



team
PRAYER FOCUS
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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!

Beatriz had grown up in a strict, Catholic home, but she always felt disgusted by the hypocrisy of her family and their church.

Now that she was on her own, studying at the University of Minho, **Beatriz was determined to stay as far away from religion as possible.** So when her friend, TEAM missionary Diane, invited her to an English and board game night inside a local church building, she hesitated.

But when Beatriz arrived at the church, she felt welcomed — and even comfortable! So comfortable, in fact, that she even decided to attend a conversational workshop the group was holding.

At the workshop, **Beatriz opened up about her harmful experiences with the Catholic Church and her fear of religion.**

For the first time, Beatriz felt the walls around her heart starting to crack.

She knew she was safe. And finally, she could start to open her heart to the goodness of who Jesus really is.

THIS MONTH, WE INVITE YOU TO PRAY WITH US FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENT MINISTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD. PRAY THAT PEOPLE LIKE BEATRIZ WILL FIND JESUS THROUGH STUDENT OUTREACHES:

Sun: **ASK GOD** to give missionaries wisdom as they mentor university students.

Mon: **PRAY** that churches will know how to encourage and anchor believing students.

Tue: **PRAY** that university students will welcome Christ-centered conversations.

Wed: **PRAY** that believing students will seek out communities of Christians who make them feel welcome and spiritually fed.

Thu: **PRAY** that missionaries will find ways to make entering a church building less intimidating for unbelievers.

TURN OVER FOR MORE REQUESTS!



Fri: **ASK GOD** to give missionaries plenty of openings to spend time on local college campuses.

Sat: **PRAY** that university students will come to know Jesus and then spread His message of hope to their peers.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. SOUTH ASIA** | More than half of the world's slaves live in South Asia. Missionaries there have started monitoring transit systems to fight against human trafficking because it attacks trafficking at the moment it occurs. They are trying to find the right partners to expand their work. Please pray the Lord will open the right doors for this expansion and guide them in their efforts.
- 2. ZIMBABWE** | Since the military takeover, imported goods into Zimbabwe have significantly decreased, including food. And rain is not as abundant this time of year as some would like. Pray that crops will survive to provide food for families. Pray that Zimbabweans will get all the nutrition they need.
- 3. GREECE** | Please pray for Musa. He is a 30-year-old Afghan believer who works full-time in Greece with Farsi-speaking immigrants. He's introducing them to the Father's love and message of salvation. Please pray for his efforts.

PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. PAKISTAN** | The Pakistani Supreme Court decided to reject the appeal of Asia Bibi's accusers and pronounce her innocent to the charge of blasphemy. After over eight years on death row, Asia Bibi is now a free Christian woman! Praise God! Pray that she will now make it safely to a place where she can join her family and restart her life.
- 2. GERMANY** | Four of our missionaries were recently in a bad car accident in Germany. After spending some time in the hospital, all four have been given medical clearance. Praise God!
- 3. JAPAN** | Atsuto became a Christian a year and a half ago, and a local church helped him find housing last summer. Then he had some issues with his roommate and eventually stopped attending church altogether. Recently, though, he's started attending again. One TEAM missionary was able to have coffee with him a few weeks ago and is confident Atsuto is back to stay. Praise God!

The names of the people you've helped may be changed to protect their privacy.