

Prayer Week Video Resources

“We do not always recognize the power our prayers can have. We won a special victory over injustice, oppression, and evil in South Africa. But that victory would have been quite out of the question without the support, the love, *and* the prayers of so many in South Africa and around the world. I often thought of the people who said they prayed every day for us, and in the middle of a restless night I would remember that someone in Arizona was praying for us and that would give me strength. Perhaps you are praying in your home for someone who is imprisoned or tortured, and your prayers enter his heart and transform his suffering—or enter the heart of his jailer. I try to pray each day for a list of those in need by name. I have not doubt that our prayers make a difference.”

~ Bishop Desmond Tutu, *God Has a Dream*, p. 108

This year’s prayer guide has an international flavour featuring MB writers & stories from around the world. For additional windows into what God is doing in these countries follow the links below:

DAY 1 – As a congregation we help support the church planting efforts of the Colombian churches, especially their outreach efforts among the indigenous Wounaan people (living along the border of **Colombia** and **Panama**). For windows into their work check out the following MB Mission videos:

- “**A Passion for Panama**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/video/a-passion-for-panama>) - Meet a dynamic couple from Colombia, Einer & Girlesa, and hear about their passion to serve the indigenous peoples of Panama.
- “**The Artisan**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/video/the-artisan>) - Giovany, a skilled carver from a remote village in Panama, tells the story about how God helped him and carved something beautiful from his life.
- “**Kalea’s Days**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/video/kalea-s-days>) – Alan and Colleen Foster’s four-year-old daughter, Kalea, is featured in this new video about her family’s life and work in the jungles of Panama.

DAY 2 – For a window into how the church is growing through ESL classes in **Japan** check out:

- “**Search For Truth**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/video/search-for-truth>) – Many people around the world are hearing the good news for the first time through missionaries who use English classes to reach out and share the gospel. Mr. Kamatani is one of these people.
- “**Who Should I Follow?**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/video/who-should-i-follow>) – Many years ago in Japan, Chiaki joined ESL classes where she learned about God and received a small Bible. During her teen years, life became complicated and difficult. Discouraged, her search for love led her to open her Bible. She was surprised by what she read...

DAY 3 – For windows into our global church in **Thailand** check out the following videos:

- “**The Cost**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/video/the-cost>) – Watch this gripping and inspiring story about a young evangelist in Southeast Asia who followed Jesus with courage and gave his life for the church in his village. Told by Bob Davis, long-term worker formerly based in Southeast Asia.
- “**The Abundant Life Home**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/video/the-abundant-life-home-2>) Watch this touching story about raising orphans in Thailand and the challenges that come as these precious young men and women begin to think about life beyond their childhood at the Abundant Life Home.

DAY 4 – For a window into our global church in **India** check out the following link:

- “**Simple Faith**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/video/simple-faith>) – Watch Shekhar share his amazing story of physical healing and the life-changing relationship with Jesus that followed.
- “**The Peace of Jesus**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/witness/spring-2018/the-peace-of-jesus>) – Read this story of how two brothers from a high cast Hindu family became ministers for Jesus.

DAY 5 – For windows into our global church in **Paraguay** check out the following links:

- “**Cars in Heaven**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/news/stories/cars-in-heaven>) – It is rare that urban indigenous churches in Paraguay find candidates who are willing to leave behind their stable jobs and the comforts of urban life to attend Bible School. But this year, the Nivacle Church in Filadelfia sent a student named Godoy to the Indian Bible Institute (IBI).
- “**God Mends**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/video/god-mends>) - As a young girl, Renate had always dreamed of having a picture-perfect marriage and family. So when her marriage ended in divorce, she felt like her world was falling apart. Listen to her story of how God carried her through.

DAY 6 – For windows into our global church in **Brazil** check out the following links:

- “**Embracing Every Opportunity**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/video/embracing-every-opportunity>) – Juliana Santana (from Brazil) encourages us to make the most of every opportunity as she tells about her experience with Disciple Making International (DMI) in the Philippines in 2016.
- “**New Beginnings**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/news/vision-for-mission/january-2018>) - I have been deeply impacted by the story of church renewal and mission coming out of the Brazil conference of MB churches in recent years. A summary of their story can be found here.

DAY 7 – For windows into our global church in Africa and around the world check out this link:

- “**Meet Claude**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/news/vision-for-mission/june-2018>) – MB Mission director Randy Friesen had spent the day with thirty-five pastors in the US unpacking together what it means at the local church level to live on One Mission. The highlight of the day for me was meeting Claude Tamba Tamba, a Congolese refugee and church planter now living in Sioux Falls. Read his story.
- “**Worship Him**” (<http://www.mbmission.org/video/worship-him>) – Catch a glimpse of what God is doing around the world. Celebrate lives being transformed by His grace and power. Worship God in the splendor of His holiness.