



## PRAYER FOCUS

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**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!**

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When Jian\* started attending his new school, he was already behind. He started a full quarter into the school year. Then, for the first two months, Jian had a far off look in his eyes. **His teachers weren't sure he was even paying attention.**

But one of Jian's teachers was a TEAM missionary, Rachel\*. Jian's lack of interest couldn't stop her from talking to him about "the Father," "the Son" and "the Word." **And one day, suddenly, Jian wanted to know more.**

Jian decided to specifically ask Rachel to tell him more about the Son — **he wanted to know Jesus the way she did.**

"Education is a great and versatile platform for ministry because it provides teachers with a lot of freedom in how to communicate the Good News to their students," says Rachel. **"Kids are going to be in schools regardless, so what better way than to meet them where they're at?"**

**AS SCHOOLS BEGIN THEIR FALL SEMESTERS THIS AUGUST, PRAY WITH US FOR EDUCATION MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD:**

*Sun:* **ASK GOD** to give parents wisdom as they decide how to educate their kids.

*Mon:* **PRAY** for new missionary teachers and supporters.

*Tue:* **PRAY** that every classroom will be a safe place for students to learn and find community.

*Wed:* **PRAY** that faith and education won't be seen as separate topics, but instead be understood as deeply intertwined.

*Thu:* **PRAY** that schools will have the necessary resources to be effective.

*Fri:* **ASK GOD** to radically transform students' hearts so that they each make the decision to follow Him.

**TURN OVER FOR MORE REQUESTS!**



*Sat:* **PRAY** for opportunities for teachers to build meaningful relationships with their students.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:**

- 1. SOUTH ASIA** | One TEAM missionary couple recently had a neighbor come over and stay until 1:30 a.m. She is dealing with a difficult situation and is at the end of her rope. Pray that her desperation will be an avenue for them to speak Truth into her life.
- 2. PERU** | Pray for a couple in Seth Malec's Bible study. Their daughter has been suffering from some baffling intestinal issues. Please pray that God will give them and the doctors answers.
- 3. ITALY** | George and Kim Aguirre request prayer for a local family. Their grandmother, Sofia\*, has been in the ICU for a week fighting for her life following an aggressive infection. The Aguirres have prayed with them and shared in the journey of seeing God do the impossible. Sofia isn't out of the woods yet, but each day brings reports of hope. Pray for the whole family to know Jesus more deeply through this trial and to yield their lives to Him in new ways.
- 4. PAPUA** | Zac and Leigh Lloyd were burglarized this past month for the third time in 10 months. Most of their electronics and cash were stolen. Pray for peace and wisdom as they try to find a safe place to live.

**PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:**

- 1. FRANCE** | Daniel Kuehl's church plant recently voted to buy the movie theater they've been meeting in. The town council agreed to sell the movie theater for 225,000 euros. This was the last hurdle before being able to sign a sales agreement. The church is very excited to have their own building!
- 2. SOUTH AFRICA** | A new church plant, Cloud of Glory Church, was recently kick-started in Umlazi with the help of a short-term missions team from Durban Bible College. Praise God! Pray for Pastor Sifiso as he leads the new congregation.

*\*Names changed.*