



OFBC Beacon - May 2008 (Prayer for Missions)

Do we really appreciate the power of prayer? Chrysostom said, “The potency of prayer hath subdued the strength of fire; it had bridled the rage of lions, hushed anarchy to rest, extinguished wars, appeased the elements, expelled demons, burst the chains of death, expanded the gates of heaven, assuaged diseases, repelled frauds, rescued cities from destruction, stayed the sun in its course, and arrested the progress of the thunderbolt” (THE PRAYING HEART, 1989). May we be diligent in prayer as this month we remember:

- May 1:* East Asia (EA) Team: Pray that the team leader will have wisdom in planning their schedule and days.
- May 2:* EA Team: Pray for unity and His love to be visible among team members.
- May 3:* EA Team: Praise for the willingness of translators to be involved in this eternally important work.
- May 4:* EA Team: Pray that the team will be an example to the translators & have opportunities for discipleship.
- May 5:* EA Team: Pray for divine appointments and that God will prepare hearts to receive the seeds sown.
- May 6:* EA Team: Pray that the team will provide support & encouragement to any workers with whom they have contact.
- May 7:* EA Team: Pray for wisdom related to how best to quickly disciple any new believers.
- May 8:* EA Team: Pray that the team will wear their spiritual armor and be alert to & aware of attacks from the enemy.
- May 9:* EA Team: Praise for safety for workers and translators as they live in that dark environment.
- May 10:* EA Team: Praise for what God has done through the team and pray for safe travel home.
- May 11:* The Westers (South America) request “Would you commit to joining us for a Day of Prayer and Fasting on Sunday, May 11 for the Unreached Peoples of the Amazon Basin in South America .”
- May 12:* The Brewingtons (serving with Wycliffe in Georgia) report that recently “we were in Jacksonville, Fla. for a Wycliffe banquet. There were approximately 150 attendants eager to learn more about Bible translation and all the nuts & bolts that make this ministry possible around the world.” Pray that God will be calling more workers to this ministry.
- May 13:* Pray that OFBC will have increased burden for missions—national and international: praying, giving, going.
- May 14:* Praise that workers in Central Asia (CA) have been allowed to return to their field and pray for their safety.
- May 15:* The Brewingtons report “Because of your prayers our latest trip to a seminary in Jackson, Miss. we had a blessed time and a safe journey.”
- May 16:* Pray that God will be calling members to serve on teams planned for Peru this summer.
- May 17:* Pray for the planning occurring in preparation for the Screven Association trip to Binghamton, NY, in July.
- May 18:* The Millers (candidates for Chile) request “Prayer: That God would bring the right contacts for fund raising.”
- May 19:* Pray for God to be preparing people to go & serve and others to come & see at local missions work planned on John’s Island (VBS and medical clinic) in July.
- May 20:* Mason Van Tassel reports “The Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists is seeking to bring light to this spiritual darkness [Canada has lost its spiritual bearings].” Pray for the mission work planned in Nova Scotia this summer.
- May 21:* Pray for workers in CA, that they will have wisdom and guidance for working in their field.
- May 22:* The Brewingtons “praise God for His continued provision with prayer support and financial support for this ministry.”
- May 23:* Pray for more OFBC missions prayer warriors.
- May 24:* Pray for the Codys and their work in Ecuador.
- May 25:* The Millers offer “Praise: For the protection when our tire blew out on our move to PA.”
- May 26:* From a prayer card for Southeast (SE) Asia: “Pray that the gates of Achenese hearts will be opened to the love of Jesus Christ.”
- May 27:* Mason Van Tassel reports “Teams are needed to prayerwalk and scout 14 regions of Nova Scotia during the summer of 2008.” Pray that God will be calling people to go to this area in North America.
- May 28:* Pray that workers in CA will be salt and light to the people in darkness in their community.
- May 29:* Pray for the Brewingtons as “We are still short of recruitment personnel. Bill and I [Glenda] are the only recruiters covering the Southeast now.”
- May 30:* Pray that God will be leading OFBC in His future plans regarding missions, i.e., new fields of service
- May 31:* Praise that we know the end of the story: “After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’” Revelation 7:9-10 NASB