JUNE 2018



PRAISE & PRAYER GUIDE

1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."

1. Friday: Recent Audio Bible Distributions in India

Praise God for distributions that took place recently in three areas of India where leprosy is widespread. The hunger and need for audio Bibles in these areas is extremely high. Pray for the people who are now listening to God's Word in these villages, that God would draw them to Himself and bring hope and joy.

2. Saturday: Healing for ASM Volunteer

Please join us in praying for a faithful ASM volunteer who is struggling with health issues. Ask God to restore health to her body and encourage her. We praise God for the many volunteers who serve with ASM so we that can connect more people to God's Word!

3. Sunday: Ministry Trip to India

Praise the Lord for the safe return of JP Sundararajan, ASM India-Asia Director, and his wife, Katy, from a trip to India with seminary students who learned about ministry in India. Pray that the experience will leave a lasting impact on these students as they seek God's will for their lives, and their call in global mission.

4. Monday: Guevea New Testament Recording in Mexico

Pray for the completion of the Guevea New Testament recording. The ASM Mexico Team is in the last stages of recording and conducting the final listen-through. Pray for the safety and stamina of our technicians, Lupe and Jemima, who have spent many hours recording the Bible in a local village.

5. Tuesday: Compassionate Care — Over 2,000 Patient Visits

Praise God that last month the ASM Compassionate Care Team marked its 2,000th visit to their patients since 2015! The four women on this team bring hope and joy into the lives of children, young people, and adults—many of whom are close to death. Sharing the hope in God's Word, as well as providing physical relief, has helped the team have lasting impact on their patients, the families of patients, and their communities.



6. Wednesday: National Pastors Sharing God's Word in Audio

Pray for faithful national pastors who are bringing God's Word to their congregations through audio Bibles. We are so grateful for these leaders. Pray that they will be strengthened and encouraged as they help their people hear, understand, and apply God's Word.

7. Thursday: 2018 General Synod of the Reformed Church in America (RCA) and Christian Reformed Church (CRC) Pray for the joint RCA and CRC General Synod, which begins today in Grand Rapids, MI. ASM will have an informational booth there, using 360° immersive films to share stories of what God is doing. Please pray for opportunities to spread the vision for reaching oral-preference learners with God's Word in audio.

8. Friday: New Believers in Christ in Uganda

Praise God that three men from another faith background gave their lives to Christ during ASM Latin America Director Jim Loker's time in Uganda. Pray that they will stay strong in the midst of persecution and temptation.

9. Saturday: Makua Old Testament Recording in Mozambique

Pray for those recording the Old Testament in the Makua language in Mozambique. Pray for perseverance and joy for the readers and staff during this long project.

10. Sunday: Isaiah 40:28-31

Praise God for the promises He has given us in Scripture. Please pray for the ASM Team, as in Isaiah 40:28-31, that our strength would be renewed, that we would run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint—as we help connect more people to His Word in their own heart language.

11. Monday: Busy Season for Team in India

Pray for the family and staff of ASM's national partner ministry in India. June is a busy time as children head back to school. Many of the families' students will face some critical academic tests and milestones this year.

12. Tuesday: Recent Trip to Japan, Seeds Sown

Praise God for the 5-year wedding anniversary of Sarah Aron, ASM Graphic Designer, and her husband Patrick! A trip to Japan was part of the celebration of this milestone, and also gave the Arons an opportunity to bring audio Bibles to a missionary in Japan. Pray the seeds sown through the audio Bibles, and the work of local missionaries there, will yield a good harvest!

13. Wednesday: Prayer and Financial Partners

We thank God for the faithful prayer and financial supporters who make ASM's work possible! Pray that the Lord would continue to add new partners, as we move into the second half of the year, and that He would receive honor and glory though all we do.

14. Thursday: Provision of an Additional Recording Technician in Mexico

Pray for an additional national recording technician in Mexico who could travel to other Mexican states to tackle the recording of New Testaments translated in the 1970s. Many of these will be challenging recordings, including Otomi (in Hidalgo), Popoluca (in Vera Cruz), and Chontal (in Tabasco). There are still many people waiting for access to God's Word!

15. Friday: Tamil Recording and Other Projects in India

Pray for the re-recording of the Tamil New Testament and other languages that are currently being undertaken by ASM's national partner in India. Pray as they work on these projects even as they prepare to launch the smartphone app, HUM, in India.

16. Saturday: Salvation and Hunger for God's Word

Praise God for partnerships that help connect more people to God's Word in their own language. Recently a missionary from Hudsonville Reformed Church helped place audio Bible materials in the hands of hundreds of educated leaders from another faith background who have now trusted Jesus and are eager to share God's Word with those around them.

17. Sunday: Praying for Fathers

On this Father's Day, we thank God for our fathers and pray Philippians 1:9-11: "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God." (NIV)

18. Monday: Recording Scripture-based Health Teachings in the Tewe Language

Pray for the team in central Mozambique as they translate and record the first in a series of Bible-based health teachings in the Tewe language. These recordings will accompany the Scriptures, stories, and songs distributed as part of the Compassionate Care project.

19. Tuesday: Families in Rural Oaxaca Listening to Audio Bibles

We are very thankful that 320 Chinantec and Mixtec families recently received audio Bibles in Oaxaca, Mexico. Praise God for the two church teams who walked the village trails with us to make this happen. Pray that these families would hear and put God's Word into practice, so that they would continue to grow spiritually. Pray also for the two church teams as they continue to serve the Lord.

20. Wednesday: World Refugee Day

Every minute, 20 people leave their homes and communities to escape war, persecution, or terror (UN.org). As the people of God, "sojourners and exiles in this world" (1 Peter 2:11, ESV), please pray for God's grace and mercy for the more than 65 million children, women, and family members who have had to flee their homes. Pray that many would come to know and follow Jesus, our great Shepherd.

21. Thursday: Exciting New Tools

We praise God for newer technologies like 360° film, to better tell the stories of lives changed by God's Word. Please pray that our missionaries and ASM Communications Team would continue to grow in effectiveness with these tools, for God's glory, and to better communicate area-specific needs—*So All May Hear!*

22. Friday: Large Audio Bible Shipment to Mozambique

Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of over 2,000 audio Bibles to Mozambique! The team has been without audio Bibles since last year, so receiving these is a huge answer to prayer. Pray for discernment as the team plans for distributions, and for the people who will soon receive God's Word in their own heart language.

23. Saturday: Kurumba Kannada Recording in India

Please be praying for the Kurumba Kannada New Testament recording. ASM's national partner in India is working with the translating agency to release both the audio and print versions of the Bible simultaneously. This is the first time they have done this.

24. Sunday: Completed Choapan Language Recording in Mexico

Praise God for the completion of the recording of Old Testament stories in the Choapan language. This will be a great addition to the available New Testament recording. Pray for listeners to have soft hearts to God's Word!

25. Monday: Extended Families

Pray for the extended families of the ASM Team, that the Lord would continue to give His strength and restore health to any who are facing challenges. "The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want..." (Psalm 23, KJV)

26. Tuesday: Amplify Conference in Chicago Illinois

Please pray for the "Amplify Conference" beginning today in Chicago, IL. Amplify, which is also the Lausanne North America gathering, brings leaders together from across North America to discuss strengthening our gospel witness. Let's pray for unity for the task, and for more laborers for the Lord's "harvest field"! (Luke 10:02)

27. Wednesday: Financial Donation Opening Doors for More Audio Bibles in Mexico

Praise God for a very generous financial gift allowing us to purchase more audio Bibles for Oaxaca, Mexico! Many more people in unreached groups will hear God's Word in their own language because of this donation.

28. Thursday: Developing Partnership in Ethiopia

Pray for a new partnership developing with an orphan-prevention effort in Ethiopia. This ministry works with HIV-positive mothers, helping them gain job skills and take steps to improve their health and finances. Pray for these young mothers to come to know Jesus, and grow in Him as they listen to God's Word in audio.

29. Friday: Urdu Language Recording in India

Pray as ASM's national partner in India records the full Bible in the Urdu language. This recording will serve seekers in key areas of Southern Asia. Pray for efficiency and perseverance in the recording process.

30. Saturday: Many New Audio Scripture Recordings Starting in Mexico

Pray for the New and Old Testament recordings that will be starting in the near future at ASM's studio in Oaxaca, Mexico. Please pray for the overall logistics of each project as many of these recordings will be done in remote villages.

