

March Partner Summaries

North America

- Together for the Gospel Conference is April 11-13 in Louisville, KY.
 - This year's theme is "Distinct from the World"
 - Speakers will include:
 - Thabiti Anyabwile, Matt Chandler, Mark Dever, Kevin DeYoung, Ligan Duncan, John MacArthur, CJ Mahaney, Albert Mohler, John Piper, and David Platt.
 - You can watch a livestream of the event for free at T4G.org
- Empower evangelism conference targets 18 million unsaved Texans
 - Texas is no longer considered part of the Bible belt
- The Reach Austin Initiative is an SBTC (Southern Baptist Texas Convention) campaign to share the gospel from New Braunfels to Georgetown and Bastrop to Dripping Springs
 - The Reach Austin Initiative is a strategic process to mobilize churches for the purpose of intentionally focusing on church planting and revitalization in the greater Austin area.
 - The primary outcomes are church planting and revitalization. A strategist will help develop and implement this strategy through establishing church planting centers and coordinate with existing churches to plant churches in the Austin area; advance revitalization efforts to strengthen established churches; and, enlist churches in Austin, around Texas and from across the United States to help Reach Austin.

Europe

- Zach, Carrie and Vera Wolfe, Pioneers
 - Please pray for:
 - fruitful partnerships across the world for the pioneers working in East Asia, Africa and Europe
 - disciple-making movements for college students in Southeast Asia

- Bible-storying in Southern Europe in a mostly oral culture
- Hindus on the Indonesian island of Bali are celebrating the “new year” with a day of silence, including prayer, fasting, and meditation. Ask God to draw the Balinese to Himself.
- Pioneers working in North Africa with local volunteers to craft more than 40 stories from the Bible in their dialect.
- God has opened doors for the Wolfe Family to engage with Persians in New York City. One Persian friend has stayed in regular contact with them, and shared how he, still a Muslim, loves reading and studying the bible each day and seeking God’s will for his life. Pray that God will make clear to this friend that Jesus is the only way to find peace, healing and truth.
- This week Pioneers in many places will invite friends to Easter events and services where the gospel will be shared. Please pray for boldness, sensitivity and spiritual fruit.
- Praise for:
 - 5 new believers baptized in South America a few weeks ago!
 - God has continued to give the Wolfe Family opportunities for spiritual conversations, build relationships and share the Gospel in their apartment complex.
 - Rejoice with us: Christ is risen! May we all be faithful to share this gospel we treasure!
- Stephanie McLaughlin, CRU (Campus Crusade)
 - The team is hearing, “There’s something different about you...” as they invite non-believers into community. There’s power in a group of Jesus-loving people.
 - The team is relaunching on Uni Sorbonne Nouvelle, where they will spend one month on each campus finding student leaders. They will now implement an additional strategy of going back through each campus for a month in order to help stabilize and seek out more students who could be involved with Agapé.

Asia

- ChinaAid

- Please pray for those who are under arrest for boldly proclaiming the truth in the face of lies and deceit, and for courage to continue in their faith despite persecution from the government.
- Mission India
 - The partners involved in the Karnataka Court Case have finally won their trial!
 - This has been a 9 year ordeal that is finally resolved. The partners have endured this persecution and harassment with humility. 2 of the partners even passed away during this period of trial.
 - Rinku is a 10 year old girl who grew up without a father and with a mother who didn't love her. She began attending a Children's Bible Club, where for the first time she felt loved and accepted.
 - When she received Jesus as her Savior, she discovered a deep joy and peace she'd never had before. Rinku prayed for her relationship with her mother, and it began to improve!
 - Please join Rinku in asking Jesus for the salvation of her two siblings and mother.
- The Green Family, Pioneers
 - Tim and Tawnya have been given an opportunity to have an Easter presentation in a local school.
 - This is an all school assembly that will host 600 kids. Please pray for hearts to be open as they present the Gospel.
- Wilson and Misti Echols, Act Beyond
 - God has been faithful in answering prayers that He would do exceedingly more than we can think to ask of Him in and through a new campus disciple-making accountability group that is launching.

Africa

- The Harper Family, YWAM
 - Ugandan partners have invested their time and resources into growing Moringa trees for refugees. Their ministry is called "Green ReLeaf."
 - The Harper family was able to help through offering their truck to help distribute the trees.
 - The moringa tree is sometimes described as the "miracle tree," "drumstick tree," or the "horseradish tree" as it has small, rounded leaves that are packed with an incredible amount of nutrients, such as calcium, beta carotene, vitamin C and potassium.
 - Please pray for:
 - a Special Needs teacher to join them ASAP

- Lacey as she finishes her final class at Midland College
- health for the whole family

Middle East

- Elam
 - Norouz, Persian New Year, is March 20, 2018. This holiday is very special for Middle Easterners, as it is a time of traveling to visit family, celebrating and eating great food.
 - Christians give their friends and family the gift of a New Testament during this holiday.
 - Please pray for:
 - courage for Christians as they share with loved ones over Norouz, and after.
 - hearts that are open to the Gospel
 - more Middle Easterners to encounter God as they read His Word
- Arab Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Desire and vision is to see God glorified, people reconciled, and communities restored through the Church in the Arab World.
 - Beginning to seek to make their training more accessible to the growing number of leaders who cannot leave their ministry for many year to come and study at ABTS.
 - Desire is to build on the Certificate to offer a full Bachelor in Theology that can be pursued from a distance. Goal is to launch the program in 2 years.
- LSESD (Lebanese Society for Educational & Social Development)
 - Empowering Women in the Middle East and North Africa
 - LSESD is equipping women leaders for the church.
 - Their center for children with learning differences is 100% led by women and helps mothers (and fathers) support their children through free consultations and parental guidance.
 - Their development and livelihood projects enable vulnerable women to learn a new vocation and earn money to better support their families.
 - Arabic-speaking women are growing in their faith thanks to inspiring books prefaced for them by their publishing house.