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

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For Jose, it was just another normal run around the park. He didn't know that he would end up having a conversation that would change his life and his family.

But that day at the park, Jose met members of a church plant led by TEAM missionaries Ralph and Ellen. They invited Jose and his wife, Amilia, to be a part of one of their house churches.

Soon, Jose put his faith in Christ and was baptized. Since then, he has been actively sharing his faith with everyone he meets!

The change in Jose was so apparent that his wife and two of his children decided to be baptized themselves.

Now Jose and Amilia have become leaders in the local church. They were both part of the team for a local church plant, and Jose's passion for Christ led him to start a men's Bible study in his own home. The impact of his leadership is evident through the way the men in this group respect and look up to Jose. Jose went from not knowing Christ, to only a short time later, being a leader in his church.

**THIS MONTH WE ARE PRAYING FOR MINISTRIES THAT TRAIN LOCAL CHURCH LEADERS AND MISSIONARIES. JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR MINISTRIES LIKE RALPH AND ELLEN'S THAT EQUIP PEOPLE LIKE JOSE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD**

*Sun:* **ASK GOD** to encourage future church leaders as they prepare for ministry. Pray for perseverance.

*Mon:* **PRAY** for effective training despite language and cultural differences between students and mentors.

*Tue:* **ASK GOD** to guard future leaders against temptations that come with increased authority and power.

*Wed:* **PRAY** for Bible students who are already pastoring and leading churches. Ask God to be gracious and give them wisdom with their time.

**TURN OVER FOR MORE REQUESTS!**



*Thu:* **PRAY** for leaders in training to know how to effectively disciple and train others.

*Fri:* **PRAY** for clarity as future church leaders seek God's will in their lives.

*Sat:* **PRAISE GOD** for growing ministry training programs through the leadership of local believers.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. GLOBAL** | From Peru to Zimbabwe to Nepal, the COVID-19 pandemic rages on, with travel and socialization greatly limited. In many areas, children have no way of attending school online, which means they have been without education for over a year. Please pray for the good health of missionaries and the people in their host communities. Pray for creativity as churches continue to seek ways to serve their neighbors in the name of Jesus.
- 2. SOUTH AFRICA** | Riots broke out following political protests against the conviction and imprisonment of former president Jacob Zuma. People looted and burned delivery trucks and major shopping centers across the nation. We thank God for keeping TEAM workers and their families safe. Please pray for those affected, for peace in the midst of trauma and for those in Christ to be a light to others.

#### PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. PHILIPPINES** | A missionary who serves with the Church Planting Institute writes, "We have seen lately that God is using the pandemic to make our pastors and church planters even more God-dependent and interdependent with each other. Zoom has allowed nearly all of our church planters to get together virtually on a regular basis much more than they usually would. God has also provided some amazing resources through U.S. believers to show our Filipino brothers and sisters that they have the support of the church at large. This has been a great encouragement to our workers. And borne fruit among the people they serve."
- 2. JAPAN** | TEAM missionaries have been distributing Gospel tracts and flyers to advertise English and Japanese Bible classes. Recently, police stopped TEAM worker Scott K. so they could question him and search his bulky backpack, which was full of tracts and flyers. As he was searched, Scott got the chance to share the Gospel with the police and left each one with a Gospel tract. Praise God for this opportunity, and pray that He will use it for His glory!

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