

## **ACTS13 AFRICA UPDATE**

REACHING THE UNREACHED
(WEC INTERNATIONAL)

EDITION 5

#### **MOBILISING - MENTORING - TRAINING**

# This Edition:

PRAYER IS THE MIGHTY ENGINE THAT IS TO MOVE MISSIONARY WORK.

(A.B. SIMPSON)



It is the desire of our hearts in ACTS13 that we see unreached people reached with the Gospel and for our missionary endeavors to produce fruit. We also agree that this is only possible through the power of the Holy Spirit and through fervent prayer. How can we persevere in prayer for people groups that we are serving and also for the ones we long to see saved although we have no direct contact with them? Let's remind ourselves why we pray and how we can keep the momentum going to pray for the unreached peoples in African and beyond. (*Please note the following material is only some suggested reasons why we pray and ways of how we can pray*)



### INSIGHT: Why do we pray for the Nations?

We love God and want Him to be loved in all the world: Our motivation for praying for the nations shouldn't be only obedience to the Biblical commands or compassion for the lost, but our love, passion and zeal for God. Jesus is worthy of all the glory and praise but He is not receiving the worship he deserves among the unreached peoples. We want that to change. So we pray.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind." **Luke 10:27** 

**We want to have an everlasting inheritance:** The only thing we can take with us into eternity as our inheritance is the people who come to Christ through our efforts. Praying opens the way for the unreached peoples to become our inheritance.

"Ask of me and I will surely give the nations as your inheritance." **Psalm 2:8** 

We have compassion for the lost: One day, a vast, diverse number of humans will be in heaven worshipping God. But they won't gather there automatically. Our heart breaks for what breaks God's heart and thus we want to share the Good News with those who haven't had an opportunity to experience God's forgiveness and grace. Without the evangelistic ministry of the church, souls are lost for eternity. Prayer is an integral part of that mission.

"There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." **Revelation 7:9-10** 



#### How do we pray for unbelievers?

- Pray for a spiritual breakthrough so that the people would be open to the Gospel and ready to receive Jesus as its Lord and Saviour.
- Pray for a revelation of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Redeemer of the World.
- Pray against the spiritual forces of darkness that oppose the spread of the Gospel, keep people in bondage of fear and prevent people from responding freely to Christ.
- Pray that whole families will become disciples of Jesus.
- Pray that people will be exposed to the Gospel in different ways (by means of radio, TV, Bible, Christian literature, social action etc.) and that this will draw them to Christ.



### How do we pray for local believers?

- Pray that local believers will grow rapidly in their spiritual life to become mature disciples of Christ.
- Pray for the believers to be a strong witness in their families and communities.
- Pray that the small groups of local believers among people groups would be discipled and that they in turn would make disciples.
- Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on local churches so that the believers will be filled with wisdom and boldness to proclaim the Good News.



## How do we pray for missionaries?

- Pray for more workers to sense the calling of God to be sent to work among unreached groups.
- Pray for open doors so that missionaries will be able to take the Gospel to unreached groups.
- Pray for protection, provision and anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for perseverance, patience and fruit for the labour.
- Pray for unity among the missionaries, favour before the local leaders, and divine love for people.

## PRAYER RESOURCES











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Information found in this update is from resources that the ACTS13 team has put together for helping people pray for unreached groups. You may download them for ministry use by clicking on the images .

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#### ACTS13 VISION:

'PARTNERING WITH THE CHURCH IN AFRICA IN SENDING CROSS-CULTURAL WORKERS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST AMONGST THE UNREACHED IN THE REGION AND BEYOND.'

#### ACTS13 GOAL

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