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*The Season after Pentecost:
Remembering the Saints, Exalting the King*

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The Just Shall Live by Faith: Centurion

Luke 7.1-10 • Rev. Dr. Don L. Davis

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Words: Eliza E. Hewitt, 1891

My faith has found a resting place,
Not in device or creed;
I trust the ever living One,
His wounds for me shall plead.

I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the Word,
The living Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's Name,
Salvation through His blood.

My great Physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave.



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The Just Shall Live by Faith: Centurion

After an extended teaching session before the people, Jesus entered Capernaum. A centurion had a highly valued servant who was deathly ill, and, hearing of Jesus in the area, sent word to elders of the Jews, asking them to have Jesus please come and heal his servant. The centurion was well respected and of high reputation among them (for his love of Israel and generosity in building the synagogue), and so they pleaded with Jesus to come and heal his servant. Jesus complied, and when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent some friends to the Lord in his stead. They spoke the centurion's words to Jesus, saying, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. Therefore, I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

Upon hearing the centurion's words through his friends, Jesus marveled at him, and amazed, he turned to the crowd that followed and said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." On this encounter, the centurion's friends returned to the house, and they found the servant well.

This amazing story reveals a simple yet profound principle regarding the centurion's grasp of our Lord's person and authority. Simply put, the centurion understood that Jesus Christ is Lord. In some fundamental way, the centurion realized that Jesus had the authority to dictate his will in all things, including the healing of his highly valued servant. Jesus alone possesses the highest name, the supreme place, and he is the rightful heir! We plead our case for the salvation and healing of our cities, for we know, beyond any doubt, that it would take only the Lord's consent for the cities of the world to be touched with his life and light. Let us pray this season following the simple, effective judgment of a Roman centurion, who knew



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that our Lord had all authority. Just a simple word from the Lord will always be enough! Call down blessings and power on God's people and the communities of the city, trusting in the One who must reign until all his enemies have been placed under his feet.



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Global Strategic Vision

Pray fervently and in faith for the following *Gateway Cities in the 10/40 Window*. Pray to the Lord of the harvest for more laborers, fresh manifestations of the Holy Spirit's power, and transformation and openness to the Gospel in these strategic Gateway cities.

- Northern Africa: *Khartoum* and *Mogadishu*
- Middle East: *Damascus* and *Istanbul*
- Central Asia: *Calcutta* and *Jaipur*
- Eastern Asia: *Beijing* and *Phnom Penh*

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

- Pray for Northern Africa and for the great cities of *Khartoum* and *Mogadishu*. In *Khartoum*, pray for peace and that relief shipments can get to the people—pray that Christian relief agencies can get in. Pray also that workers can train local leaders and that Sudanese Christians will evangelize and disciple new believers to carry on the work of the Gospel, pray for strength to withstand suffering. Pray for Bible translation work to continue, for more translators; for workers in literacy training and for financial resources to rebuild the church. Pray that the people would see how the government is treating non-Muslims and that this would cause them to turn to Christ. In *Mogadishu* pray that the warlords would lose their power and the government would be stabilized, pray that the poor would receive the food and care they need, the streets would be peaceful and safe. Pray for the persecuted underground Somali church; pray that these believers would be disciplined into faithful and wise leaders



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in the young church, that they would be Christ's warriors bringing his peace. Pray that Christian relief workers can effectively communicate the love of Christ as they distribute food and medicine.

- Pray for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit within *Damascus* and *Istanbul*, great Middle Eastern cities. In *Damascus* pray Christian TV, radio, Bibles, and literature would have great evangelistic impact and that the Orthodox and Catholic Christians would be born-again, becoming active witnesses for Christ. Pray for laborers to serve in the new slums among the unreached urban poor. Pray for more full-time workers to serve the churches and train new leaders. Pray for the development of Christian radio and TV, distribution of Christian videos, and use of Bible correspondence to learn of Christ in *Istanbul*. Pray that the economic crisis, rise of the fundamentalist Muslim political party, and the city's ancient roots as a religious and political capital would cause many throughout the Muslim world to turn to Christ. Pray for unity and love among the local Turkish fellowships.
- Pray for *Calcutta* and *Jaipur*, powerful Central Asian cities. In *Calcutta*, pray for a Christian witness in the city's slums among the Muslims, pray for the poor as they struggle for daily survival. Pray for strength and resources for Christian relief agencies and a Christian witness among the poor and unreached Muslims. Pray that God's power would be evident to the people living in bondage to the destructive god Kali, pray that the value of human life will be recognized, especially of females. Finally pray for the students studying in the Bible colleges. In *Jaipur* pray that the Muslim Meo people and the higher caste Hindus (the Rajputs, Jats, and Marwari) might become responsive to the gospel. Pray for increased conversions through Christian literature, radio, and correspondence courses. Pray that churches would multiply. Pray against the worship of rats



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that produces conditions that foster pneumonic plague, and pray that children would be protected by the laws abolishing early marriage.

- Pray for *Beijing* and *Phnom Penh* in Eastern Asia. With its incredible media coverage through the Olympics, *Beijing* has emerged on the world stage as a central city of worldwide importance. Pray for the safety of the persecuted house church leaders in Beijing. Pray that officials favorable to Christianity will be raised up and that the believers will have discernment about how and to whom they should share the Gospel. Pray that Christians will wisely take advantage of foreign business opportunities that are streaming into Beijing in a way that advances the Kingdom, and pray that disillusioned university intellectuals in their search for truth would discover Christ. Pray for unity among the church leaders in *Phnom Penh*, and that the Lord will raise up more Christian leaders to disciple the harvest, especially youth workers. Pray that God will grant wisdom and finance to Christians who are willing to pioneer practical projects to rebuild the city and the lives of the people, and pray for protection of the body of Christ from materialism, corruption, wrong doctrine, and competition. Pray that these believers would be healed and able to forgive their former enemies who tortured them in prisons.



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National Strategic Window

Intercede on behalf of eight of the inner cities of America, (*Tacoma, WA; Monmouth-Ocean, NJ; Scranton-Wilkes-Barre-Hazelton, PA; Ventura, CA; Springfield, MA; Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL; Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol, TN-VA; Honolulu, HI; Chattanooga, TN-GA*) that God might bring revival, renewal, and power to the churches in these cities. Pray that the Holy Spirit would fall upon them, transforming them, and that he would ignite fresh movements of vital spirituality and missions through them to reach the neighborhoods which do not know Christ.

- Pray for revival among God's people who live in these cities, that they would renounce all fleshly power and glory, that pastors and Christians within them will rediscover their identity and mission to be the Church of God in their cities, and that they will reflect that in renewed desire for holy living and fresh 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 new and fresh testimonies of the truth in Jesus would be given in neighborhoods that rarely if ever hear of the victorious reign of God in Jesus, and his offer to cleanse the repentant through his shed blood.
- Above all this month, pray for that the Holy Spirit will transform the churches in these cities, igniting new passion for Christ, new love for the Gospel, and new missional efforts to plant 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

- Pray for our CTV church plants. We will be doing Charter 3-month reviews and ask for the Spirit's leading in reviewing past months and setting new goals. Our CTV Greenhouse (Missionary church preparing for church plant assignment) is also strategizing over some outreach we will do in the next 3 months. Pray for open doors.
- Praise God for a new mobile coordinator! Cliff Bragg, husband of Dee Ann (Stults) Bragg and doctor at the GraceMed Good Samaritan Clinic has volunteered to coordinate the mobile for us. He has stepped in and done an absolutely amazing job of getting things back going. As of Sept. 4, we were up and running again at both Lighthouse and Restored sites. Pray for ideas that Daren and Cliff are tossing around for future opportunities to more effectively serve the medically underserved with ministering Christ as we plant churches!
- Pray for David McCloud as he now is managing both thrift stores. Pray for more volunteers to come fill the holes from our summer staff going back to school. Pray for wisdom as we come up on our three-year lease next Feb. 2013 at our Waco store and decide whether to renew the lease or look for another location (preferably where we own the building).
- Pray for Lita Catallano and Robert and Kimberly Patallas as they are raising support to come on missionary staff. Lita and Kimberly will be church planters and Robert will be our property manager.



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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: At Lighthouse we are in need of life-changing Christianity. Only the Holy Spirit and willing hearts can make us like Jesus. Please pray that we won't be stagnant, but return to our first love.
- Christ the Victor

TUMI

Satellites, Hope School, and Growth

- Praise God with us for the continuous, steady growth of the number of TUMI satellites in America and across the world (130 satellites, with 10 satellites in countries outside the US [Ethiopia, Ghana, Mexico {4}, Canada {2}, Kenya, Romania, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nigeria), with approximately 1200 students being equipped for ministry and mission through them.
- Pray for our latest satellite under Dr. Samuel Mutfwang, who taught here at the Hope School of Ministry, who will be starting a satellite among the poor in Nigeria soon.
- Intercede 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.
- Please pray for the Medlens, Andrew and Adria, and Judah, their son, as they continue their transition from St. Louis to our TUMI Staff.
- Please thank God with us for full-time support staff here at National, (Bobby Gilmer [Distribution Center], Daniel Davis [son of Dr. Davis] and for their efficient and helpful transition into our work flow, and their contribution to our projects and work.
- Pray for local Wichita TUMI satellites, and for our latest Wichita satellite at Tabernacle Bible Church, starting classes in January.



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- Please pray 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 early next year.

New Initiatives and Potential Partners

- Thank God for our Prison Fellowship expansion, and 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 Don and Cathy's administration of our prison satellites, and for PF's ongoing expansion in California.
- Pray for our new partnership with the COGIC denomination, with the five new sites preparing for startups in Louisiana soon.
- Pray for our partnership with the Evangelical Training Association, who are in the process of printing and making available our Capstone Curriculum as their advanced leadership training curricula.
- Pray for the spade- and groundwork starting to occur for our 2013 TUMI Satellite Summit, Mission Impossible: Adapt to Win, for the logistics, speakers, planning, and vision for the time to support our Site Coordinators.
- Pray for the ongoing planning design for The SIAFU Network (pronounced see-AH-foo), an effort to challenge and inspire small group support ministry in local urban churches across the country.
- Pray for Streetlights, the Chicago-based rap music ministry, and for their efforts to develop resources we hope to integrate within our TUMI curriculum.
- Pray for Fernando and Telma Argumedo's future in Las Vegas as they transition from TUMI National, and move soon to support their parents and begin new ministry opportunities there.



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- 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 our 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 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 translating 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 (pursuing contacts in Uganda, Guatemala, and others).
- Pray for 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

- Please pray for Don and Beth's grandson, August, and Joanna and Colin, their daughter and son-in-law. Pray for August he recovers from surgery due to complications with infections, and for strength and encouragement for Jo and Colin during this time.
- Please pray for Don's nephew, Robert James, recently diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, and for Norma Bridgewater, who continues to recover from various physical and mental health issues.
- Pray for TUMI marriages and families--for their strength, refreshment, protection, and leading as they serve the satellite clientele.
- Pray for Cathy Allsman's physical health and strength.



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- Keep 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.
- 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 recovery from hip surgery, and overall health
 - Daniel and his wife Jenn-Elaine, their daughter Nadia, and their baby on the way
 - 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 14 California counties where we have no TUMI site, so former released inmates can finish their TUMI training outside prisons. We already have TUMI sites in 10 of 24 counties, so we need to be in the other 14. These include San Bernardino, Orange, Sacramento, and Santa Clara, and San Joaquin counties.

Morning Star Ranch

We have many weekend retreat groups this fall, including church retreats, men’s retreats, women’s retreats, and school groups. Please pray that each



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guest will meet with the Lord while at MSR and experience rest and refreshment through Him.

Los Angeles

- Pray for our LA strategic planning process for the coming year as we seek to facilitate a church plant movement in LA.
- Safe pregnancies for three missionary couples: The Bouchards, the Gamezes, the Vosses (Isaac and Abbie)
- Safe delivery of a new baby girl for Karla and Daniel Grenz. Karla is Tim and Janet's daughter. They currently live in Kunming, China.

TUMI LA

May God grant our students:

- Health, time, energy, and funds to complete their studies;
- Clarity in their thinking: a solid grasp of principles they are learning, together with increasing skill in communicating what they have learned;
- Wisdom and diligence in applying what they are learning to both their personal walk with Christ and their ministry opportunities;
- An increasing knowledge of God's will and call for their lives.

LA Christian School

Unity and Community at Los Angeles Christian School . . . among students, staff, parents and pastors!

LA Church Plants

- Praise and thanks to the Father for a wonderful Family Camp experience for the Urban Church Association churches. There were 15 churches represented; approximately 1000 people enjoying swimming, worship, crafts, adventure activities and more at THE OAKS. The pastors were amazed and extremely grateful for this opportunity to have their church people be blessed like this. They all



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say thank you for the prayers and support that allowed for this to take place.

- We have another praise. Through your prayers God has confirmed Yetem Geta and Eric Flores as two new World Impact Associates. Yetem's vision and task is to reach Ethiopians in LA for Jesus that will lead to new churches being established and a movement taking place. Eric Flores has a vision to reach the homeless, drug addicts, poor, and all peoples in the Venice Beach community. Please pray for wisdom and abundant fruit for the Kingdom as we seek to affirm, release and resource these two church planters.
- The Urban Ministry Institute continues to explode in the prisons and jails here in California. We are just now beginning to see a "trickle" of men being released who have either graduated or have taken classes from TUMI. Pray: 1) that our Urban Churches are ready to receive these men into their church communities, 2) housing and jobs can be provided for these TUMI graduates and students, 3) that many will be called to plant and pastor new churches.

Chester

- FDCS - We have a need for volunteers substitute teachers.
- Grace Dental Clinic - We are in need of more volunteers: dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants.
- Church planting - That those we are discipling would continue to grow in their relationship with Christ and wisdom as we seek out indigenous leaders.
- TUMI - Strengthening of connections with churches in Chester.

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, empower-



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ing 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.

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.



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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.

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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Khartoum
(kahr-toom)
Day 5

Meaning: "elephant's trunk"
Country: Sudan*
Population: 2,477,000
Poverty: 2.8 million displaced people not officially counted in Sudan's population
Religious Breakdown:
70.0% Muslim
11.0% Traditional Religions
16.0% Christian
3.1% Evangelical

Status of the church: Growth among relocated southerners, a few Muslim converts

Major Religious Sites:
Hamed al Niel Mosque,
El Kabir Mosque,
Mahadi's Tomb

City Significance/History:

The spread of Christianity in the early centuries followed trade routes. It remained north of the Sahara Desert and along the Mediterranean Sea, but was able to penetrate into Sudan because of the Nile River.

The White and Blue Nile rivers joined together to make a fertile agricultural zone where life was pleasant and crops grew well. Established nearby was Soba, the capital of the Christian kingdom of Nubia (c. 580), not far from present-day Khartoum. By the 14th century, an active Christian kingdom was almost extinct as Islam grew. During the 19th century Khartoum became an export location for slaves and ivory.

The silver-domed mosque and minarets mark this Islamic capital. Islam has been growing in the north of Sudan as Muslim holy men lead the country into *sharia* (Islamic) law. This law is forced on the Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

The famine in the south has caused death and hardship on the non-Muslim peoples. People do seek help in Khartoum but are banished to the harsh southern desert—1 1/2 million have died and over 5 million are internal refugees. Aid sent to Sudan rarely reaches the needy. The suffering has heightened as the government has stymied relief efforts.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for peace and that relief shipments can get to the people. Pray that Christian relief agencies can get in and be protected from hostile political forces.
2. Pray that workers can train and teach local leaders. Pray that Sudanese Christians will then evangelize and disciple new believers to carry on the gospel, thus helping new churches to grow.
3. Pray for Bible translation work to continue and for more translators; pray also for workers in literacy training.
4. Pray that Muslims and non-Muslims would see the way the Muslim government is treating non-Muslims and this would cause them to turn to Christ.
5. Pray for financial resources to rebuild the church and for strength to withstand suffering.



Damascus

(duh-mas-kus)

Day 9

Meaning: named after Damshak, the city's founder
Country: Syria*
Population: 2,511,000
Poverty: Increasing hard times
Religious Breakdown:
90.0% Muslim
8.8% Christian
0.1% Evangelical

Status of the church: Christians have the freedom to worship, a number of churches

Major Religious Sites:
Omayyad Mosque,
Chapel of St. Paul,
Takiyah es Sulaymanieh Mosque,
Tomb of Sayyidah Zaynab

City Significance/History:

On the road to Damascus Paul the apostle's life was forever changed by the power of Jesus. But people lived in the city many years before Paul's visit. Records unearthed in the city indicate that from the 3rd millennium bc to the present, the city has been inhabited.

Because of its location, the city has been conquered, destroyed, and rebuilt many times. Most of the ancient empires controlled the city during their apex. The religion of the city changed with almost every foreign power. The Arameans built a temple to their god, Hadaad, the god of storms and rain. In the 3rd century, this same temple site was used to construct an enormous temple for the Roman god Jupiter, the god of war, lightning, and thunderbolts. With the rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire, the temple was converted into the Church of St. John the Baptist. It is believed his head is still at the site.

With Islam's arrival, the church was converted to a mosque, only later to be taken down and rebuilt into the largest mosque of its time (7th century). Two of the Omayyad Mosque's minarets are named the Minaret of the Bride and the Minaret of Jesus. Muslim tradition says that Jesus will appear at this location on the Judgment Day.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the Orthodox and Catholic Christians would be born-again, active believers and witnesses.
2. Pray for laborers interested in serving among the new slums and unreached poor areas of the city.
3. Pray that the Muslim majority would receive godly wisdom from their Christian contacts and that the conversions out of Islam would increase. Pray for Christians to have boldness when given the opportunity to witness.
4. Pray for effective evangelism through Christian TV and radio—that Bibles and Christian literature would have a greater impact.
5. Pray for more full-time workers to serve the churches and to train new leaders in the congregations.



Calcutta (kal-cut-uh)
Day 18

Meaning: after the goddess Kali
Country: India, West Bengal Province*
Population: 13,604,000
Poverty: World's lowest urban living standard, 400,000 homeless
Religious Breakdown:
75.5% Hindu
22.9% Muslim
1.5% Christian
0.03% Evangelical

Status of the church: 163 congregations, only 45 Bengali-speaking

Major Religious Sites:
Kali Temple,
Sitambara Jain Temple,
Tara Keshwar Temple,
Nakhoda Mosque,
St. Paul's Cathedral

City Significance/History:

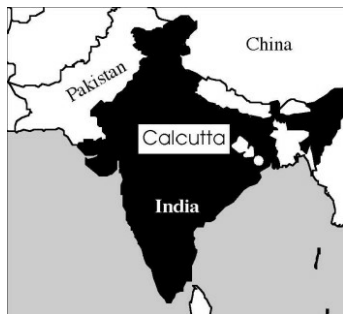
A little over 300 years ago, Calcutta was just one of thousands of small villages in India. The British in the late 17th century settled here, and the village quickly grew into a city. Invasions by Indians made it necessary for the British to build a fort for protection. Calcutta became the capital and export center. William Carey pioneered a missionary movement here in 1793. The fall of the British caused great hardship in the city. Just to the east, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) was established. Hindus moved west and Muslims moved east.

The slums of Calcutta have been made famous by the humble Mother Teresa. She and others, like the Buntains, have brought hope and life to the slums, but increased migration to the city keeps the slums growing.

The local Bengali people have worshiped Kali. Seen as the Earth Mother-Creator, she also has an evil side. Kali, translated "black," is the goddess of warfare, pestilence, blood sacrifice, and death. Calcutta, the city of Kali, lives up to its name. Many people come here to find a better life; most end up never finding it. Kali with her necklace of human heads claims another victim to death. Yet the masses of people still come. Calcutta is India's largest city—a city deep in bondage to its goddess.

Prayer Points

1. The slums are some of the worst in the world, and the city has the world's lowest urban living standard. Pray that the poor can live in dignity and find the food they need. For most the struggle for daily survival allows them no time for spiritual things.
2. The destructive god Kali is worshiped and appeased. Pray that God's power would be evident to the people living in bondage to Kali.
3. Pray that the value of human life will be recognized, especially of females.
4. Pray for the Christian relief agencies, especially the hospitals and orphanages, that are ministering to the needy. Pray for strength and resources for the staff.
5. Pray for a Christian witness in the city's slums and among the unreached Muslims.
6. Pray for the students studying in the Bible colleges.



Beijing (bay-jeeng)
Day 23

Meaning: "northern capital"
Country: China*
Population: 12,332,000
Poverty: Communism had provided basic needs
Religious Breakdown:
59.1% Nonreligious/Atheist
30.1% Chinese Religions
1.4% Muslim
6.1% Christian
0.1% Evangelical

Status of the church: Growing TSPM and underground churches (see [Jinan](#) for TSPM explanation)

Major Religious Sites:
Fayuan Si Temple,
Niu Jie Muslim Temple,
Guangji Temple,
Mao Zedong Memorial Hall,
Temple of Heaven

City Significance/History:

Beijing's location on the edge of China's Northern Plain, made it a strategic military location for the control of China's north. Brutal invasions have marred Beijing throughout history.

Genghis Khan, coming down from Mongolia, slaughtered and destroyed the city in the 13th century. From the rubble arose Khanbaliq, "Khan's Town." His grandson, Kublai Khan, ruled all of China, his capital being Khanbaliq. Corruption and fraud destroyed the Khan's reign, and the Ming Dynasty grew in its place.

The Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and the Ming Tombs are lasting examples of the grandeur and exclusionist attitude of the Ming power base. Reigning from the 14th — 17th century, the Ming Dynasty fell apart, allowing the Qing Dynasty to take over China and set up their capital in Beijing, only later to become a victim of the Cultural Revolution (1911).

After the Japanese were defeated in World War II, Mao Zedong took power and started the People's Republic of China, turning all of China over to communism. Beijing grew, the old imperialism gave way to communism; with communism came roads, railways, one language, and universal education.

Prayer Points

1. From Beijing 1.2 billion people are governed. Pray for God's purposes to be worked through the government, especially when the communist "old guard" dies. Pray that officials favorable to Christianity will be raised up.
2. Pray for the safety of persecuted house church leaders who seek to minister for Christ in this tightly controlled environment. Pray that believers will have discernment about how and to whom they should share the gospel.
3. Pray that disillusioned university intellectuals in their search for truth would discover Christ. Also, pray for the effective follow-up and nurture of returned intellectuals who have become Christians while studying abroad.
4. Many foreign business concerns are streaming into Beijing. Pray that Christians will wisely take advantage of these opportunities in a way that advances the kingdom.



Mogadishu

(*moh-guh-dish-oo*)

Day 6

Meaning: unknown
Country: Somalia*
Population: 849,000
Poverty: Violence and drought have caused great poverty
Religious Breakdown:
99.9% Muslim
0.04% Christian
0.03% Evangelical

Status of the church: Little growth in the last 100 years, a few Somali believers

Major Religious Sites:

Fakr Al Din Mosque,
Great Mosque

City Significance/History:

War—drought—devastation, the cycle of life for Saphia. She ran out of food—her two camels and goats died as the ground turned to dust. Eight months pregnant, she decided not to flee with her family to Ethiopia. Instead, she moved to a refugee camp outside Mogadishu, where the streets became battle zones. Daily her husband sought food and work in the city.

Warlords send out war parties against other lords. One day, her husband was standing in a food line. A machine gun mounted on the back of a truck turned the corner and fired on the crowd—he died on the street.

Her baby, now a year old, survives only on what Saphia receives from the food handouts from the refugee workers. She has no choice—she is dependent on the food coming in. She dreams of the days when caring for the camels and goats, and which water hole to go to was the greatest concern. Now her little girl may never see the greatness of Somalia. War seems to be endless. Even if life-giving rain sweeps the land, the bullets will keep life short.

"Two things are needed—peace and rain"

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the warlords would lose their power and that the government would be stabilized.
2. Pray that the poor would receive the food and care they need.
3. Pray that the streets would be peaceful and safe, not battle zones.
4. Pray that the Christian relief workers can effectively communicate the love of Christ as they distribute food and medicine.
5. Pray for the underground Somali church that is persecuted; many are unmarried men needing Christian wives.
6. Pray for those men to be discipled into faithful and wise leaders in the young church—that they would learn to be warriors for Christ, bringing his peace.



Jaipur

(*ji-poor*)
Day 16

Meaning: "city of victory"
Country: India, Rajasthan Province*
Population: 1,969,000
Poverty: 108 slums
Religious Breakdown:
89% Hindu
7.5% Muslim
0.41% Christian
0.05% Evangelical

Status of the church: 26 churches, some 8000 Christians with half of south Indian origin.

Major Religious Sites:

Iswari Minar Swarga Sul,
Jantar Mantar Observatory

City Significance/History:

Three ancient forts rest on the hills overlooking most of present-day Jaipur. Well water allowed this desert oasis to grow on a dried lake bed. The Amber Fort was the capital of the Mina tribe, who were the original inhabitants. The Jaigarh Fort, containing India's largest cannon, was so impregnable that no enemy breached its walls.

In 1727, Maharaja Jai Singh II planned the expansion of the forts to one large fortified city. The city expanded and a wall was built around it with seven gates. At night, the city gates were closed for protection. On the outside of the gates, long anti-elephant spikes were mounted to keep enemies from using their elephants to ram the gates.

The color pink was said to be the color of hospitality. When Britain's Prince Albert visited the city in 1883, all the main buildings were painted pink to welcome him. As the provincial capital, Jaipur has continued to keep its traditional pink color.

The wall has been torn down and used to build homes—the gates remain. The wall's foundation marks the old city, but Jaipur has expanded outside the old walls. Camels still pull carts down the street as Jaipur keeps its old and new moving together.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that the Muslim Meo people might become responsive to the gospel. Among the Muslim Meo people are no known Christians.
2. The higher caste Hindus—the Rajputs, Jats, and Marwari—have shown little interest in the gospel. Pray that the spiritual powers keeping them in darkness will be broken.
3. Pray for increased conversions through literature distribution, radio evangelism, and Bible correspondence courses, and that the number of churches would multiply.
4. Worship of rats produces conditions that foster pneumonic plague. Pray that the idolatry underlying this health hazard would be bound.
5. Most children in Rajasthan are married at age eight. Pray that laws abolishing child marriages would be obeyed.



Istanbul

(*is-tan-bool*)
Day 11

Meaning: "in the city"
Country: Turkey
Population: 10,000,000
Poverty: High inflation and swelling population have stressed infrastructure
Religious Breakdown:
99.8% Muslim
0.20% Christian
0.01% Evangelical

Status of the church: 20 Turkish fellowships, patriarchate of Eastern Orthodox Church

Major Religious Sites:

Hagia Sophia,
Sultan Ahmed (Blue) Mosque,
Suleyman Mosque,
Eyup Mosque,
Topkapi Palace

City Significance/History

Istanbul's strategic location has been important since its beginning. Dorian Greeks led by Byzas started a fishing village here in 657 named Byzantium. The city was razed and rebuilt by the Romans in the 2nd century AD. Constantine captured the city in 324 and made Constantinople the "New Rome." The Byzantines ruled their empire from here for the next 1000 years until the Muslim Ottoman Turks captured the city in 1453.

Istanbul is the only city to span two continents—Europe and Asia with the Bosphorus Strait separating the two. The strait is the gateway between the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea.

In 537, Justinian completed the Hagia Sophia—the largest and most beautiful church ever built, standing as a testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ. Like most of the churches in Turkey it was converted into a mosque. To promote religious harmony in the city, it is now a museum.

Istanbul continues to be a strategic city. Industry, commerce, and a major port enhance its importance. Being the largest city in Turkey it sets the pace for Westernization. Its population—already the largest in Turkey—is exploding through rural migration.

Prayer Points

1. Pray that God would use the city's ancient roots as a religious and political capital to reach many throughout the Muslim world with the gospel.
2. Pray for unity and love among the local Turkish fellowships.
3. Pray that the economic crisis will cause Turks to think deeply about the emptiness of pursuing only material gain.
4. Pray that the rise of the fundamentalist Muslim political party will cause nominal, secular Muslims to reconsider what Islam is and who they are.
5. Pray for the development of Christian radio and TV programming, and for the distribution of Christian videos, especially the *Jesus* film. Pray for more people to use the Bible correspondence course to learn about Jesus.



Phnom Penh

(*nom pen*)
Day 27

Meaning: "the hill of a woman named Penh"
Country: Cambodia (Kampuchea)*
Population: 2,827,000
Poverty: War caused economic devastation
Religious Breakdown:
87.0% Buddhist
7.8% Nonreligious/Atheist
2.7% Animist
0.38% Christian (mainly Catholic)
0.08% Evangelical

Status of the church: 30 congregations

Major Religious Sites:

Wat Phnom,
Silver Pagoda,
Wat Qnalom Monastery,
Nur ul-Ihsan Mosque,
Independence Monument

City Significance/History:

In the mid-15th century, the Khmer people were fighting the Thai, a long-standing enemy like the Vietnamese. The Thai captured the city of Angkor, causing the Khmer to relocate to Phnom Penh. Over 100 years earlier, Penh had found a Buddha in one of the three rivers that run through the area. She placed the Buddha on the highest hill as a holy pagoda.

Battles with the Thai and Vietnamese continued, along with occupations by the Spanish and French. Catholic monks arrived with the Westerners.

Slowly the communist Khmer Rouge started to take over rural areas. By the 1960s they controlled provincial capitals, and in 1975 Phnom Penh fell into their hands. Being communist, they wanted to rid the country of all religion. Buddhist monks were killed, and of the estimated 10,000 Christians in Phnom Penh the vast majority were stabbed to death. The Khmer Rouge killed many people, including the educated, because they wanted to "purify" the Khmer people from outside influence.

The Vietnamese, because of border battles, sent troops into Phnom Penh. In 1979 the Khmer Rouge finally fell. The United Nations, in recent years, has tried to reestablish peace.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for unity among the local church leaders as well as the Christian leaders from other countries who work in Phnom Penh.
2. Pray for protection of the body of Christ from materialism, corruption, wrong doctrine, and competition.
3. Pray that God will raise up more Christian leaders to disciple the harvest that is pouring into the kingdom of God. Youth workers are needed particularly.
4. Pray that God will grant wisdom and finance to Christians who are willing to pioneer practical projects to rebuild the city and the lives of the people.
5. Many innocent people were tortured by the Khmer Rouge in prisons like Tuol Sleng. Pray for healing of the victims and forgiveness for former enemies.

