

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV)

1. Sunday: Happy New Year!

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade." (1 Peter 1:3-4a, NIV). Praise God for a New Year to live in Hope because of Jesus!

2. Monday: Uganda Training in Book of Ruth

Praise God for more open doors for Bible storying training with a group of women in Uganda. Tara Rye (ASM Bible Engagement Director) has already helped train them to create poetry with the Christmas story, and starting this month, they are learning the book of Ruth (which they've never heard)!

3. Tuesday: Personal Retreats for ASM Staff

Pray for ASM's Team Members as each one takes an annual personal retreat to pray, study God's Word, and ask for His wisdom in the new year. Pray for a joyful sense of renewed commitment to sharing God's Word, and for discernment as we seek God personally and as a team.

4. Wednesday: Huave Pastors and Churches Need Prayer

Pray for Mexican pastors from six different Huave churches: Luciano, Francisco, Camilo, Martin, Victor, and Rubisel, who in recent months each received audio Bibles for their church members (mostly non-readers).

5. Thursday: Audio Bibles Sent Out Worldwide

Praise the Lord for the audio Bibles being shipped out from ASM's Resource Department in Michigan. Some 200 audio Bibles are being sent this month, to those who need to hear God's Word in their heart language!

6. Friday: Safety and Effective Ministry Trips

ASM Team Members are on various ministry trips this month. Pray for open doors to share God's Word on the frontlines, and for ASM's Global Support Team providing logistics. Pray for stamina, and for the Gospel to go out powerfully!

7. Saturday: Celebrating Answered Prayer at New Harvest Farm

Praise the Lord for a hopeful start to the rainy season in Mozambique. Regular rains since November mean that crops are looking good for the first time in the past 3 years in the area around New Harvest Farm. This is a huge answer to prayers after the last few years of crop failures.

8. Sunday: God to Make a Way

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland" (Isaiah 43:19, NIV). Praise God that He makes a way even when we cannot see forward. Ask God for a renewed trust and hope in Him.

9. Monday: Recordings in Mixteco of Xochapa

Pray for the Mixteco of Xochapa New Testament recording which begins today. Also pray for the recording of the Gospel books (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) in Popoluca of Sayula which also starts this month.

10. Tuesday: Grace for Financial Team Switching Software

Pray for ASM's financial team Erika Simonds and Wanda Maloy as they transition to new accounting software this month. Pray for this time-consuming process that will help steward ASM's financial resources.

11. Wednesday: Anniversaries and Bible Distribution

Pray for the many audio Bibles that were distributed in conjunction with last month's 50th anniversaries of the first two indigenous New Testament translations in Oaxaca. Praise the Lord that these Scriptures are available in audio format for the Isthmus Zapotec and the Huave speakers of southern Mexico.

12. Thursday: Naomi and Tara in Kenya

Pray for Naomi Frizzell (ASM Executive Director) and Tara as they visit partners in Kenya to learn more about how God's Word is being shared among nomadic people groups in Northern Kenya, and how pastors and others are being trained and equipped to serve the Lord. Pray for good conversations, wisdom for future collaborative projects, and safe travel.

13. Friday: Comfort and Resolution for Salvador's Family

Pray for the team at New Harvest Farm and for the family of farm manager Salvador. Salvador was found dead near the farm in November under suspicious circumstances. The police have declared it a homicide and are investigating the circumstances. Pray for comfort, for answers, and the apprehending of those involved in the heinous crime.

14. Saturday: Persecution of Our Brothers and Sisters

Remember our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted for their faith. Pray for courage in their daily lives as they stand for the truth of the Gospel and share God's Word with those around them.

15. Sunday: God is Great in Power and Glory

"Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as Head over all" (1 Chronicles 29:11, NIV). We praise the Lord that, even though the world may seem chaotic, He is God over ALL!

16. Monday: Lokers in Mexico

Pray for Jim and Jamie Loker (ASM Latin America Directors) as they start another new year in Mexico, investing two and a half months to follow up on recordings and audio Bible distributions throughout Oaxaca.

17. Tuesday: New Training Opportunities

Praise God for more opportunities to train leaders around the world in Bible Engagement! Pray for Tara as she has also recently seen an influx of requests to train men and women in her town of Omaha, Nebraska.

18. Wednesday: Strength for the Compassionate Care Team

Pray for the Compassionate Care team as they minister to the sick and hurting in Mozambique. Pray for safe travels while visiting patients, and for encouragement as they deal with difficult situations.

19. Thursday: Witnessing to Others

Today, think about those in your life who haven't heard the Good News of the Gospel. Pray for openings in conversations with your neighbors, co-workers, or family to share the freedom found in Christ.

20. Friday: New Partnerships

Praise the Lord for more ministries around the world with whom ASM is partnering to share God's Word! Pray for open doors in countries that have otherwise been closed to the Gospel.

21. Saturday: ASM in South Sudan

Pray for Tara and Allison Wilcox (ASM Design Storyteller) as they join Healing Kadi Medical Missions and Pads4Pupils in North Africa. A team of storytellers will be sharing the story of Joseph and Esther while using story-centric discipleship training methods. Pray for a fruitful time, good health, and traveling mercies.

22. Sunday: Sanctity of Life Sunday

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5, NIV). Today on Sanctity of Life Sunday, pray that life would be highly valued at all stages, that evil would be repelled, and that God's glory would be evident in our world.

23. Monday: Chinese New Year Begins

Yesterday was the start of the Chinese New Year. Pray for the light of Jesus to shine brightly through Asian Christians to their family and friends as they navigate cultural and family pressures and faithfully represent the hope of Christ in this new year.

24. Tuesday: Bible Engagement Growth

Pray that more North American churches gain vision for Bible Engagement through story-centric discipleship!

25. Wednesday: More Audio Bibles for Mozambicans

Pray for more audio Bibles to be made available for distribution in Mozambique. There has been a marked increase recently in the hunger for audio Bibles especially in central Mozambique.

26. Thursday: Healing for Jemima

Pray for complete healing and restoration for Mexican recordist, Jemima, who has suffered from several physical ailments. Pray she can continue in her vital "on-site" recording work with her husband, Lupe.

27. Friday: ASM at Mission Connexion Convention

Pray for ASM Representatives Don Lang and Lonna Carnahan as they attend the Mission Connexion Convention in Beaverton, Oregon, today and tomorrow. Pray for fruitful connections and refreshment!

28. Saturday: More People Called to Mission Work

Pray for those taking the upcoming 15 week 'Perspectives' course, taught by Tara and put out by Frontier Ventures. Pray students will gain a passion for missions, and that Tara will have clarity and joy as she teaches.

29. Sunday: Faithfulness and Love with God

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness!" (Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV). Praise God for His compassion and love!

30. Monday: Chad and Dara Receive Residency

Praise the Lord that Chad and Dara VandenBosch were able to obtain their new residency paperwork for another year in Mozambique. Pray that they continue to have a refreshing furlough with family and friends.

31. Tuesday: Safe Travels for South Sudan Team

Tara and Allison will be traveling home from South Sudan with the rest of the storytellers in a few days. Pray for good travel connections and for the team to continue to grow and share God's Word after arriving home.

