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PRAISE & PRAYER GUIDE

1 Chronicles 16:8-11 (NIV)

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1. Friday: Opening Doors in Yatzachi, Mexico

Praise the Lord for direct answers to the prayer requests from last month's prayer guide. Specifically, for divine appointments for Jim and Jamie Loker, ASM Latin America Directors, as they traveled among remote villages in Mexico. Praise God for connecting the Lokers with believers in the small mountain village of Yatzachi. ASM now hopes to record translated Scripture there in the future. Pray for God's direction and blessing on further work in that area.

2. Saturday: Respite from High Heat in Mozambique

Pray for milder weather in Mozambique, where it has been unseasonably warm. The heat brings with it many health problems including dehydration and the spread of malaria. Pray especially for protection over the more physically vulnerable people like those in ASM's Compassionate Care program.

3. Sunday: New MI Office Systems

Praise God for the progress made toward upgrading systems in the Holland, MI office for better functionality, including a new, more reliable phone system. Pray for good progress as we find ways to better serve our donors, and seek a more streamlined accounting software system.

4. Monday: Audio Bible Distribution to Leprosy Colony in India

Pray for an upcoming audio Bible distribution at a leprosy colony in India. Over 100 people that have been scarred by leprosy will receive InTouch audio Bibles. Many other colonies have also been requesting audio Bibles, and WCOI, ASM's national partner in India, hopes to visit and provide more audio Bibles for them as well.

5. Tuesday: Relief from Pain for Compassionate Care Patient

Please pray for Fransisco, a patient in the Mozambique Compassionate Care program, that he will experience relief and will not suffer with his difficult health condition.

6. Wednesday: Encouragement and Perseverance for a Zapotec Leader

Pray for continued strength and encouragement for Pastor Hugo, a Zapotec leader in Mexico, who has endured great hardship and persecution for his faith. Praise the Lord for a recent successful evangelistic effort in his village using Zapotec-language audio Bibles.

7. Thursday: VBS Funds Send Audio Bibles to Niger

Praise God for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) which raised funds last summer to send 18 audio Bibles in the Hausa language to Niger. ASM sponsored the prize of a "Wildlife Storyteller" stuffed animal audio player for one winner among those participating in raising these funds. Praise God for the joy of the prize winner, and of all the children so excited to take part in sharing God's Word with those in need.

8. Friday: Responding to Audio Bible Requests

Requests continue to be received from various parts of India for audio Bibles. Pray that WCOI will be able to identify the people with the highest need and provide them access to God's Word as soon as possible. Please pray for travel mercies for the WCOI Team as they plan to travel many miles in the coming months for distributions and meetings.

9. Saturday: Sena Language Recording in Mozambique

Pray for the recording of Bible stories in the Sena language that is continuing this month in Mozambique. These stories will be assembled along with original Scripture songs and distributed among the Sena-speaking people in Central Mozambique. Ask God to prepare the hearts of those who will soon listen.

10. Sunday: Connections Needed in Zoogocho, Mexico

Pray that we might find a "Man of Peace" in the town of Zoogocho, Oaxaca, whose native language has been translated and recorded. No audio Bibles have been distributed there yet because we have no knowledge of any believers in that area. Ask the Lord to be working there and provide our team in Mexico with an opportunity to minister to this group.

11. Monday: Pastors' Conference in Missouri

Pray for Jonathan Verastegui, ASM Accounting Coordinator, as he attends a pastors' conference in Kansas City, MO. He will be there today through Wednesday. Ask God to provide him with safety on his trip, as well as wisdom and good connections during the conference.

12. Tuesday: Development Committee Meeting

Pray for the ASM Development Committee meeting today. This new committee is giving direction for raising the needed ministry funds to help connect more people to God's Word in their own heart language. We are grateful to God for Ryan Wood, who serves as Committee Chair; Ryan has been on the ASM Board of Directors since 2017.

13. Wednesday: Funding for Audio Bibles in Mozambique

Pray that funding for a shipment of audio Bibles for Mozambique would be raised soon. We are two-thirds of the way to our goal of raising \$62,000 in order to send 2,000 audio Bibles to Mozambique.

14. Thursday: Remembering the Source of True Love

Today, Valentine's Day is celebrated in the U.S.A. We praise God for the love that He has for us—that compels us to love others! "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them ... We love because He first loved us" (I John 4:16, 19, NIV).



15. Friday: ASM Global Day of Prayer and Fasting

Today is ASM's Global Day of Prayer and Fasting. Please join us in praising the Lord for what He has done, seeking Him for global mission needs, and asking for wisdom to know how we should be involved in helping meet those needs. Let us follow David's example: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always" (I Chronicles 16:8-11, NIV).

16. Saturday: Facing Fines for Following Jesus

Please pray for believers in a Zapotec language area where villagers must pay a 30,000 ₱ (peso) fine in order to join the evangelical church. For many local believers that is equivalent to a full year's salary. This fine has been enforced for over eight years. Praise the Lord for the many families who love the Lord enough to make this enormous commitment. Ask God to bless these people and provide the money needed to follow the law and still profess their faith.

17. Sunday: Many Hands for Haiti

Pray for God's blessing on an organization based out of Pella, IA, called Many Hands for Haiti (MH4H). They are adding an audio Bible component to their ministry serving communities in Pignon, Haiti. Pray also for the efforts to raise funds through church VBS programs, with the goal of sending at least 200 audio Bibles for this work in Haiti.

18. Monday: MI Front Office Operations

Pray for the Lord's continued blessing and wisdom for each person in the Michigan office, as they give support to the ministry of ASM across the world. Pray also for ASM's newest team member, Jonathan Verastegui, as he serves as Accounting Coordinator and continues to learn the many responsibilities in his role.

19. Tuesday: The Finishing of New Testament Recordings in India

Pray for the Kannada and Tamil-language New Testaments (Bridge Connectivity Solutions version) that are being recorded at the WCOI studio in India. Pray for the readers and recordists as they complete this project, and for the Kannada and Tamil people who will soon listen to these new resources.

20. Wednesday: Health Teachings in the Tewe Language

New Bible-based health teachings in the Tewe language have been recorded and edited, and will soon be distributed to Compassionate Care patients in Mozambique. Please pray for hearts to be open to hear the Christian message within, and that this tool would leave a lasting impression on the spiritual and physical health of those listening.

21. Thursday: Japanese Audio Bible Delivered to Family in Tokyo

Praise God for the Japanese audio Bible delivered to Mina and her family. Mina lives in Tokyo and loves listening to the audio Bible in the car with her sons. Pray especially for Mina's 20-year-old son to listen, and for the Holy Spirit to reach his hurting heart.

22. Friday: Quetzaltepec Audio Bible Distribution in Mexico

Pray for 200 families in Mexico who are now listening to audio Bibles provided by InTouch Ministries. These audio Bibles include the New Testament in Quetzaltepec Mixe, the full Bible in Spanish, and messages by Charles Stanley, translated into Spanish. Pray that listeners would grow in their understanding of God and their relationship with Jesus, and would respond to the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

23. Saturday: Mozambique Agriculture Project

Pray for the new agricultural training project that ASM Africa Director Chad Vanden Bosch has launched in central Mozambique. Pray that as subsistence farmers learn new agricultural practices, they will also be open to hearing God's Word. Pray for the team as they work diligently to develop the farming site, and rehabilitate a war-ravaged house as the new Agricultural Training Center.

24. Sunday: Faithful Church Partners

We praise God for the many churches that partner with ASM. Please pray that each person in these congregations would continue to grow in their walk with the Lord, and for God to bless their outreach into their own communities. We pray they would themselves be blessed as they give so generously to reach those who have not yet heard God's Word.

25. Monday: Audio Bible Distributions in Kenya

Please pray for the Kenya Hope ministry that is distributing 50 audio Bibles in the Swahili and Maasai languages in Nairobi and other areas. Praise God for this partnership, and ask Him to bless those who will listen to the audio Bibles that are being distributed.

26. Tuesday: Caretaker for Ministry Center in India

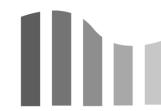
Pray for the provision of a new caretaker for the WCOI ministry center in India. The previous caretaker, Samalu, recently retired after serving the ministry for 30 years. Samalu was a valued part of the team. Please pray that God would bless him in his retirement.

27. Wednesday: Completion of Guevea New Testament Recording

Praise the Lord that after more than two years of dealing with setbacks including earthquakes, illnesses, accidents, and family deaths, the Mexico recording team has completed the recording of the Guevea New Testament. Thank you for faithfully praying for this recording project! May this recording bring much glory to God.

28. Thursday: ASM Ministry Partnerships

Praise God for the many ministries that ASM works alongside including Faith Comes by Hearing, GALCOM, Global Recordings Network, InTouch Ministries, MegaVoice, SIL, WCOI, Wycliffe, and others. We thank God for the encouraging collaboration that has already taken place between ASM and these ministries, and ask that you would pray for each of them, and for additional collaboration throughout 2019 and beyond.



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