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**The Kingdom of God Is at Hand**

Mark 1.14.20 • Rev. Dr. Don L. Davis

**Your Kingdom Has Come**

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Lord, Your Kingdom has come,  
Your Kingdom has come!  
The curse is rescinded,  
The battle's been won!  
On earth as in heaven,  
Your will shall be done,  
For Your Kingdom, Your Kingdom has come!

Lord, Your Kingdom has come,  
Your Kingdom has come!  
The dragon's defeated  
By God's only Son!  
The Reign of the Ages  
Has now just begun,  
For Your Kingdom, Your Kingdom has come!

Lord, Your Kingdom has come,  
Your Kingdom has come!  
We're free, whole, and just now,  
New life has begun,  
These marks of Your Kingdom  
Are works of Your Son,  
For Your Kingdom, Your Kingdom has come!

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## Lord, Your Kingdom Has Come: The Already/Not Yet Kingdom and Urban Ministry



Greetings, mighty prayer warriors of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This month we reflect on Mark 1.14-20 and the biblical concept of the Already/Not Yet Kingdom of God. According to the Scriptures, with the entrance of Jesus into the world, the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Our text in Mark 1.14-20 (ESV) reads:

*<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” <sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.*

With the coming of Jesus into the world the time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus, who came in the fullness of time (Gal. 4.6-7), is the Incarnation of the Messiah, the Word who became flesh, and the reign and rule of God has become manifest in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. God’s authority and rule has become revealed in his person, exhibited in his works, and interpreted through his teaching and testimony.

In a wonderful little book entitled *Is the Kingdom of God Realism?*, E. Stanley Jones, says “Jesus’ message was the Kingdom of God. It was the

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center and circumference of all He taught and did. . . . The Kingdom of God is the master-conception, the master-plan, the master-purpose, the master-will that gathers everything up into itself and gives it redemption, coherence, purpose, goal.”

Yes, indeed, the idea of the Kingdom of God coming to earth is a vital concept in biblical theology, and its present and future sense is clearly argued in scholarly works like Oscar Cullman’s *Christ and Time*, and the various works of George Eldon Ladd, i.e., *The Gospel of the Kingdom*. The concept is both basic and biblical. First, the Kingdom is *already present*: at Messiah’s first advent, the rebellious prince was bound and his house looted, and God’s reign has come. Nevertheless, the Kingdom is *not yet consummated*: at Messiah’s second advent, the rebellious prince will be destroyed and his rule confounded, with the full manifestation of God’s kingly power in a recreated heaven and earth.

In Jesus’ life, passion, death, and resurrection he displays the glory and victory of the Crucified King, who came to destroy the devil’s work, to make atonement for sin, and to reveal the Father’s heart of love for his creation and humankind. In his first coming Christ has conquered, he has become as the ancients said, “Christus Victor”, Christ the Victor, the Conqueror of the devil, the Lord of Glory, and the reigning King of heaven.

Truly this is the distinctiveness of Jesus’ gospel proclamation, i.e., that “The Kingdom is at hand” (Mark 1.14-15). Now in Jesus of Nazareth, his life, works, presence on earth in the Incarnation, the Kingdom of God has come to earth, not fully, but truly, with the life and power of the Age to Come having invaded and come into this present age (John 1.1-18). John the Baptist is the forerunner of the King (Matt. 11.2-6) and Jesus inaugurated his messianic ministry at his synagogue in Nazareth (Luke 4.16-21). In his ministry of exorcisms he confronted the demonic forces (Luke 10.18ff.; 11.20), and he claimed the Father gave him absolute authority on earth to



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forgive sin (Mark 2.1-12; Matt. 21.27; 28.18). In Jesus' life and work the Kingdom has come and the strong man is bound (Matt. 12.28, 29); the actual presence of God's Kingdom is now manifest on earth in the Church of Jesus Christ (Eph. 2.19-22).

Paul Billheimer, in his *Destined for the Throne* (p. 87) highlights the victory Christ won through the Cross:

*Christ's death for our sins — His payment of the penalty declared against us — was His legal victory whereby He erased Satan's legal claim to the human race. But Christ also won dynamic victory. That is, when He was justified and made alive, adjudged and declared righteous in the Supreme Court of the universe, Satan, the arch foe of God and man, was completely disarmed and dethroned. Christ burst forth triumphantly from that age-old prison of the dead. Paul says that He "spoiled principalities and powers" and "made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it" (Colossians 2.15)."*

In every thing our Lord did he demonstrated the present rule of the Kingdom of God come to earth. Check out my rudimentary list of his works and their meaning vis-a-vis the Kingdom of God:

1. His *mission*: to destroy the works of the devil, 1 John 3.8
2. His *birth*: the invasion of God into Satan's dominion, Luke 1.31-33
3. His *message*: the Kingdom's proclamation and inauguration, Mark 1.14-15
4. His *teaching*: kingdom ethics, Matt. 5-7
5. His *miracles*: his kingly authority and power, Mark 2.8-12
6. His *exorcisms*: his defeat of the devil and his angels, Luke 11.14-20
7. His *life and deeds*: the majesty of the Kingdom, John 1.14-18
8. His *resurrection*: the victory and vindication of the King, Rom. 1.1-4
9. His *commission*: the call to global kingdom mission, Matt. 28.18-20



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10. His *ascension*: his coronation, Heb.1.2-4
11. His *Spirit*: the *arrabon* (surety, pledge) of the Kingdom, 2 Cor. 1.20
12. His *Church*: the foretaste and agent of the Kingdom, 2 Cor. 5.18-21
13. His *session in heaven*: the generalship of God's forces, 1 Cor. 15.24-28
14. His *Parousia (Second Coming)*: the final consummation of the Kingdom, Rev. 17

Yes, with the arrival of Jesus into the world, the Kingdom of God has come! George Ladd lays out the phases of God's kingdom rule in *The Gospel of the Kingdom* (p. 50):

*God's Kingdom means the divine conquest over His enemies, a conquest which is to be accomplished in three stages; and the first victory has already occurred. The power of the Kingdom of God has invaded the realm of Satan—the present evil Age. The activity of this power to deliver men from satanic rule was evidenced in the exorcism of demons. Thereby, Satan was bound; he was cast down from his position of power; his power was “destroyed.” The blessings of the Messianic Age are now available to those who embrace the Kingdom of God. We may already enjoy the blessings resulting from this initial defeat of Satan. This does not mean that we enjoy the fullness of God's blessings, or that all that is meant by the Kingdom of God has come to us. . . . the Second Coming of Christ is absolutely essential for the fulfillment and consummation of God's redemptive work. Yet God has already accomplished the first great stage in His work of redemption. Satan is the god of This Age, yet the power of Satan has been broken that men may know the rule of God in their lives.*

The implications of the Already/Not Yet Kingdom are far reaching for us who seek to advance his Kingdom in the city through ministry and mercy:



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First, the power of Satan has been broken in this current world through the life and victory of Jesus Christ, the Conqueror of death, hell, and the grave. Second, Christians are the ambassadors and agents of Christ and his kingdom, with local congregations serving as outposts and colonies of the Already/Not Yet Kingdom of God. Third, Prayer is, as John Piper suggests, the walkie-talkie of God on the battlefields on earth where the souls and lives of the unreached are being waged over. Through consistent, believing, and fervent intercessory prayer we can call down the power of heaven to the dark, shadowy places of earth, and see God's weapons of light dispel the powers of evil in the lives of people. Last of all, with the vast majority of human beings now living in cities, we can know that the cities of the world are central venues for the struggle for souls and the advance of the Kingdom in our time. We must struggle, wrestle, pray, and believe God for revival for the cities of the world.

Give yourself without reserve to advancing the already/not yet Kingdom of God in the neighborhood and city where you live. For only if God arises can your community be won for the Nazarene who is now Christ the Victor, the Lord of heaven and earth.

~ Dr. Don L. Davis



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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 to multiply the laborers in these difficult fields, to bring explicit unity and harmony among believers within them, and to demonstrate with power the truth of the Word through signs and wonders of the Holy Spirit.

- Northern Africa: *Asmara* and *Cotonou*
- Middle East: *Cairo* and *Doha*
- Central Asia: *Hyderabad* and *Thimphu*
- Eastern Asia: *Lanzhou* and *Tokyo-Yokohama*

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 *God would be God in each of them*, and that the *gospel of the Kingdom would penetrate every dimension of these societies within each of these influential Gateway cities*. Let us entreat the Lord on behalf of them, key cities, believing God for his intervention:

- Pray for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit within *Asmara* and *Cotonou*, that God would bring unity with the Coptic Orthodox and Evangelical churches in *Asmara*, for inroads and change among the Muslim peoples there, and for finances to underwrite new initiatives for the gospel; pray for *Cotonou*, for those families and clans deeply affected by the slave trade that was once prosperous there, pray for deliverance against the entrenched traditional religions, animism and voodoo practiced within the city; pray for the mighty power of God to show signs and wonders confirming the Kingdom proclamation regarding Messiah Jesus, and for continued growth in the church of *Cotonou*, and the pastors who shepherd them.



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- Pray for *Cairo* and *Doha*, these great Middle Eastern cities. Pray for *Cairo*, for innovative new ways for the gospel to be presented to the Muslims, most of whom are poor, pray for the students at El Azhar, the largest Muslim university in the world, pray for the salvation of its leaders, pray for clarity for these Muslim leaders and missionaries, so they can know that Jesus is the Messiah, pray for the Coptic church and the few evangelical churches, and for a new generation of zealous believers to be raised up in Cairo for Egypt and witness through the Arab world. Pray for *Doha*, for a new, strong indigenous church made up of native peoples, for effective evangelism among the expatriates there, for open doors to use radio and video in outreach for Christ, for the students at Quatar University, that they could be reached with the gospel of Jesus.
- Pray for *Hyderabad* and *Thimphu*, that the minds of believers in *Hyderabad* would be renewed, illumined, strengthened in the Word of God, for new forms of cross-cultural evangelism to blossom; pray for the effective witness among the Christian agencies, institutions, and teachers in the city, for the VBS ministries being used to reach households, and for new ways to provide the poor with justice there. Pray for *Thimphu*, that its major religious site and government seat, Taschichlo Dzong, would be illumined by the Holy Spirit so the monks and politicians might hear of the Lord Jesus. Pray for the protection of the Bible translators, and that current translation projects would be completed soon, that this city with its strongly Buddhist population (with less than 200 known believers) would experience an outpouring of the Lord there. Pray for a strong indigenous church to be formed there, and that Christian literature and radio would be permitted in the official languages spoken there.



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- Pray for *Lanzhou* and *Tokyo-Yokohama*, for these influential great Eastern Asian cities. Pray that the gospel of Christ would come to *Lanzhou*, this desolate region of China, pray for an effective witness among the Hui people (who are Chinese yet culturally Muslim), for a revival and outpouring upon the Chinese soldiers stationed there, and for the believers there, for their protection from persecution, along with renewed boldness in their witness, and the growth of their church. Pray for *Tokyo-Yokohama*, pray for the Lord to shake this great commercial and national center, pray for despair and disillusionment among the materialistic culture of the city, pray for confusion among the cultists and other religious groups that are targeting the city (Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Moonies, Buddhist-influenced groups, etc.). Pray for the salvation of the Imperial family, for unity and oneness among the various Christian groups there, and for a new awakening of evangelism among that highly populated area, and from there, all over the Japanese nation.



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### National Strategic Window

Intercede on behalf of eight of the inner cities of America, (*Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC; Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA; Sacramento, CA; Kansas City, MO-KS; Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN; El Paso, TX; Fort Worth-Arlington, TX; Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI; McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX*) that the Holy Spirit might ignite fresh movements of vital spirituality and missions outreach in these cities.

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



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

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

### **Wichita**

Our Wichita theme this year is “Come, Follow Me”. We will be looking closely at Mark’s account of the life of Christ and how we can follow closely in the Savior’s footsteps (Mark 8:31-38). Please pray with us in the following areas:

- Wichita fundraising in 2012. We praise God for an awesome Francis Chan event that really helped us a lot with our fundraising. Please pray with us that God would increase our staff support to get everyone to 100% as well as increased giving to Wichita general. We never want money to be the focus of our ministry, but we want to be good stewards of what God has given us as we aggressively advance our mission of planting churches in the city.
- Wichita church planting in 2012. God is multiplying CTV! We recently commissioned our 2nd Spanish-speaking church plant and have a couple other "potentials"! Our CTV English church moved to a building right beside our thrift store so we hope to see our un-churched customers come to church! We are also encouraged to see our sister churches in the Wichita Urban Church Association (Restored Community Church and Lighthouse Community Church) looking to reproduce themselves as a multiplying movement! God is at work!

### **Planted Churches in Wichita**

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



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- Lighthouse Community Church in Oaklawn - Please pray as they do outreach in a new area on Broadway. They have had 3 people from this area give their lives to Christ and feel there is potential for some Bible studies to start there.
- La Iglesia Cristiana Vida En Cristo Jesús in Planeview
- Living Hope Church
- Christ the Victor

## **TUMI**

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

- Praise God with us for the continuous, steady growth of the number of TUMI satellites in America and across the world (97 satellites, with 9 satellites in 11 countries), and more than 900 students being equipped for ministry and mission through them.
- Pray for the entire TUMI satellite network, all the site coordinators, mentors, and students, applications in process, and new sites recently accepted into our family. Pray for their vision, commitment, resourcefulness, and protection as they lead their students into the Word of God more fully.
- Pray for our local Hope School of Ministry Spring classes, and the many new students who show interest in being trained for the ministry. Pray for the students to persevere and excel in their studies as they seek to fulfill the call of ministry on their lives.
- 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 new volunteer and support staff here at National, their efficient and helpful transition into our work flow, and their contribution to our projects and work.

### *New Initiatives and Potential Partners*

- Pray for potential new partnerships with COGIC whom we are in conversations with regarding leadership training and ministries like



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Streetlights who are developing resources to help equip urban youth and leaders.

- Pray for the Prison Fellowship expansion, Cathy Allsman's new role as Prison Administrator, and the various decisions and directions which will be decided here in the next few weeks to penetrate open prisons in California and beyond.
- Pray for the continuing transition of Fernando and Telma Argumedo, especially Fernando's work in translating select TUMI materials into Spanish, and his oversight and input to Spanish-speaking sites.
- Continue to pray for the WI Associates program, designed to identify, equip, and release indigenous pastors and leaders into church planting initiatives. Pray for God's leading as TUMI is involved in every phase of this program; pray for funding, partners, contacts, and openings to work with emerging indigenous leaders for church planting.
- Pray for recent re-connections with Prison Fellowship (the fundraiser at the Reagan Library), and the opening of prisons throughout California as potential TUMI sites; pray for the AWANA Malachi Dads program, and the potential for connection with TUMI as leadership curriculum for them.
- Pray for God's leading with recent conversations about translating Capstone into French and Romanian, with possibilities of new satellites in Zambia, Haiti, Brazil, Mexico, Costa Rica; pray for timing, contacts, and clear direction as we pursue new relationships.
- Pray for contacts with church plant movements in Los Angeles, Guadalajara, Denver, Colorado Springs, India, and other places which are considering establishing TUMI sites.
- Pray for God's providential direction as we follow through on numerous leads from various quarters regarding TUMI expansion, partnerships, and new directions.



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### *Staff and Personal Requests*

- Pray for Don's sister, Norma Bridgewater, who is struggling with the ailments associated with congestive heart failure. Her life-long battle with mental illness complicates her treatment greatly.
- Continue to pray for Cathy Allsman for accurate diagnosis and complete healing. Pray for her transition as TUMI's Administrator of Prison Ministries involving the ongoing operation and administration of our prison and jail satellites.
- Thank you for praying for Don Allsman's mother. Her latest scan indicated all the cancerous tumors are completely gone! This is amazing news; praise God with us, and continue to pray for her complete restoration to health.
- Pray for TUMI staff family members whose needs continue to require fervent intercession: Continued prayer for Lorna's brother Odrey's healing from diagnosis of Lou Gehrig's disease, ongoing healing for Dan's mother's health, Carolyn's sister-in-law, Nancy, who has struggled with recurring cancer, Beth's mother in a nursing home, Don's family members (Robbie, Alicia, Norma, and the children of deceased Veronica) and all his family members.
- Pray for our protection and health, our spirituality and growth as we pursue new exciting directions in leadership training with the Great Tradition, and ask the Holy Spirit to fill us as we seek to strengthen our World Impact church planters in their prospective endeavors.
- Pray for Don's upcoming speaking engagements for inspiration, clarity, and blessing as he addresses diverse audiences on various themes.
- Pray for Fernando and Telma Argumedo as they transition fully onto TUMI National Staff (based in LA).
- Pray regarding our need for support and financial support, and wise use of our funds as we pursue our next projects.



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### **TUMI Satellites**

- Pray for the expansion of TUMI through Prison Fellowship nationally.
- Continue to pray for Cathy's health and healing with her persistent hives.
- Praise God for my (Don Allsman's) mother's stability through five years of ovarian cancer treatment.
- Pray for the many new relationships with ministries and denominations showing interest in TUMI, that they will take the steps beyond just showing interest.

### **CAP**

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

### **World Impact Health Ministries**

#### *Mobile Clinic*

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

#### *Good Samaritan Clinic*

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



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### **Wichita Thrift Stores**

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

### **Dallas**

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

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

- Pray for the staff and ministry of Deer Creek Christian Camp.
- Pray for the expansion of Denver TUMI. The English class is in progress and the Spanish class will start very soon. Pray that our condo in Denver would close. We signed the contract March 29 with a scheduled closing date of May 10. Over a month later there is now no closing date. It is a Fannie Mae (bank owned) property so we got it very cheap and we would like to start renovations so we can move to Denver and be able to get our new TUMI ministry there started in earnest in the fall. I am still helping Hendrik at the camp this summer as needed.

### **Morning Star Ranch**

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

### **St. Louis**

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

### **Other Regional Items**

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

### **San Diego**

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



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### **Newark**

- **World Impact Thrift Store:** We praise God for a great year so far. We have had over 130 customer contacts each week and help raised needed funds for the ministry. Pray for God to continue to shower us with goods to sell to our neighbors, health for our staff to process all these goods, and grace to minister to all who enter our doors in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- **TUMI-NJ:** Please pray for our two classes starting in January. Site Coordinator Rev. Peter Padro will be mentoring both the Spanish and English Module. Pray God's grace on him as he pours into all the students. Pray for our partnership with the New York Divinity School to continue strong. They are partnering with our one Capstone class and offering one course on their own. Pray for three students that are just a few years from completing all the Capstone Modules.

### **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.



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### San Francisco Bay Area

Pray for the staff and various ministries of World Impact in San Francisco and Oakland.

### Los Angeles

#### *Los Angeles Christian School*

We would appreciate prayer for staffing for next year as well as funding for our major project this year—Smartboards in every classroom!

#### *Watts Christian School:*

In order to open another grade at the school next year we need more missionary teachers. Also pray that our families would stay committed to raising their families in the way of the Lord.

### TUMI LA

TUMI-LA is asking for God to provide a Hispanic Community Liaison, who will recruit students and mentors from the Hispanic community for TUMI.

### LA Church Plants

- Watts Powerhouse Church. We are moving to Charter Powerhouse to plant a sister church in Nickerson Gardens. Please pray for: team formation, timing, spiritual ground to be tilled, receptivity to the Gospel.
- Urban Church Association. We are “cinching the belt” of what it means to be a member of the UCA. Pray for: clear communication and understanding to the purpose of the UCA; committee formation; lasting fruit through making disciples and establishing new churches.
- World Impact Associates. Pray for the church plant labors of David Hernandez, Jason Darden, Earle and Akiliah Mills.

### The Oaks

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



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### **Harmony Heart Camp**

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

### **Winnipeg - TUMI**

- Pray for both of our satellites as we continue classes in this school year. We are hiring a new part time co-ordinator for SOUL to start on January 1st. Pray that we make the right decision. Also pray for our Spanish satellite (EdenB) as we expand to offering Saturday morning classes for students unable to meet in the evening. Pray that more students will apply for both of our schools. Praise Him too as generous givers continue to support both of these schools and our financial needs are being met each month.
- Continue to pray for healing for Fred Stoesz.

### **Friends and Partners**

God's continued leading and direction through our WI national and local Board members, God's blessing, protection, and wisdom for Dr. Phillips and the executive team, for all the Directors of WI ministries nationwide, for all our supporters and volunteers; pray for our partnership churches, here in Wichita and throughout the nation, that God would bless them, empowering them to grow, mature, and multiply so that the Gospel of Christ would 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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## Hyderabad (hi-der-uh-bahd) Day 18

**Meaning:** "lion town"  
**Country:** India, Andhra Pradesh Province\*  
**Population:** 4,208,000  
**Poverty:** Many slums  
**Religious Breakdown:**  
85.5% Hindu  
8.47% Muslim  
2.9% Christian  
1.0% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** 134 churches from different denominations

**Major Religious Sites:**  
Birla Mandir Hindu Temple,  
Mecca Masjid Mosque,  
Charminar Mosque,  
Mahan Kali Temple

### City Significance/History:

Hinduism was replaced by Islam, only for Hinduism to regain control again—one spiritual power rising against another. As Islamic Mongols gained power in the north, they sought to control India's south. Islamic raiding parties went to Golkonda to capture it. The solid stone walls of its citadel held off the warriors for 8 months, but finally fell to the Mongol forces.

The citadel increased and expanded in the 16th century to create a new city, Hyderabad. Hyderabad became a regional center for Islam and seat of the wealthy Nizam (ruler) of Hyderabad. The Nizam ruled the area from the 18th century until the British displaced their rule.

In 1947 independence was granted to India by the British. The Nizam tried to gain control again by calling for an independent Islamic territory. But 85% of the city's population was Hindu at the time, and the Indian government in Delhi did not want a separate Islamic state within India.

Today Hyderabad has grown, connecting itself with the neighbor city of Secunderabad. Together, this metro area makes it India's sixth largest city. As the provincial capital, it is also home for one of the largest Christian populations in India.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that the minds of believers would be renewed, so that unbiblical thinking that has persisted in the traditional Christian community would cease.
2. Pray that the believers would become involved in cross-cultural evangelism and for a harvest among the largely unreached Muslims.
3. Pray that the Christian agencies, institutions, and teachers here would have a great spiritual impact on the city.
4. Vacation Bible Schools are being used to reach children. Pray for many children and parents to come to Christ.
5. Many beggars are in the city. Pray for them to come to Christ and to find work.



## Thimphu

(tim-poo)

Day 20

**Meaning:** unknown  
**Country:** Bhutan\*  
**Population:** 121,400  
**Poverty:** Undeveloped subsistence economy, development potential  
**Religious Breakdown:**  
70.1% Buddhism  
24.0% Hindu  
5.0% Muslim  
0.33% Christian  
0.21% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** A few small fellowships

### Major Religious Sites:

Tashichho Dzong,  
Chang Ganka Monastery,  
Cheri Monastery

### City Significance/History:

All throughout the Himalayas flags and other pieces of cloth wave in the wind as Buddhist prayers continue to be offered by the moving cloths. This small Buddhist country with its largest city and capital, Thimphu, has been left alone throughout history.

During the British occupation of India, British diplomats came through Thimphu seeking permission to move goods from Tibet through Bhutan into India. For periods of time there was no problem being part of this trade route. After the English left and China entered Tibet, Bhutan became a hidden country with Buddhist temples and monasteries dotting the mountains.

In Thimphu is the largest Buddhist center in the country, Tashichho Dzong. The name translates something close to "the fort of the glorious religion." Dzongs are found throughout the country. One half of the building is dedicated to Buddhism and religion; the other half is used as a civil administration center. From Tashichho, all the civil and Buddhist administration is carried out for the whole country. It is also from here that the government is run. The king's ornate throne room is here, along with a Buddhist monastery.

### Prayer Points

1. Tashichho Dzong is the power center of the country, administering both religion and government. Pray that God would be known by the monks and political leaders.
2. Pray that the king would be favorable to Christianity and grant freedom to witness and worship. Pray that tentmakers could work without restrictions.
3. Pray for the protection of Bible translators and that translations into Dzongkha, Kebutamp, and Sharchagpakha would be completed.
4. The Drukpa majority is strongly Buddhist with less than 200 known believers. Pray for a dynamic indigenous church to be raised up.
5. Little Christian literature and no radio programming is available in the official Dzongkha language. Pray for the development of these essential tools.



## Lanzhou (lan-jow) Day 22

**Meaning:** "the fragrant city"  
**Country:** China, Gansu Province \*  
**Population:** 1,803,000  
**Poverty:** One of the poorest areas in China  
**Religious Breakdown:**  
59.1% Nonreligious/Atheist  
30.1% Chinese Religions  
1.4% Muslim  
6.1% Christian  
5.0% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** TSPM church at Zhangye Road (see [Jinan](#) for TSPM explanation)

### Major Religious Sites:

White Pagoda,  
Temple of the Town Gods,  
Blingisi Buddhist Caves

### City Significance/History:

Dust rises and blows over the city from the arid desert that runs from Lanzhou into Inner Mongolia. This haze, mixed with industrial pollution, covers the city—the capital of one of China's poorest provinces.

For historic traders crossing the desert, oasis villages provided stepping stones on their way from places as far away as Rome to find the valuable silk of the East. Lanzhou has been a crossroads city from the beginning. The trade routes went in all directions, bringing unusual travelers through the city. Silk went west with travelers, Buddhism was brought up from the south.

Lining the Yellow River, Lanzhou developed as a railroad link for goods going to other places, but it has now been transformed into an industrial center for northwest China.

The Yellow River provides water to desert-like, but extremely fertile land. Crops of melons and fruits keep most of the population working, but in recent years China's atomic energy industry has been based in Lanzhou.

China's atomic energy industry headquarters

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for the gospel to come in power to this desolate desert region of China which is spiritually barren as well.
2. Pray for Christian teachers and workers to come to this city, which has low literacy levels and a high poverty rate.
3. Pray for a witness to the Hui people, who are ethnically Chinese but culturally Muslim, and that their traditional resistance to the gospel will be broken down.
4. Pray for the Holy Spirit to move among the Chinese soldiers who make up a large percentage of the population.
5. Pray that the leaders in this provincial capital would not persecute believers and hinder the growth of the church.



## Tokyo-Yokohama (toh-ki-oh/yoh-kuh-hah-ma) Day 31

**Meaning:** Tokyo—"eastern capital," Yokohama—"by the beach"  
**Country:** Japan  
**Population:** 18,527,000  
**Poverty:** Little poverty  
**Religious Breakdown:**  
99.0% Shintoist & Buddhist  
1.0% Christian  
0.25% Evangelical

**Status of the church:** T—922, Y—465

### Major Religious Sites:

T-Yasukuni and Meiji Shrines,  
Kwannon and Kaneiji Temples,  
Y-Asakusa Amanawa Shrines,  
Great Buddha Statue,  
Hasedera Temple

### City Significance/History:

About 500 years ago, fishers and rice farmers lived in the small village of Edo. Three rivers joined there, but very little took place in this sleepy village. A fort was built in the mid-16th century to protect the military Shogun (Takugawa) capital. With time, the marshy lowlands were reclaimed and the city expanded. The Shogun rule turned Japan's economy from the wealth of the aristocracy into a commercial state. Edo continued to grow and develop, until the 18th century when it hit one million people—the largest city of the time.

As Edo grew, foreigners desired greater contact with the city. The Takugawa government did not want the foreigners in Edo, so they allowed the fishing settlement of Yokohama to house the international community. The development of this port city allowed for foreign trade and technology to increase throughout Japan. Industries were built and the city grew.

Today Tokyo and Yokohama make up one of the greatest metropolitan mega-cities in the world. The population has continued to increase and more land has been reclaimed from rivers and the ocean. Tokyo is home to the Japanese Parliament and the powerful Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray for God to shake the city and nation. The biggest barrier to the gospel is a sense that it is irrelevant to people, as almost all are materially satisfied. A spirit of materialism motivates this global economic center.
2. Pray against the rise and influence of cults like Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Moonies, as well as new Buddhist-influenced religious movements.
3. Prayer for the salvation of the Imperial family and that official visits to the Yasokuni Shrine by politicians will be discontinued.
4. Pray for unity and mutual understanding between non-charismatic and charismatic Christians. Suspicion has led to lack of cooperation and spiritual pride.
5. Pray for Japanese believers to engage in personal evangelism and not just invite friends to church meetings—this could lead to significant church growth.

