



PRAYER FOCUS

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!

Eight years ago, TEAM missionaries in Tokyo leased the site for what would become the SonRise Cafe. The vision was to create a missional coffee shop, where people could feel welcome — and get to hear the Gospel.

But the only structure that stood there was a concrete shell.

They needed pretty much everything, from floors and ceilings to kitchen cabinets. How would they get it all done? Their time was eaten up by other ministries. And then there was the matter of funds. It was impossible for them to accomplish on their own.

That's when five men from the U.S. and Australia agreed to come for two weeks. They tirelessly volunteered their time and money to the project. And that laid foundations for a long-term ministry that is still running strong today.

SonRise Cafe has birthed a church, an orphanage ministry, a university outreach and a music ministry. **Countless people have come to know Christ — all because of one small short-term team and their supporters.**

This September, TEAM is celebrating 50 years of short-term missions trips just like this one. And we pray that God will let us send many more short-termers to the field.

WILL YOU PRAY WITH US FOR SHORT-TERM MINISTRIES ACROSS THE GLOBE? PRAY THAT THEIR HARD WORK WILL IMPACT GENERATIONS TO COME:

Sun: **ASK GOD** to give short-term teams wisdom and the right words as they share about Jesus.

Mon: **PRAY** that short-termers will be well-equipped to navigate strange cultural situations.

Tue: **PRAY** that short-term missionaries will receive good training before departing for the field.

Wed: **PRAY** that trainers of short-term teams will see the fruit of their labor through the

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success of the teams they instruct.

Thu: **PRAY** that God will continue showing short-term missionaries how they can serve Him, even after they return home.

Fri: **PRAY** that short-term ministries will find people with open hearts to support their work.

Sat: **PRAY** that entire communities will benefit from the work of short-term missionaries.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. THAILAND** | The Labor Department in Chiang Mai recently decided they will no longer provide the documents necessary for those working within Patrick and Debbie Gray's social foundation. This may affect their ability to get visas and return to the work they love. Pray that the Thai government will grant missionaries permission to continue to live and serve there.
- 2. MEXICO** | This year, El Rancho Camino had around 100 kids come to camp. Many of them were new to the Ranch. They got to learn about God through the Bible stories and the teachers' examples. Pray that the Truth was planted in their hearts.
- 3. EAST ASIA** | Two TEAM missionaries in East Asia have recently met several local believers that could become partners. Pray for them to have unity.

PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. MEXICO** | One missionary couple in Guadalajara is moving to Puerto Vallarta, where they plan to open a new community center downtown. The center will be used for developing contacts and forming relationships with people of that city. It will include a coffeeshop, an Airbnb and a variety of classes and activities. Praise God!
- 2. FRANCE** | This summer at Camp Champfleuri, the 9- to 10-year-old boys' group decided on their own to study Ezekiel during their daily rest time. Pray that they will be drawn closer to Jesus through their camp experience. And praise God that they are so hungry for the Word.
- 3. EAST ASIA** | Praise God for the recent growth of a Bible study-turned-church in an East Asian city!