

OFBC Beacon - July 2008 (Prayer for Missions)



Sometimes the enormity of the spiritual task before us may seem overwhelming. May we be encouraged and challenged by the words of a former missionary to China: "As missionary J. O. Fraser labored with little result, he called on prayer warriors back home to intercede for the Lisu. God moved and the rest is history. The Lisu are a 'reached' people group today. 'If I am sure of anything,' Fraser wrote to his prayer supporters, 'it is that your prayers have made a very real difference in my life and service'" (Berry, 2006, p. 1). May we strive to make a difference in the lives of others this month:

- July 1:** Bobby Bailey reports "Right now, the Screven Baptist Association is preparing to host several sports camps in Summerville, Cordesville, St. George, and Holly Hill. Mission teams from various parts of the Southeast will be teaching children and teenagers the skills of basketball, soccer, baseball, and cheerleading. In addition, they will be sharing the gospel." Pray that God will use these venues to touch these young people.
- July 2:** Friends in Central Asia (CA) request prayer for their marriage and family witness in their community.
- July 3:** Pray for co-laborers in East Asia (EA), that they will be growing & abiding in Him while reaching out to others.
- July 4:** Thank God for the freedom we have to share His good news!
- July 5:** Pray for the Millers (Chile) as they continue raising support (prayer & financial).
- July 6:** Pray for many friends serving in EA and pray for strategy and wisdom on how to reach the lost in target cities.
- July 7:** Pray "that every believer will be convicted that he/she is on mission with God."
- July 8:** Pray "for the strength, time, resources & wisdom as many missionaries host short-term teams" this summer
- July 9:** Friends in CA request prayer for their children, as their friends come and go.
- July 10:** Bobby Bailey reports "Brenda Jackson (Screven Church and Community Ministries Director) will lead an Associational Mission Trip to the Carroll Street Ministry Center in Binghampton, NY July 10-18. The volunteers will lead in VBS, conduct a sports camp, do construction, and deeds of kindness"--Pray that God's light will shine!
- July 11:** Pray for co-laborers in EA, as they have opportunity to touch lives of those affected by recent natural disasters.
- July 12:** Pray for the Brewingtons as they continue serving in Georgia with Wycliffe Bible Translators.
- July 13:** Pray "for the numerous opportunities to share the Gospel in the areas of the world, including the USA, where natural disasters have occurred."
- July 14:** Pray "for the Lord's vision for OFBC to serve with the NAMB."
- July 15:** Pray "for physical, mental and spiritual preparation for those who will be serving in the mountains in EA."
- July 16:** Friends in CA request prayer and wisdom for their wisdom and guidance in leading their school.
- July 17:** Peru Team #3: Pray for travel mercies: (Team Leader: Erik Shamblin; Team Members: Mark Weaver, Cindy Bogstad, Debbie Polk, Ayana Hill, Charity Pippin). Pray that God will be open the doors hearts for a soul-harvest.
- July 18:** Peru Team #3: "Our destination is Pullo, Peru, by way of Lima, Nazca, and Chumpi. We will be continuing the work began this summer by the first two teams." Pray for God's leading & direction in their work.
- July 19:** Peru Team #3: Pray for wisdom and guidance for Erik Shamblin, as he leads this team.
- July 20:** Peru Team #3: "Our focus will be on evangelism and discipleship, while working with children a lot with our team members gifts." Pray that God will open doors and provide ministry opportunities.
- July 21:** Peru Team #3: "Pray for safety and God's Holy Spirit to encompass our lives to overflow to those precious people of the Andes Mountains."
- July 22:** Peru Team #3: Pray that the team will be an encouragement to the believers in Pullo. Also, Mason Van Tassel (Missions Coordinator) requests prayer for Nova Scotia: "July 22-24 - Sports Camp - group from PowerPlant (NAMB mission emphasis). Pray for potential of our partnering with them long term."
- July 23:** Peru Team #3: Pray for spiritual growth and wisdom for Ignacio and Pedro, persons of peace in Pullo.
- July 24:** Peru Team #3: Pray for team members from Nazca, that they will be challenged to continue His work. Pray that believers in Incuyo will have been encouraged to continue growing in Him as a result of recent team visits.
- July 25:** Peru Team #3: Pray that God's light will overcome the enemy's darkness in Peru. Pray for God's overcoming the darkness attacking believers in Incuyo: "For the Holy Spirit's wisdom to overcome persecution in Incuyo"
- July 26:** Peru Team #3: Pray for travel mercies as they return home & pray for the small church in Chumpi.
- July 27:** Recently a few local believers traveled to a northern state to assist an international community in a festival. Several different venues were used to help build relationships that may lead to conversations with eternal consequences. Pray that God will be watering & tending to any seeds that were sown during this adventure.
- July 28:** Friends in CA request prayer for their local assembly & challenges involved in society with a different worldview.
- July 29:** Mason Van Tassel requests prayer for "Journey Community Church - new start in Enfield, Nova Scotia - just north of Halifax - Church Planter Chad MacKenzie - now meeting at the home of Bob & Noreen Corkum. They are aiming for a September 13th first worship service."
- July 30:** Pray that God will continue building His army of missions' prayer warriors.
- July 31:** Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will be sending more laborers into His fields—CA, EA, Peru, and others!