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PRAISE & PRAYER GUIDE

#### Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

#### 1. Monday: Recovery Following Cyclone Idai

Praise the Lord for His protection of our ASM team members in Mozambique, as Cyclone Idai passed over and wreaked havoc with homes, field crops, infrastructure, and businesses. An estimated 1.7 million people were in the direct path of Idai, one of the strongest storms to ever strike southern Africa. The resulting flooding continues to affect thousands of people. At the time of writing, it is estimated that Cyclone Idai may have claimed the lives of over 1,000 people, and has left about half a million homeless and in need of basic necessities. Please pray for Mozambicans impacted by this storm; that help will arrive and God will give hope and strength, even as many mourn the loss of loved ones.

# 2. Tuesday: Mexico Pastors' Conference

Please pray as 180 pastors attend a statewide Pentecostal Pastors' Conference on the coast of Oaxaca today and tomorrow. Pray for ASM's representatives who will go and display audio Bibles and demonstrate phone apps at this event, to encourage the distribution and use of the many audio Scripture recordings now available.

#### 3. Wednesday: Kenyan Audio Bible Distribution

Praise God for an exciting connection that has led to the distribution of 100 audio Bibles among the Gabbra people of Kenya. Pray that the Holy Spirit would speak to this people group through His Word in audio, and encourage them on the path of righteousness!

#### 4. Thursday: Reaching Those in Need of Compassionate Care

Not only did Cyclone Idai destroy thousands of homes in Mozambique, it also nearly destroyed a bridge that was crucial for the ASM Compassionate Care Team to reach 14 of their patients who live on the other side. Ask God to help the Compassionate Care Team as they reach their existing patients, and help with the many new medical needs arising from the cyclone and continued flooding.

## 5. Friday: India General Elections

Pray for the upcoming elections in India. India's 2019 General Election is scheduled to be held in seven phases from 11 April 11 through 19 May. The general election results will be pivotal for the nation, and for minority groups in particular. Please pray for God's hand over this, and that there would be a fair and peaceful election.

## 6. Saturday: Recovery from Major Surgery

Pray for our friend Josefina in Mexico whose son, Arturo, used to work on the ASM Mexico Team as a recordist. Arturo now runs a Christian radio station called "Radio Zapoteca." Josefina is recovering from major stomach cancer surgery. Pray for her continued healing. We praise God for a fundraising campaign that provided the necessary finances for this operation.

# 7. Sunday: Recovery for David Maloy

Praise the Lord for the health improvement of David Maloy, husband of ASM Operations Manager Wanda Maloy. Pray for God to also provide the right new job position for David, that best matches his skills and qualifications.

# 8. Monday: Mozambique Agriculture Project and Post-Cyclone Recovery

Please pray for "Farming with God," the agriculture project that began last year in Mozambique. It was hit hard by the recent cyclone, but praise God that there is less damage than our team expected to see. Pray that God would bless the land and allow it to yield a bountiful harvest, as the local community is in tremendous need of food. Ask God for His mercy on the many other Mozambican families whose farms and crops were completely ruined, that those in need would be provided for and have sustenance to get them through to the next harvest.

## 9. Tuesday: Celebrating New Life in Oaxaca

Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of baby Isabella who was born on 14 March to ASM Mexico recordists Diego and Luz Elena in Oaxaca. Pray for this precious family as they welcome their third child, while continuing in full-time ministry.

## 10. Wednesday: India Upcoming Recordings and Distributions

Pray for the staff of WCOI, an ASM national partner in India, as they prepare to complete the many recordings and distributions planned this year. Pray that their team would persevere with the vision that God has given them, and that they would be able to bring audio Bibles to those who need them most.

## 11. Thursday: Arrival of Audio Bible Shipment in Mozambique

Pray for a shipment of audio Bibles that is expected to arrive in Maputo soon. The ASM Mozambique Team has been eagerly anticipating receiving and distributing these audio Bibles, but flooding and damaged roads may make distributions to certain areas more difficult or even impossible. Pray for the team as they consider the best way to share God's Word in the midst of incredible need.

## 12. Friday: ASM Board Meeting

ASM is blessed with a wonderful Board of Directors—a dedicated group of men and women who love the Lord and are working to help more people hear God's Word. Please be praying for them as they meet today for ASM's spring Board meeting. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and joy.

# 13. Saturday: Mexico Recording Projects

Pray for continued progress with two recording projects in Mexico for the Mixteco of Mechoacan and Otomi languages. Pray for the ASM Mexico Team as they move forward on these recordings, and work to overcome various challenges and delays in their completion.

#### 14. Sunday: Revealing Truth to New Believers

Pray that Truth would become clearly evident to all who hear God's Word this year. Pray that many would believe in Jesus for the first time, and that those whose faith has grown stale would be restored to a vibrant relationship with the Lord.

## 15. Monday: Shelter Amidst Disaster

Following the 120 mph winds of Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, our teams are very grateful for God's protection. Many people continue to feel the effects of the Cyclone, now almost a month later. Please continue to pray for the estimated 500,000+ Mozambicans displaced and homeless, and those in great need of food and shelter. Pray for wisdom for the teams on how to best serve those in their community who need urgent help.

#### 16. Tuesday: Closing out Financial Year in India

We praise God for helping WCOI close out their financial year. WCOI praises God for His goodness, and reports that they were able to accomplish much more than what they had originally planned. Pray this upcoming year will be full of blessing for the ministry in India, so more people can hear God's Word in an accessible way. Ask God for the opportunities and resources to reach more people, and for many to respond in faith and obedience as they listen to the Bible in audio.

#### 17. Wednesday: Honduras Audio Bible Distribution

Praise God for a faithful partner from Holland First Assembly of God Church who regularly travels to Honduras and distributes audio Bibles in many remote regions. Please be praying as he travels and helps connect people to God's Word.

### 18. Thursday: Mexico Proclaimer Distributions

Pray for Lupe and Jemima, ASM Mexico team members, as they place Proclaimer audio Bibles in the states of Vera Cruz and Puebla. Pray for their travel logistics, connections with pastors, and for good spiritual fruit as the Word of God touches people's lives in each new listening group.

### 19. Friday: Hurricane Relief and Connections Made in Florida

Praise God for a local woman who recently returned from helping with Hurricane Irma relief in Florida. Even 1+ years later there is still much rebuilding to be done. While on her trip, this woman connected with a Spanish-speaking man who expressed a desire to receive an audio Bible in Spanish. Praise God that this woman was able to provide it for him!

#### 20. Saturday: Kingdom of Lesotho Audio Bible Distribution

Praise God for Haven Christian Reformed Church in Zeeland, MI, and a local missionary who partnered together to bring 50 audio Bibles to the Sesotho-speaking people of the Kingdom of Lesotho in southern Africa. Pray for the people who are now hearing God's Word, that they will learn more about God and His love for them.

#### 21. Sunday: Christ is Risen

"He is not here: for He is risen, as He said." (John 28:6a, KJV). Praise God that we serve a risen, living Savior who always, always keeps His promises. Happy Easter!

#### 22. Monday: ASM Internal Operations

Pray for the ASM Administrative Team in the Holland, MI office as they handle important details that allow the recording and distribution of God's Word to go forward! Ask God for strength, wisdom, and efficiency in these tasks.

# 23. Tuesday: India Recording Projects Progress

Please pray for the recordings being worked on by WCOI in India. They have faced several setbacks, and some recordings have progressed more slowly than desired. Ask God to bless this team with strength, speed, and accuracy as they work, so that they would soon be able to bless communities with audio Scriptures in new languages.

# 24. Wednesday: International Orality Network Meeting

Please be praying for the 2019 International Orality Network (ION) North America Conference Program Team that meets today. Naomi Frizzell, ASM Executive Director, is Program Director for this October gathering in Toronto that will bring orality-focused churches and ministries together around the theme "1 Word 4 All."

# 25. Thursday: Haiti and Dominican Republic Audio Bible Distributions

Praise God for a network of supporters in Oregon who were able to provide audio Bibles to Haitians living in both Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Thanks to their efforts, 12 leaders in each country will now have an audio Bible to share with their families and other loved ones.

## 26. Friday: Scripture Earth Audio Bible App

Praise the Lord for Wycliffe's new and improved Scripture apps for mobile phones, which are increasing opportunities for our Mexico Scripture recordings to be heard. Pray for the whole team at ScriptureEarth.org and Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada who are helping develop these apps.

## 27. Saturday: Mexico Travels

Please pray for Jim and Jamie Loker, ASM Latin America Directors, as they continue the surveying and follow-up work in Mexico that they began in January and February. Pray for the right connections and safety during their travels.

## 28. Sunday: Serving God's Kingdom

Praise God for the men and women globally who are helping connect people to God's Word! May this prayer be true for all: [that] "...the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13, MEV).

# 29. Monday: Funds Raised for Audio Bibles for Haiti

Praise the Lord for a local church that, in addition to the 100 audio Bibles they recently raised funds for, is now able to send another 75 audio Bibles to Haiti. What a blessing this congregation is to so many!

## 30. Tuesday: India Audio Bible Distribution to Visually Impaired

Pray for a July audio Bible distribution being planned in India to reach the visually-impaired. There will be 500 visually-challenged people coming together for this distribution! Pray for event organizers and the WCOI Team as they prepare.

