



PRAYER FOCUS

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!

Raphael* had never felt so empty. He'd walked away from his Jehovah Witness faith. And now, he didn't know how to find God.

When Raphael noticed a new church in his French hometown, he felt drawn to it, but he wasn't sure why. He passed by it several times, afraid to go in. He didn't want to get sucked back into another false religion.

Finally, he worked up the courage to step inside.

TEAM missionaries Paul and Karan Davis were there to offer him a warm cup of coffee. As the three chatted, Raphael found himself opening up to them about all he'd been through.

Several coffee visits later, Raphael felt safe enough to attend a worship service — where he discovered the truth about God's love.

Now, Raphael is growing in his new faith and eager to share his testimony.

All thanks to two church planters and a cup of coffee.

THIS MONTH, WILL YOU JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR CHURCH PLANTERS AROUND THE WORLD? PRAY THAT MANY LIKE RAPHAEL WILL COME TO KNOW THE LORD THROUGH THEIR SERVICE:

Sun: **PRAY** that church planters will be creative in developing strategies suited to the cultures around them.

Mon: **ASK GOD** to give church planters constant spiritual and emotional renewal.

Tue: **ASK GOD** to help missionaries identify future church leaders among local believers and train them well.

Wed: **PRAY** that missionaries will have discernment to know when it's time to move on and plant another church elsewhere.

Thu: **ASK GOD** to provide missionaries who are committed to

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long-term church planting.

Fri: **PRAY** that church planters will be successful in bringing many to Christ.

Sat: **PRAY** against the persecution of new churches.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

1. **ZIMBABWE** | The Evangelical Church of Zimbabwe has been splitting into two churches over the past few years. There have been some legal skirmishes between the groups because each identifies itself as the Evangelical Church of Zimbabwe. The case will soon be heard by the High Court. Hopefully, a clear determination will be forthcoming as to which group is the legal owner of the Evangelical Church name and property. Please join our brothers and sisters in prayer for a fair and clear ruling so that each side can move ahead.
2. **FRANCE** | Pray that an upcoming couples' conference in France will strengthen local church members and families.
3. **JAPAN** | Pray for missionary Stephen Sakamoto and local pastor Yoshimochi Sensei as they lead a team of believers to plant a church in Saito New Town, Japan. Pray for good communication between the core team members and ask God to draw them closer together.
4. **MIDDLE EAST** | Pray for a Bible correspondence school student. When his family discovered what he was studying, they burned his lessons and his Bible. After a few months, he reported wanting to study again with a different mailing address.

PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

1. **PERU** | The Malecs have discovered new opportunities to partner with several other Bible study groups as they seek to establish a core group for a new church plant. Praise the Lord!
2. **IRELAND** | Linda Wagner recently had 86 kids come to Kids' Club! Many of them were children from the community that she didn't know. Praises that everything went well and they had the best weather Ireland has seen since 1946!
3. **MEXICO** | For some time, the Vander Meys have had three regular house church groups. One of them has two new families and is getting too large to handle in one home. Praise God!