, and who has never failed anyone who has trusted in his grace to help.



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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 laborers, increased vision, and manifestations of the Holy Spirit's revelation and power, and for disciples who will build their entire lives on the foundation of obedience to the words of Christ.

- Middle East: *Sana'a* and *Ankara* and *Mashhad*
- Central Asia: *Dushanbe* and *Pune*
- Eastern Asia: *Lhasa* and *Wuhan* and *Urumqi*

Pray fervently for these cities, asking the God of the Exodus to deliver his people today as he did from Egypt, asking him to penetrate their hearts and minds with the Gospel, in order that *healthy churches might be planted in the midst of these societies, leading to a significant harvest within each of these influential Gateway cities*.

- Pray for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit within *Sana'a*, *Ankara* and *Mashhad*. In *Sana'a*, pray that peace and reconciliation prevail between northern and southern factions in recent civil war, and for economic relief through reforms. Pray for strength, confidence, and boldness for the believers, who are under intense pressure to renounce their faith, and also for the relief workers involved in health and education projects. Pray for fruit from Christian radio programs, and that the anti-Christian efforts from the Muslim Brotherhood will be unsuccessful. In *Ankara* pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen the indigenous Turkish fellowships, that the young elders will mature spiritually, and that these believers will have much boldness proclaiming Christ to the Muslim Turks and the large university student population. Pray that the Spirit would open the Muslims up to Christ, revealing him as the balm to heal the deep divisions in society. In *Mashhad* pray that the Islamic stronghold would be penetrated by



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the transforming power of the Gospel and that terrorist acts at religious sites would bring disillusionment among the people, causing them to seek Jesus. Pray that Christian radio and videos would be widely received and distributed and that the Bibles and literature sent would reach their destinations. Pray for strength and joy for the believers living in such a hostile environment.

- Pray for *Dushanbe* and *Pune*, great Central Asian cities. Pray for *Dushanbe*, that the leaders may bring peace to this war-torn city so the Prince of Peace might be proclaimed. Pray that the few Tajik believers there will become the core of a new multi-ethnic church, that fluent workers will be raised up, and that they will reach out to their fellow Tajiks with love and boldness. Pray for the dissemination of the newly translated Tajik Bible and the Jesus film. In *Pune*, please pray for unity among the small Protestant community, spiritual renewal among the Catholics, and growth and outreach in the evangelical churches. Please pray for ministry among the unevangelized Jain population, the African foreign students, and all those at the universities. Pray that the Hindus would turn to the loving Father and the Western pilgrims visiting Rajnnesh's grave would find the living Lord.
- Pray for *Lhasa*, *Wuhan* and *Urumqi*. Pray that the small fellowships in *Lhasa* would be strengthened and multiply, and that the Christians in exile will return and preach the Gospel and encourage the believers there. Pray for open doors and wise distribution of the Tibetan Scriptures. Pray that the Dalai Lama exiled in India, the monks initiated at the Jokhang Temple, and the Karmapa (a sect in Buddhism), would all come into contact with the living Word and receive salvation. Pray that the evangelists and churches laboring in *Wuhan* would be filled with the glory and power of the Lord, and that the foreign Christian professionals would be an effective witness for Christ in their work. Pray for anointed Christian witness to the Chinese military, and for



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more teachers to labor for Christ among the students. Pray against renewed interest in traditional folk religion and superstitious practices. Pray for openness to the Gospel in *Urumqi* among the 13 ethnic minorities (Muslim Uygur, Kirgiz, and Kazak peoples). Pray for spiritual strength, encouragement, and open doors to witness for both foreign and Han believers to their Muslim neighbors. Pray that the Han believers would accept their Muslim neighbors, despite government pressure, and for reconciliation between the ethnic minorities and the Han Chinese. Pray for the completion and distribution of the NT and the Jesus film in Uygur.



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National Strategic Window

Intercede on behalf of eight of the inner cities of America (*Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX; Providence-Fall River-Warwick, RI-MA; Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI; Mobile, AL; Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC; Richmond-Petersburg, VA; Bergen-Passaic, NJ; Hartford, CT; Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC*), that the churches of God in Christ in these cities would build on the truth of Christ's words, that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit, that revival would come to their churches, and that believers would be moved to evangelize, disciple, and plant new churches among the neighborhoods unreached in these cities.

- Pray for *brokenness among God's people who live in these cities, that they would open themselves up to the Lord's power and leading*, that pastors and Christians within them will rediscover the filling and power of the Holy Spirit, and that they will blossom with a new passion 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 the Kingdom of God would be visibly displayed* 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 month, pray for *an outpouring and visitation of the Holy Spirit that will result in thousands of new decisions for Christ, and the establishment of new Christ-centered, Bible-based churches in these cities*. 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

Please pray for:

- Continued perseverance and fruit for our Christ the Victor Church plants in Wichita and for the leaders, Gerson and Mayra Berrios, Alvero and Orpha Mora and Manolo and Jodi Saenz.
- 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.

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



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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 (113 satellites, with 10 satellites in countries outside the US [Ethiopia, Ghana, Mexico {4}, Canada {2}, Kenya, Romania, Guatemala, and Honduras), with approximately 1200 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 workshops and seminars we will start in the Fall. Pray for the new TUMI satellites starting in Wichita, especially the satellite beginning at Tabernacle Bible Church this fall.
- 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 Wichita TUMI satellites, soon to be four in the metro area, for their funding, leadership, and potential students.
- Pray for new support and full-time staff here at National, (Bobby Gilmer [Distribution Center], Andrew and Adria Medlin (transfers from World Impact St. Louis), and and for their efficient and helpful transition into our work flow, and their contribution to our projects and work.
- Pray for the siding repair of our building, and for the construction of our Curriculum Distribution Center, for the architectural and construction ideas, and for God's grace to bring the vendors with the time to complete this facility by September.



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New Initiatives and Potential Partners

- Thank God for the ongoing rollout schedule to support our Prison Fellowship expansion. Pray for PF's organization and planning, their workers and the prisons they serve, and for smooth operation of our new storage and inventory systems, and our organization processes to continue to meet the goals of the expansion this year.
- Continue to pray for Cathy Allsman's role as Prison Administrator, for her and Don's ordering challenges, 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, and new possibilities in Florida, Colorado, and Ohio.
- Pray for COGIC denomination, who propose to begin new TUMI satellites in Louisiana in August, and for our partnership with the Evangelical Training Association, who soon will begin to integrate TUMI training into their respective training regimen.
- 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 Fernando and Telma Argumedo's future in Las Vegas as they complete their support at TUMI National, and move in November to equip leaders and support their parents in Vegas.
- Pray for God's leading for a new Dean of Hispanic Ministries, someone to fill Fernando's space, and oversee the expansion of TUMI satellites among Spanish-speaking countries around the world.
- 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 TUMI staff's protection and health during our long-sought-and-desperately-needed vacation in a few weeks!
- 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.
- Praise God for his healing of Lorna's mother's health crisis with her esophagus, and continue to pray for her as they seek to discover any related issues with her health.
- Pray for Lorna's niece, Collette, who recently was treated for necrotizing fasciitis, a serious illness that required multiple surgeries; pray for her convalescence and bed rest (she is a mother of three).
- 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 Don's upcoming speaking engagements for inspiration, clarity, and impact.



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- 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.
- 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

Please pray that we can open TUMI sites in the 24 California counties where 90% of former inmates will be paroled. Of the 24, we already have TUMI sites in 8, so we need to be in the other 16. These include San Bernardino, Orange, Sacramento, and Santa Clara, and San Joaquin counties.

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.



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Wichita Thrift Stores

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

Dallas

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

Denver TUMI

- Please pray for the two new English and Spanish sites to get started here in Denver. They say they want to but just haven't gotten all the paperwork done.
- Pray for Paul and Emily's marriage (my kids) as they are struggling greatly.
- Pray for the new students for Mike Dicke and Saul Arellano's TUMI Class that they would be able to determine their schedule and get started.
- Pray for wisdom as the door opens for other TUMI opportunities in Colorado prisons and other parts of the world.

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.



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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 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

- Pray for us as we hold our summer TUMI courses.
- Please pray that we will continue to find churches that we can serve with TUMI.
- Pray for us as we expand into new cities with TUMI.



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Los Angeles

LA Health Ministry

- Isaac Voss is working on a collaborative project with 22 authors which seeks to create an edited book on the topic of “A Christian approach to health missions.” Please pray for unity and good communication among the members. As he is serving as the project coordinator, please pray for Spirit-empowered perseverance and wisdom.
- The Watts Health Clinic needs a new office manager. Pray for the selection of the right individual from PowerHouse Church.

Los Angeles Christian School

Pray that the summer would be refreshing for staff and school families alike. For the beginning of school “craziness” to be peaceful and absent of surprises! We are hosting a 30th Year Celebration of LACS BBQ to commemorate the continuing presence of a quality Christian education in the city!

Watts Christian School

Pray that our students would have a safe and enjoyable summer, that God would prepare them for the start of school at the end of August and that we would have a strong start to the 2nd year of WCS.

Kaleo Young Adult Ministry

Please pray for our July family night that is coming up on the 13th. Last family night we had 27 families represented. We are praying for ongoing relationships with the families of our teens who are attending our Teen Center programs and are developing relationships with us and Jesus. We would love to eventually have the families come to Jesus and get plugged into a local church.



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TUMI LA

The TUMI-L.A. staff requests prayer for success in:

- Establishing the Malachi Dads and TUMI programs in the Men's Central Prison in Los Angeles
- Building relationships with Hispanic believers and in teaming with Hispanic churches in order to expand TUMI among that population
- The work of our newly trained TUMI mentors, in starting new TUMI classes

LA Church Plants

- Pray for our World Impact Associate, Hector Cedillo. He is doing the work of an evangelist with the hopes of establishing a house church among the spanish speaking Mexicans in the Bronx, New York. Pray for God's favor to go before Hector. He just finished his first of three journeys to the Bronx (he is from Los Angeles) and as he says, "I felt like I got my feet wet. My next trip I will be up to my waist."
- We are in a growing relationship with Yetem Geta. He is a church planter from Ethiopia who now lives in Los Angeles. He has a vision to reach the Muslims from Ethiopia and Somalia who live here. "This is our Jerusalem. Let's start here." Join us in praying how we may be able to partner together to preach the Gospel so that a movement to Jesus will take place among these two people groups.
- Pray for our efforts to reach more ethnic people groups in the mega city of Los Angeles. Pray that God will direct us to more people like Yetem Geta whom we can link our efforts together to expand and advance God's Kingdom in the city. We are seeking more church planters and church planting pastors. Pray that the Spirit will call, they respond, we connect, and together we labor in the planting of new churches.



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The Oaks

SUMMER CAMPS START JULY 3RD – PRAY FOR STAFF AND CAMPERS

Alisha – she is preparing for her internship with World Impact.

Ted Bigley (Brooks friend) – an aneurism, fell, is paralyzed in the Hospital; needs a miracle recovery.

Heinz Leigsring (Paul's father) – hospitalized with a broken vertebrae

Heather – relief from frequent headaches, hypothyroid, fatigue

Mario – HELUS school staff/parents/students, the Lees, the Harbucks, Megan Weber

Chris Truelove – seriously ill from brain cancer

Brooks – healing from continuing back pain.

Rob H. – healing from headache and neck and back pain.

Matt and Lisa – move to Colorado, needed support, to be used by God

Chip and Cassie's Wedding and move

Rob's wife Lisa – work and school stress.

Andy Baljet – suffer from an illness that confounds the doctors but has been able to go back to work

Thelma Taylor (Gene's mother) – struggling with dementia.

Leigh (and Dave) – for a healthy pregnancy

Jay Hunt – Mom's vision to improve, God bless his family

Paul Leigsring – parents needing 24 hour care, family decisions about care

Gabe Leigsring – his entry into the Air Force in September

Jared and Kim – will be making decisions/choices regarding foster care children

Frankie Jr. (staff's teen son) – that he will seek God in his daily living.

Ruben – for son James & ex-wife Amanda, salvation, provision, protection and reconciliation.

John (Mike's brother) – for safety in Mexico

Steve (Joe Riggs' father) – has prostate cancer

Katie L. – that she would discover God's love grow in love for Jesus and commit herself to Him.



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Brandon L. – that he would commit his ways to the Lord strive to achieve in life.

Mark L. – that he would overcome his struggles and make godly choices.

Jeanne L. – encouragement as she works as caregiver to an invalid mother and two teenaged sons.

Ruth (Jeanne's mother) – that she would experience fellowship with the Lord in the twilight of life.

Steve L. – encouragement and strength and wisdom to be an encourager to his family

Gene – health needs: diabetes, arthritis, heart.

Joselyn Wall – success in her new job

Jeff Wall – discernment on what to do next for employment.

Jason E. – Guidance and Leadership to lead those around him toward Christ and for physical pain.

Mark Rericha – spiritual growth, salvation, and kindness for the people who come to the OAKS

Ben – persistence in school and for encouragement through life's struggles.

Dana – God's replacement for Matt as registrar; that THE OAKS Intern Program would be fruitful, both for the interns and in the camp ministry; as a camp staff, we would see and hear God's vision for THE OAKS Camp; as a camp staff, we would be able to identify the core values of THE OAKS Camp; leadership would be able to develop a marketing plan, which is acceptable by the National leadership, within the next eight months; the Long Range Planning sessions this fall with Neal Meitler would be fruitful; leadership will be faithful to create the conditions that set the staff up for an encounter with God in the place where we need it most; the staff will continually seek God in the crucible of ministry no matter how hard it gets.

Harmony Heart Camp

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



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- 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 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.



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



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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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Ankara

(*ahng-kuh-ruh*)

Day 11

Meaning: "narrow rocky gorge"
Country: Turkey
Population: 3,000,000
Poverty: 20% unemployment
Religious Breakdown:
99.8% Muslim
0.02% Christian
0.01% Evangelical

Status of the church: Several small Turkish fellowships

Major Religious Sites:

Haci Bayram Camii (Mosque),
Ataturk Mausoleum,
Kocatepe Camii,
Hisar Citadel,
Temple of Augustus (originally a shrine to Cybele)

City Significance/History

Throughout its history, Ankara has been a fortified trade center in Asia Minor. Located on the east/west and north/south trade routes, Ankara has shaped political and world history. This crossroads location allowed it to grow and influence many other lands because world news and events traveled with the traders. They would tell stories about what was going on in other parts of the world.

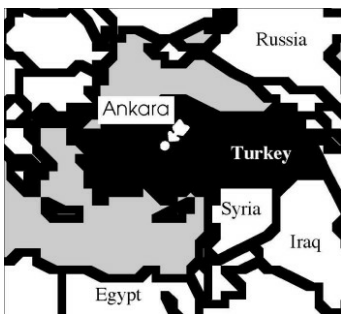
Almost every invading military force conquered and invaded Ankara. The ancient Hittites lived in Central Anatolia. Later, the crusaders fought for the Hisar Citadel, capturing it only long enough to have the Muslim forces drive them out.

Today Ankara has been restored to a city of great importance and world influence. It is now the home of many government offices, embassies, universities, and medical centers. Turkey has an important role in shaping other Central Asian Muslim countries because many of their people share Turkic roots.

In 1923 Ataturk declared the city to be Turkey's new capital.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen the indigenous Turkish fellowships and that as they are strengthened they will witness to the Muslim Turks.
2. Pray that the young elders will mature spiritually and exemplify faithful leadership.
3. Pray that the young, single believers will find Christian spouses so that model Christian homes can be established to draw people to Christ.
4. Pray that the Christians will find good, steady employment to relieve the economic persecution they are suffering.
5. Pray that the large university student population can be reached with the gospel.
6. Pray that the gospel can be seen as the balm to heal the deep divisions in society between religious groups, races, men and women, and rich and poor.



Mashhad

(*mah-shahd*)

Day 12

Meaning: "place of martyrdom"
Country: Iran
Population: 2,450,000
Poverty: Migration has increased the number of poor communities
Religious Breakdown:
99.0% Muslim
0.2% Christian
0.02% Evangelical

Status of the church: A few believers and churches

Major Religious Sites:

Imam Reza Shrine Complex,
Gombade Sabz Mausoleum,
Khvajeh Rabil Mausoleum

City Significance/History:

Mashhad is Iran's holiest city. Back in the 9th century, Imam Reza (the only official imam buried in Iran until Ayatollah Khomeini) was poisoned and martyred in the city. He was the eighth imam (head spiritual leader) of Shiite Islam. His holy position made his tomb a sacred place for pilgrims to worship.

Before he died, the city was known as Sanabad, a small village in the north of Persia. After his death, pilgrims came and ended up staying in Mashhad. The village grew into a small city because of his shrine. Sunni Muslim forces sacked the city, followed by the Mongols in the 13th century. The shrine was badly damaged and, after time, rebuilt.

In the 16th century, three Safavid dynasty rulers established Shi'ite Islam for the whole territory. The shrine was restored, enlarged, and a mosque was built. These rulers made pilgrimages to the site and since then it has become the most holy Shi'ite pilgrimage site in Iran.

A few years ago, a group of religious *mujahidin* started a riot that turned the city into a battle zone. Over 40 people died, and the ones who started the riot were hung by the Revolutionary Guard. A flood, believed to be further punishment, killed even more people seven days later.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that this Islamic stronghold would be penetrated by the transforming power of the gospel.
2. Pray that Christian radio and videos would be widely received and distributed.
3. Pray that Bibles and Christian literature sent through the mail would reach their destinations.
4. Terrorist acts at religious sites have recently claimed the lives of many pilgrims. Pray that disillusionment would cause seekers to find Jesus.
5. Pray for strength and joy for the believers living in such a hostile environment.



Lhasa

(*lah-suh*)

Day 22

Meaning: "city of god"
Country: China, Tibet (Xizang) *
Population: 120,000
Poverty: Communism has provided basic needs
Religious Breakdown:
90.0% Buddhist
6.1% Traditional Religions
2.0% Muslim
0.9% Christian

0.05% Evangelical

Status of the church: A few small fellowships

Major Religious Sites:

Potala Palace;
Jokhang Temple;
Sera, Drepung, and Nechung Monasteries

City Significance/History:

The ancient religion of Tibet was Bon, a form of Shamanism. A shaman became a medium between the visible and invisible world. According to Bon, the world had three spheres: heaven, occupied by the Lha (gods), earth, mastered by Nagas (humans), and the underworld, inhabited by Tsen (demons).

The Potala Palace, built in the 17th century, remains one of the earth's most amazing structures. It embodies the heart of Tibetan Buddhism, both as a religion and a political force. Thousands of rooms house shrines, statues, and tombs of former Dalai Lamas. (The Dalai Lama is the traditional government ruler and the highest priest or god. However, since the Communist takeover in 1956, the Dalai Lama has lived in India.) The palace is full of different idols having spiritual significance. Maitrya is an enlightened Buddha yet to come, the wrath of Tara can be sought, or Amitayus will bring infinite life. These are only a few of the idols that find refuge, worship, and honor in this palace.

Rising early in the morning, monks and pilgrims climb the many stairs of the palace chanting, kneeling, rising, walking a step—kneeling, rising, walking a step… chanting the same prayer over and over.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the salvation of the Karmapa, considered to be the reincarnation of the Great Living Buddha and part of a demonic sect in Buddhism.
2. Pray that Christians in exile will return and preach the gospel and encourage the believers—that the Dalai Lama exiled in India would come to know Jesus.
3. Pray for open doors and wise distribution of the Tibetan scriptures.
4. Pray that Yama, the king of hell who is the demonic protector of Tibet, would be exposed so that many would turn to Jesus, the conqueror of death.
5. Pray that monks initiated into the Tantra of Yamantaka at the Jokhang Temple would come into contact with the Living Word and receive salvation.
6. Pray that the small house fellowships in the city would be strengthened and multiply throughout the Lhasa valley.



Dushanbe

(*dyoo-shahn-be*)

Day 14

Meaning: "second night" or "Monday"
Country: Tajikistan
Population: 620,000
Poverty: Increased poverty since the fall of the USSR
Religious Breakdown:
82.3% Muslim
13.2% Atheist
4.2% Christian
0.02% Evangelical

Status of the church: Russian and Ukrainian churches, a few national believers

Major Religious Sites:

Adjnatepe Hill (Buddhist),
Shamaisur Mosque,
Khaji Yakub Mosque,
Yakub Charkhi Tomb

City Significance/History:

The Silk Road twisted its way along the foothills and steppes of the Pamirs. A mud fortress in the Gissar Valley rested next to the Dushanbinka River. Buddhist traders followed the trade routes from India into Central Asia, bringing Buddhism with them. The local people in the 7th century built a 12 meter high Buddha as a shrine to worship.

Muslim invaders pushed in from the south to be replaced by others invading from the north. The small city was of little interest and remained poor until the Russians invaded and made the city the capital of the Tajik Republic. A railway was built connecting it with the greater Soviet Union, which brought Russians to the city to establish it as "Stalinabad." The name was later changed back to Dushanbe. The city grew in population as industries were established. With the collapse of the USSR came the collapse of the peace in Dushanbe.

At night, the city turned into a battle zone controlled by those with the most weapons. The police remained off the streets as the civil war for power continued to grow. Islamic forces, nationalist, and democratic opponents all seek to overthrow the Russian supported (mainly former communist leaders) Tajik government. The struggle continues.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the leaders may bring peace to this war-torn city so that the Prince of Peace might be proclaimed.
2. The majority of Russian, Ukrainian, and German Christians have emigrated because of the strife. Pray for the few who have remained that they will become the core of a new multi-ethnic church.
3. Pray that Muslim Tajik will turn to the Lord and workers fluent in the language will be raised up.
4. Pray for the dissemination of the newly translated Tajik Bible and the Jesus film.
5. Pray that the few Tajik believers would reach out to their fellow Tajiks with love and boldness.



Wuhan

(wu-hahn)

Day 26

Meaning: names of three cities contracted

Country: China, Hubei Province *

Population: 4,556,000

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: Many growing TSPM churches, strong house churches (see [Jinan](#) for TSPM explanation)

Major Religious Sites:

Guiyuan Temple,

Hongshan Pagoda

City Significance/History:

Wuhan's name is a contraction of the names of three cities—Wuchang (Wu), and the names of Hanyang and Hankou (han)—that were finally unified in 1957.

Wuchang, on the east bank of the Yangtze River, grew during the Han Dynasty as a regional capital and fortified city.

On the west side of the Yangtze, Hankou was only a village until the city opened for foreign trade. Russians, British, French, Germans, and Japanese set out to establish regional headquarters here. The foreign money turned Hankou into an industrial center in the interior of China. Foreign presence enabled mission agencies to send more workers into the interior. China Inland Mission pioneered the work in Wuhan using both overseas missionaries and national workers.

Next to Hankou, but separated by the smaller Han River, Hanyang had slow beginnings. Hanyang's growth did not come until late in the 19th century, when industrial manufacturers built iron and steel plants. Japan's invasion totally destroyed most of the heavy industry. As rebuilding took place, many of the factories were tooled for light industry.

Today Wuhan is the most important industrial and commercial center in central China.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that TSPM churches like Rong Guang Tang (Glory Church) would be filled with the glory and power of the Lord.
2. Pray for anointed Christian witness to the Chinese military, which has a strong presence in Hubei Province.
3. The province is less than 3% Christian. Pray for the evangelists laboring here and that the Holy Spirit would bring a great harvest.
4. Pray for the effectiveness of foreign Christian professionals teaching in the city and that God would call more teachers willing to endure the hardships of living here in order to have a witness to students.
5. Pray against renewed interest in traditional folk religion and superstitious practices.



Urumqi (oo-room-chee)

Day 22

Meaning: "pleasant meadows"

Country: China, Xinjiang Province *

Population: 1,724,000

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 4,000 members, 25 known Uyghur believers (see [Jinan](#) for TSPM explanation)

Major Religious Sites:

Hongshan Pagoda,

Tianchi (nearby sacred lake),

Bogda Feng (nearby sacred mountain),

Mingde Church

City Significance/History:

In the far northwestern region of China, the people still have Mongol features, but Islam has traditionally been their religion. The Uyghurs, one of the area's ethnic peoples, have a mixture of Chinese and Turkish features. Throughout most of history, Urumqi was a small dusty Uyghur village with little significance, part of the Silk Road.

At the end of World War II, the Communists started to change the look of the village. Concrete-block apartment buildings were built to provide housing, and smokestacks marked another factory on the wastelands at the edge of the desert. The Communists sent more than 5 million Han Chinese into Xinjiang Province, China's largest political unit, to dilute the Uyghur's nationalistic feelings. During the Cultural Revolution of the late 60s they destroyed thousands of mosques. These are being rebuilt today, but few Uyghur young people attend the mosque.

The region has become a nuclear test site, so the presence of the military has increased. Because of this, more Han have relocated here, and they now dominate government, industry, and business, a fact resented by the Uyghurs. Outsiders are controlling a foreign land.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for openness to the gospel among the city's 13 ethnic minorities, particularly the Muslim Uyghur, Kirgiz, and Kazak peoples. Pray for reconciliation between these minorities and the Han Chinese who now comprise 75 percent of the population.
2. Pray that the Han believers evangelize their Muslim neighbors and accept them, despite government pressure.
3. Muslim converts are subjected to strong persecution and rejection. Pray that Uyghur fellowships would be established for strength and support.
4. Pray for spiritual strength, encouragement, and open doors to witness for foreign believers who have made their home in this remote city.
5. Pray for the completion and distribution of the New Testament and the distribution of the Jesus film in Uyghur.



Sana'a

(sah-nah)

Day 6

Meaning: "fortified place"

Country: Yemen *

Population: 503,600

Poverty: Poorest Arabian country

Religious Breakdown:

99.9% Muslim

0.06% Christian

0.02% Evangelical

Status of the church: A few secret Yemeni believers

Major Religious Sites:

Great Mosque,

Al-Jami Al-Kabir Mosque,

Salah ad-Din Mosque,

Al-Mutwakil Mosque,

Muslim Brotherhood Headquarters

City Significance/History:

The original name of the capital city of Yemen is "Medinat Som," translated the "city of Shem." Tradition holds that after the Flood, Shem, the son of Noah, built this city on the volcanic plain 2,225 meters above sea level.

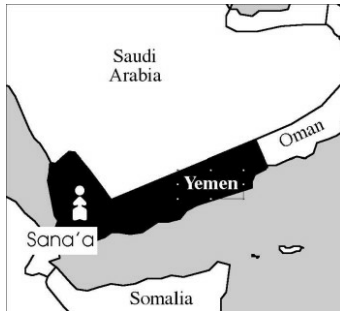
By the turn of the 1st century, it had become a fortified city (still one of the largest and best preserved cities in the Arab world) along the great incense road leading to the Mediterranean. Myrrh and frankincense grew naturally becoming valuable trade items.

South Yemen was formed in 1967, and became the world's only Arab Marxist state. It signed a 20-year friendship treaty with the USSR, which allowed Soviet troops in Yemen. North Yemen looked to the West politically.

The fall of communism in the world enabled Yemen to unite and Sana'a to become the capital, although sporadic fighting continues. Economic reforms have caused tension. The government is trying to bring economic growth to the poorest of the Arabian Peninsula countries. Riots have broken out in Sana'a due to the continued devaluing of the currency (annual inflation has run 100% in recent years) and Islamic religious differences from north (Shi'ite) to south (Sunni).

Prayer Points

1. The Muslim Brotherhood is very anti-Christian and is trying to stop all Christian activity. Pray that their efforts are unsuccessful.
2. Most residents have never heard the gospel because the city was sealed for over 1,300 years. Pray for fruit from Christian radio programs and boldness for the relief workers involved in health and educational projects.
3. Pray for strength for the believers who are under intense pressure from relatives and civil authorities to renounce their faith.
4. Pray that peace and reconciliation may prevail between the northern and southern factions in the recent civil war. Pray that reforms will bring economic relief.
5. Pray against the spirit of fear that is especially intense here because of the way the Imam has exercised his authority.



Pune (poo-nuh)

Day 17

Meaning: unknown

Country: India, Maharashtra Province

Population: 2,971,000

Poverty: 6 slums

Religious Breakdown:

80.4% Hindu

10.0% Muslim

2.5% Christian

1.0% Evangelical

Status of the church: 59 churches

Major Religious Sites:

Mahadji Mausoleum,

Qamarali Darvesh Mosque,

Pateleshwar Temple,

Parvati Temple,

Shinde Chhatra Temple,

Saras Buag Ganesh Temple

City Significance/History:

The Creator and Destroyer Shiva is one of the main gods of Hinduism. For those who worship him, he is the supreme god; there is no other. He is the power of opposites, creator—destroyer, controls good—evil, and gives rest—ceaseless activity.

Shivaji, a great Hindu political leader in the 17th century, derived his name from Shiva. Shivaji was born in Pune and led battles of unrest against the Muslim Mongols. From Pune, once the capital of the Hindu Maratha Empire, many Hindu social reform movements were launched against the Muslim powers. In the 18th century, a temple to Shiva was built as a stronghold of Hinduism.

The British captured the city in the early 19th century, and turned it into a place to retreat during the monsoons and heat of Bombay. They developed the city into a major educational and cultural center—"the Oxford of India."

In 1985 Bhgwan Rajnesh was found guilty of immigration fraud charges. Forced to leave the USA, he finally ended up in Pune. Teaching a progressive Hinduism, he was not greatly accepted by Indian Hindus. He died a few years later. Many of his followers from other countries still flock to Pune to pay homage to their dead spiritual master.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for unity among the small Protestant community, particularly that all would have a personal experience of salvation.
2. Pray for spiritual renewal among the large minority of Catholics, and pray for growth and outreach in the few evangelical churches.
3. Pray for ministry among the high population of Jains who are largely unevangelized.
4. Shiva grips the hearts of the Hindus living in the area. Pray that Hindus would turn to the loving Father.
5. Pray that Western pilgrims visiting Rajnesh's grave would find the living Lord.
6. This educational center attracts many foreign students, mainly African. Pray for workers and outreaches to the universities.

