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# Daily Prayer Guide

— MAY 2024 —



May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. ~ Psalm 67: 1-2



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May 1 - 4

[1 WEDNESDAY: MULTIPLY \(BRUCE ENNS\)](#)

[GLOBAL](#)

“In many parts of the world, the activities of spring are in full swing with planting and pruning well underway. I am so thankful that God invites us to be gardeners and builders in his kingdom. Pray that God will continue to call out and use diversely gifted people to tend to our gardening roles, and to build on the foundation of Christ. May God cause much kingdom growth!”

*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow... ~1 Corinthians 3:6-7*

[2 THURSDAY: TRAVIS JOST](#)

[BURUNDI](#)

“This month I am in the Cankuzo province of eastern Burundi, along with Pastor Samuel, leading a teaching seminar for regional pastors and community leaders. We are discussing the mission of the church, discipleship, and community development. Pray for energetic group discussions. Pray for unity among the leaders in this province. Pray for our generous God to reveal more of himself during this time.”

*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. ~ Colossians 3:16*

[3 FRIDAY: CECIL & TRACY RAMOS](#)

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“For the beginning of this month I am back in California, graduating from our MB Seminary, Fresno Pacific University. Praise God! I, Cecil, am one of the first in my family to obtain a degree, and this will be my second master’s degree! The last three years of virtual classes from 1:00-3:00 AM have certainly been worth it! Pray that Tracy and the boys would continue to minister to our new believers in Phan Thong, as I will be away from them for several weeks at this time.”

*He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. ~ Colossians 1:28, 29*

[4 SATURDAY: PABLO & MARICELA CHAVEZ](#)

[PERU](#)

“The Peruvian MB conference has a new board; they have asked our teammate Stacy and myself (Pablo) to walk with them for their first year. As we continue to live here, pastors are slowly opening up, sharing their battles and also inviting us to walk with them. I am filled with joy when a local pastor invites us to journey with them in their struggles, such as their internal conflicts, and to hear them say, ‘it is because we consider you one of us’”.

*Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ~ Galatians 6:2*

May 5 - 11

[5 SUNDAY: MAXYM & ANYA OLIFEROVSKI](#)

[UKRAINE](#)

“Please continue to pray for the many Ukrainians who have lost their loved ones in this war, such as the family of Andriy Shpak, who worked on staff at New Hope Center ([www.multiply.net/story/a-builder-of-lives](http://www.multiply.net/story/a-builder-of-lives)). Pray for God to comfort his family. Even while we are grieving, we thank God that we are still alive, and ask him for his strength to continue to live and minister.”

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ~ Matthew 5:4*

[6 MONDAY: RICK & KAREN SAWATZKY](#)

[LITHUANIA](#)

“Please pray that the summer camp program here in Lithuania will result in many children and young people being cared for, and that through hearing the Gospel they will come to faith in Christ. Please also pray that future Lithuanian church leaders will emerge from among those young people who serve as volunteer camp leaders this summer.”

*Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” ~ Matthew 19:14*

[7 TUESDAY: SEAN & AMY HILDEBRAND](#)

[UGANDA](#)

“Thank you to all who were praying for us while we were in Uganda. The average task in Mitanya takes five times as long to accomplish than what we are used to, and we learned to slow down! Our prayer was to love others well during our time there. Please continue to pray for our complete dependency, obedience, and trust in God.”

*The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. ~ Lamentations 3:25, 26*

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8 WEDNESDAY: EINER & GIRLESA ZULUAGA

PANAMA

“We have noticed a spiritual slump in the leaders and churches, so we are praying for renewal and for a return to our first love with Jesus. Please pray for God’s guidance and for wisdom, as we strategize to give growth tools to leaders, and encourage them to in turn instruct others. June begins another new season for our Discipleship School; please pray that God will lead us with the right participants and that they will be impactful when they return to their communities.”

*This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you!” ~ Ephesians 5:14*

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9 THURSDAY: FRANZ WOLF

BRAZIL

“We are having a pastor coming from Costa Rica here for fifteen days this month, to strategize with us for the short-term mission schools that he wants to launch in his country. Pray for this young leader, who has a heart to make space for the development of other young leaders. We will be reorganizing as a leadership team, now that Emerson is back from his time in Canada and full of great new ideas! So, please pray for wisdom, discernment and many open doors for this next season.”

*All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him. ~ Psalm 22:27*

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10 FRIDAY: ELEAZAR & SHAILA DIAZ-ORTIZ

MEXICO

“We are now a family of four! We praise God that our son, Thiago Caleb, did not arrive prematurely. We are so grateful to God, our good, good Father! Praise God also for the HADIME students from Mexico, Colombia, US, Canada, Brazil and Austria. Pray that we would disciple them well. It is one year since we began pastoring Reto Church, and it has been a full and awesome year! We have almost doubled in size, had ten baptisms, and had our first youth camp, marriage retreat, evangelistic outreaches, and leadership workshops! Please pray as we now search for a bigger place for the church to gather.”

*Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. ~ Psalm 36:5*

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11 SATURDAY: KYLA SINCLAIR-PETERS

CANADA

“Please pray as we prepare for our summer soccer league, that all aspects of ministry and logistics would come together. We expect around 200 kids to register by the time camp begins, at the end of this month! These kids come from many diaspora groups, and they will hear the Gospel each week during the half-time story sessions.”

*I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. ~ Jeremiah 24:7a*

May 12 - 18

12 SUNDAY: SARAH REED

AUSTRIA

“Praise God for a recent Multiply team retreat in April. It was a time of rest, learning and fun. I am growing in relationship with new neighbors behind the Steyr church; please pray that they would have a desire and hunger to know Jesus. Praise God that young adults are growing in their faith through the Alpha course, and that our Sunday morning kids’ program has started up again, after many years of not having one. Pray that I would grow in discernment to know when I should say ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ to people, invitations, work and ministry.”

*For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. ~ 2 Corinthians 4:6*

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13 MONDAY: DORIS GOERTZ

JAPAN

“My time in Japan is coming to an end; I will transition back to Canada in July, and visit with family and supporting churches until November. Pray that in these last few months some of my students would draw closer to Jesus. Pray that I can finish well and also help my students and friends process this change. Pray for God’s provision as I end my time with Multiply and get reestablished in Canada.”

*Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness! ~ Matthew 25:23*

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# Rain Song

By a worker in South Asia

The desk in my room overlooks a golden rice field where a herd of cows graze lazily, clothed in rough burlap sacks. They chew slowly, in cadence to some unheard music. Rice sheaves wave rhythmically in tune to some invisible breeze. Snatches of bass and synth drift across from some Hindu village nearby. Even while completing an activity as mundane as writing emails, I am surrounded by music, serenaded. The Lord God is in our midst, I think, recalling the verse in Zephaniah 3:17. He rejoices over us with gladness, he quiets us with his love, he rejoices over us with singing.

I smile, and hum, and head to work.

At the school, the other teachers are incredibly formal, checking that uniforms are crisply ironed, that rows of desks are straight, and that students stand up when speaking. Staff and students alike call me “Ma’am” when I walk into class (still trying to shake that one). Yet there is an undercurrent of joy here, too—music waiting to burst forth.

In the hot, stuffy, humid classroom, overhead fans whir at top speed. My brain is likewise whirring with the effort of translating my English thoughts coherently into the local dialect. Students are attentive, pencils scribbling across paper with intense focus. Suddenly, a new sound breaks their focus. It has begun to rain.

A scant drizzle (I keep on teaching). A steady dribble (I draw on the white board). A rhythmic patter on the tin roof (I raise my voice). Necks crane and eyebrows furrow as students try to hear me, but it’s no use; my words are lost in the pounding crescendo. I stop talking, and then, as if by some secret signal, unanimous shoes hit the floor, and pens and notebooks are flung aside. Students leap to their feet, grinning as they break with formal classroom protocol.

**His voice is like the  
roar of rushing waters,  
and the land is radiant  
with his glory. ~  
Ezekiel 43:2a**

Gloriously, they begin to sing. The melody of the rain song merges with dramatic Bollywood showtunes belted out from bellies full of laughter. Soon, they are dancing, and I delight in their abandonment. What else can one do in a lecture, when you cannot even hear your own voice, much less the teacher’s? We are being serenaded by a rainstorm. His music is everywhere.

# Kowai, Kowai, Kowai!

JAPAN | By Cory Giesbrecht

We have felt the presence of God draw near more than once, among the homeless, poor and marginalized at our Roses Church in the park. For some, that brings comfort; for others, it brings a holy fear. For all, it brings transformation.

During this last December, we witnessed one such transformation here in Japan. While we were gathered in the park, one person began lamenting their poverty—the lack of a house, a loving family, a job—and another responded by expressing her deep gratitude to God. We wondered if this would cause a conflict.

“I know how you feel,” Peke-chan said to the man, with compassion. “I live in a cramped space, without even a proper kitchen to cook in. I have no career, no husband. But today, my God gave me eggplants!” As she went on to describe her joy at receiving these special love gifts from God through the generosity of another church member, we could really feel Jesus draw near.

So could Akaiwa-san, a new believer sitting nearby. It frightened him.

“Kowai, Kowai, Kowai!” he burst out. “Scary, scary, scary! In all my seventy years of life, I have never heard anyone talk like this. There is such a huge gap between you and me, I don’t know what to do!” The presence of Jesus seemed to give him a deep awareness of his own sin. We prayed together about his desire to repent before this powerful God of love.

The following week in the park, that presence came again, but in a different way. When Peke-chan was verbally attacked by another attendee, it was Akaiwa-san who intervened. “Stop!” he said. “I love Peke-chan! When you attack her, you hurt me as well!” We all sensed the presence of God released through his kind words, and as the conflict resolve, Akaiwa-san even hugged the aggressor. There was a dramatic change in the atmosphere, as this new believer took on peacemaking in such a mature way!

Having a church in the park—without any walls, and with an all-are-welcome heart posture—leaves us very vulnerable to various troubles and attacks. It is God’s presence that protects us, bringing peace through thanksgiving, holy fear, repentance and reconciliation. Jesus is raising up peacemakers in the park.



Our team of peacemakers,  
leaders of Roses Church.

# Daily Prayer Guide

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Multiply (Bruce Enns) GLOBAL	<b>2</b> Travis Jost BURUNDI	<b>3</b> Cecil & Tracy Ramos THAILAND	<b>4</b> Pablo & Maricela Chavez PERU
<b>5</b> Maxym & Anya Oliferovski UKRAINE	<b>6</b> Rick & Karen Sawatzky LITHUANIA	<b>7</b> Sean & Amy Hildebrand UGANDA	<b>8</b> Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga PANAMA	<b>9</b> Franz Wolf BRAZIL	<b>10</b> Eleazar & Shaila Diaz-Ortiz MEXICO	<b>11</b> Kyla Sinclair-Peters CANADA
<b>12</b> Sarah Reed AUSTRIA	<b>13</b> Doris Goertz JAPAN	<b>14</b> D & M AUSTRIA	<b>15</b> Gediminas & Kristina Dailyde CANADA	<b>16</b> Jen Schmidt MEXICO	<b>17</b> Marcela & David FRANCE	<b>18</b> Nate & Kristin CANADA
<b>19</b> R & M FRANCE	<b>20</b> Trevor & Joan Godard NORTH AMERICA	<b>21</b> Aur�lie Hirschler BURUNDI	<b>22</b> Wanchai (Ozz) & Sara Fast Kumrod THAILAND	<b>23</b> Jeremy & Adrienne Penner THAILAND	<b>24</b> Junji & Hitomi Nukaga THAILAND	<b>25</b> Heinrich Rempel GERMANY
<b>26</b> D & S SOUTH ASIA	<b>27</b> Johann Matthies EUROPE	<b>28</b> Alex & Carla Suderman GERMANY	<b>29</b> John & Jenn Johnstone CANADA	<b>30</b> A & R CENTRAL ASIA	<b>30</b> Somdy & Chanh Jusse THAILAND	

together that the world may know *Jesus*



#### 14 TUESDAY: D & M

AUSTRIA

“Recently, I witnessed an answer to prayer! For years, many people have been praying for a particular city in Central Asia, a city that is written about in the book of Revelation but has not seen a church exist there for a long time. I got to meet the pastor of a newly formed house church there, who shared that many people in the city are seeking something to fill a void in their hearts, and are joining this group. Please continue to pray for cities in that region, and for pastor D, who leads this growing church. This month brings the end of high school for our daughter, Brooklyn! Please pray for her as she prepares to move away from home, and attend Bible School in Canada in the fall.”

*May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us ~ yes, establish the work of our hands. ~ Psalm 90:17*

#### 15 WEDNESDAY: GEDIMINAS & KRISTINA DAILYDE

LITHUANIA

“We thank God for the TREK team that served in Lithuania for five months and is now back in Germany. We are very grateful for their friendship, preaching, ministries with children and ALPHA, and many other things. We are also thankful for a time of learning how to welcome and integrate people of another language. We hope to see the team again in the autumn of this year. Praise God for their hearts and their work, and may God bless their lives!”

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. ~ 1 Peter 4:10*

#### 16 THURSDAY: JEN SCHMIDT

MEXICO

“Our eight HADIME students will lead a weekend youth camp on May 17-19 for about eighty youth, many of whom are in need of a personal encounter with Jesus. Pray for the Spirit of God to work and move during this weekend. Pray for the students who will lead the event; for unity and one heart as they lead.”

*Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ~ 1 Peter 3:8 (ESV)*

#### 17 FRIDAY: MARCELA & DAVID

FRANCE

“Please pray for David, who is doing further education to change career, and is in the midst of all his finals exams, with papers due this month. Together with some of the ladies of our team and another association from Bethoncourt, we have started a café just for new immigrant women, where they can meet, interact and practice

their French. Please pray that this will be a place where they feel welcome, and that it opens ways to create friendships and opportunities to share Jesus with them.”

*Jesus said to him, “I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. ~ John 14:6*

#### 18 SATURDAY: NATE & KRISTIN

CANADA

“There has been an ongoing failure of the Canadian government to honor many of the treaties across Canada. Locally the Robinson-Huron treaty has come to a settlement of about \$10 billion to the communities here, which will be distributed among their band members. Large payouts may do more harm than good. Pray for protection, wisdom for the bands’ leadership, for God’s Kingdom to advance through this and deep and true (re)conciliation.”

*Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. ~ Psalm 5:11*

May 19 - 25

#### 19 SUNDAY: R & M

FRANCE

“Over the last two years, StoryChannel was able to air over 17,000 hours of Bible based programming to millions of people. Many have heard the story of Jesus for the first time in their native tongue. Thank you for your prayers. Pray for discussions and meetings we will be having at an upcoming conference for North African ministries; that these will allow for even more effective work together. Pray also for wisdom and discernment in cultivating and nurturing the French church in Sète.”

*How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ~ Romans 10:14*

#### 20 MONDAY: TREVER & JOAN GODARD

NORTH AMERICA

“May 31 is my (Trever’s) last official day with Multiply! My thirty-four years serving with our mission organization have been filled with so many moments, days and years that have become my story of God’s loving and faithful leading. Gratitude permeates my heart—for God’s provision and for you, the family of faith. You have come on the journey with us to Colombia, Mexico and Canada through your prayers, visits, messages, calls and giving. Meanwhile, I (Joan) continue serving part time with the Multiply Member Care team.”

*We always thank God for you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:2, 3*

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**21 TUESDAY: AURÉLIE HIRSCHLER**

**BURUNDI**

“May, June and July are exam months for the students who are in their final year at the Karubabi Harvest School where I teach. Despite the high unemployment rate, it is still very important to their future for them to get their diplomas. Please pray for the success of our students in academics, but also in character and skills. As the school staff, may we generously share the love of Jesus with all our students for as long as we still have them!”

*Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ~ Hebrews 10:23*

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**22 WEDNESDAY: WANCHAI (OZZ) & SARA FAST KUMROD**

**THAILAND**

“Last month, members from Bethel MB Church in Chachoengsao came to teach some of our church members how to make pork and sticky rice. Selling this helps them to support their families and be more self-sustaining in ministry. Please pray for Nueyand his wife Aire, and for Noy and his wife Muay, as they take what they have learned and put it into practice to launch successful kingdom businesses. We are so thankful to God to see this collaboration of our churches. Please pray for unity and common vision as we work together for continued growth in God’s kingdom in Thailand!”

*For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building. ~ 1 Corinthians 3:9*

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**23 THURSDAY: JEREMY & ADRIENNE PENNER**

**THAILAND**

“We’re praising God for the many Myanmar people that encountered Jesus during our Thai New Year outreach event. Pray for those that met him for the first time at our evangelism conference, and for those that took the next step in their discipleship journey at one of the dozen discipleship events hosted by local churches. Please pray for new believers to engage with a community of faith in this next season, and for mature believers to enter into the calling that God has for them!”

*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. ~ 1 Corinthians 15:58*

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**24 FRIDAY: JUNJI & HITOMI NUKAGA**

**THAILAND**

Please pray for this couple, serving among the Thai and Khmu peoples in the areas of church planting, leadership training and community development. Junji and Hitomi are walking alongside Thai evangelists and church planters in the Isaan, resourcing national leaders and making disciples in one of the least reached regions of Thailand.

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ~ Colossians 2:6, 7*

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**25 SATURDAY: HEINRICH REMPEL**

**GERMANY**

Pray for Heinrich in his role as the Director of Operations in the European office, and his ongoing work in project development, administration and assistance in the areas of training and mobilizing local churches for world mission.

*The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him. ~ Psalm 37:23*

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**May 26 - 31**

**26 SUNDAY: D & S**

**SOUTH ASIA**

Pray for D, Multiply’s Regional Team Leader for South Asia, he resources global MB conferences and emerging church networks through the Missional Leadership Training resource. Pray for S, who provides leadership for a mission initiative in Canada among immigrants from a South Asian people group.

*In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good. ~ Ecclesiastes 11:6*

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**27 MONDAY: JOHANN MATTHIES**

**EUROPE**

Pray for Johann in his role as Multiply’s Regional Team Leader for Europe and Central Asia. Pray for his partnership with ICOMB (International Community of Mennonite Brethren), mobilizing European partners, churches, and schools for world mission, and resourcing Multiply workers and projects within this combined region.

*Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. ~ 1 Chronicles 16:11*

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## 28 TUESDAY: ALEX & CARLA SUDERMAN

GERMANY

Pray for this couple, serving on a church-planting team in Dortmund. As they live on mission, their passion is to share the Good News in ways that will build relationship and gather people into communities that follow Jesus, while equipping the local Church to do the same.

*The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. ~ Deuteronomy 31:8*

## 29 WEDNESDAY: JOHN & JENN JOHNSTONE

CANADA

Pray for this couple, serving to build and strengthen relationships between First Nations people groups and the Church through education, prayer, and the facilitation of bridge-building encounters. They are currently engaging with several different indigenous people groups within BC, and also serve as cultural liaisons with a youth initiative in Vancouver.

*Therefore my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. ~ 1 Corinthians 15:58*

## 30 THURSDAY: A & R

CENTRAL ASIA

Pray for this couple, serving together to plant churches in Central Asia. Their vision is to rebuild and restore the church where historically it once flourished. Praise God for the transformed lives of disciples who are learning to walk in faith and maturity, experiencing freedom from bondage through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ~ Matthew 9:38*

## 31 FRIDAY: SOMDY & CHANH JUSSE

THAILAND

Pray for this couple, serving part-time among the Lao and Thai people groups of Thailand in the areas of church planting, discipleship and leadership development. They also serve part-time among the Thai community in Ontario.

*Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. ~ Psalm 71:3*

## REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT:

### Central Asia

Multiply global workers serving in Central Asia have a vision to rebuild and restore the Church where historically it once flourished. Ministry in this region, where religious opposition to Christianity can be extreme, relies upon the wisdom of national leaders who guide our teams in facilitating evangelism, discipleship, church planting and leadership development. Emerging church leaders in this context often face not only persecution, but significant economic hardship, as well as the logistical challenge of finding creative ways to reach remote mountainous regions where there is little or no Gospel presence.



Regional Team Leader  
Johann Matthies  
and his wife Hedi

### PRAY

- > For Multiply workers to have a strong partnership with local churches, and for their ongoing visa challenges
- > For new believers who face rejection from their families and persecution from their communities
- > For emerging church leaders to balance ongoing theological education and ministry with the need to support their families
- > For fresh vision, strategies, and more workers to be sent to this region
- > For Regional Team Leader Johann Matthies, overseeing church planting, short-term mission, and resourcing of churches in this region as well as in Europe

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