



Prayer Guide

Bangladesh

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WHAT is the challenge?	Poverty in the land	Many believers have a weak and shallow faith.	The Bengali, or Shaikh, people (240 million globally) remain the largest unreached people group in the world.
WHY the challenge?	Bangladesh has few natural resources and around 25% of the population lives below the poverty line. Floods regularly devastate the nation. The political situation offers little hope.	Lack of trained, godly leadership. Poverty limits the number of full-time ministers and theological students	Most have never heard the true gospel. Insufficient and unfruitful churches and ministries reaching out
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray for long-term transformation in this land of desperate needs.	Pray for leadership in the churches and for robust discipleship programs	Pray for more churches to send missionaries and resources to help the Bangladeshi churches. Pray for believers to trust God and be strong when faced with persecution.



Bhutan

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WHAT is the challenge?	No religious freedom. Christians are persecuted for their faith.	Disunity among the churches.	To reach out to Bhutanese youth with the Gospel.
WHY the challenge?	Bhutan is predominantly Buddhist and does not embrace other religions.	Churches tend to operate as Silos and are unable to see the wider picture that they collectively represent Christ and His Kingdom.	Many young people are on substance abuse (drugs, alcohol, etc). Church leaders do not know how to reach out to them.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray for God to open opportunities for freedom of religion and that Christianity can strive through His divine plan.	Pray for churches, pastors and believers to operate as one united Body of Christ.	Pray for God to raise more qualified Christian workers who can help these young people. Pray for God to bring revival among the Christian Bhutanese youth so that they can be the salt and light for Christ.



Cambodia

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WHAT is the challenge?	NLF, our partner, to have long-term vision, strategy and self-financing for Cambodia.	Church attendance has dropped because of the Pandemic.	To raise up more quality Church planters.
WHY the challenge?	Although many churches have been raised, many locals have not been reached & saved. NLF can be more strategic and impactful with its long term vision, mission & purpose.	It takes time for Christians to re-ignite with the local churches.	The Pandemic has reduced the opportunities to disciple quality CP workers.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray that God gives NLF the wisdom, discernment & passion for even greater effectiveness, learning from past successes.	Pray for the Christians to see opportunities in the adversity & to rise to the occasion.	Pray for the Christians to realise that the harvest is now, with more dedicated commitment to spread the gospel.



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WHAT is the challenge?	Stringent control over all religions in the political environment with persecution.	Churches & people overall have suffered much during the Pandemic and still need recovery time. It has presented both spiritual & financial challenges to the churches.	Urgency to raise up new leaders despite difficult times and that current leaders be provided with support resources for renewal and succession.
WHY the challenge?	It has slowed down church activities, growth & outreach.	Due to the prolonged pandemic lockdowns, many have lost their jobs, exhausted their savings, and unable to financially support the churches.	Due to the pandemic, many churches have limited resources to train & retain current leaders. Succession of many churches has also slowed down.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray that East Asia will be protected by God with ministry & outreach opportunities in a less controlled environment.	Pray for new hope and spiritual revival from God and that Christians will see opportunities in adversity.	Pray that God will raise new leaders with a passion for His Kingdom.



India

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WHAT is the challenge?	Religious extremism from other faiths.	Foreign funds to churches & Christian organisations in India faced control by authorities.	Religious extremists and authorities clamping down on foreign missions.
WHY the challenge?	Fanatism and aggression put lives of church planters and pastors at risk.	Our church planters and pastors are having challenges to receive funds for their mission & ministry work.	Challenges of going to India for mission trips.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray for God's protection and favor over our church planters and pastors and that members be strong in their Christian faith and witnessing.	Pray for God's protection & favor with the authorities.	Pray for God to keep the doors of opportunities open and safe travels prevail with limited hindrances.



Indonesia

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WHAT is the challenge?	Church Planters to win more souls for God amongst other faiths.	Local church planters are lacking in West Kalimantan churches.	Church Planters, who just started, to be resilient and willing to stay on in their locations.
WHY the challenge?	Many have not been reached with the Gospel.	Local churches are not missional and hence, have not reached out more.	Most of the church planting is in the villages which already has limited resources.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray for God to manifest Himself as the only 1 true God to the unsaved and that Christians are protected from persecution.	Pray for a wake-up call from God to be more missional instead of being so inward-looking.	Pray for more overseas mission teams to go out of their own comfort zones to visit and encourage the local church planters, showing that they are not alone.



Israel

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WHAT is the challenge?	Presenting the gospel to the Jews.	Discrimination of Messianic Jews.	Presenting the gospel to the Arabs.
WHY the challenge?	Jews are resistant to the gospel because of past incidents in history whereby Christians had persecuted them. There also exists misunderstanding of our Christian faith.	Messianic Jews are misunderstood because they have converted to Yeshua believers and are seen to have abandoned Judaism.	Arabs are resistant to the gospel because they see our faith as Western and that Christians are supporting the Jews in Israel.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	<p>Pray for divine opportunities to reach out to the Jews and that their hearts be open.</p> <p>Pray for Churches & GM partners to effectively reach out to the Jews.</p>	<p>Pray for God's protection and favour over Messianic Jews and that they remain firm in their faith despite discrimination.</p>	<p>Pray for our partner CJM to have divine opportunities to reach out to the Arabs.</p>



Local Missions

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WHAT is the challenge?	The foreign migrant workers are bound by their own culture & religion in a communal way. Anyone who steps out of their religion faces rejection by their community.	The long hours they work, even on Sundays, starting early at 5 am and returning to their dormitories as late as 10 pm. Hence organising sessions to meet with them is a challenge.	They are typically males while our volunteers are mostly females. This presents a gender challenge. Also communication is difficult as many are not fluent in English.
WHY the challenge?	There are risks for the foreign migrant workers to outwardly embrace our faith for fear of being ostracised. It generally takes a protracted time to win them over.	Even with food, prizes etc, the migrant workers may sign up for enrichment befriending sessions but fail to turn up eventually due to heavy work commitments or other reasons.	This impacts direct evangelization. Relying on our overseas mission partners to share through pre-recorded messages in foreign languages is not the best option, especially when it comes to “Altar Call” response.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in having creative ways & methods, through signs and wonders to present the gospel to combat group collectivism & rejection.	Pray for opportunities to reach out to foreign migrant workers in the same industry or living in the same dormitory.	Pray for God to send like-minded volunteers who can translate and relate with the foreign migrant workers in their local languages.



Malaysia

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WHAT is the challenge?	Lack of Christian workers in small towns and in Johor Bahru.	Christians comfortable in their faith.	Church planting movement has stagnated.
WHY the challenge?	Many young people look for opportunities in bigger cities like Kuala Lumpur and Penang. Some even leave to work in Singapore. This becomes a problem for churches in renewal and succession of Christian leaders.	Christianity is not growing.	There are many new districts and precincts starting up in different parts of Malaysia with not enough churches.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray for Churches to raise more godly and zealous leaders.	Pray for Malaysian Christians to boldly reach out to their neighbours, friends, and loved ones.	Pray for more Malaysia churches to have a heart to plant more churches across Malaysia.



Myanmar

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WHAT is the challenge?	Unable to travel to Myanmar for missions.	Difficult to find teachers for the Online Teach English classes.	Difficult to connect with the Burmese migrant workers at STL.
WHY the challenge?	Political situation in Myanmar is still unstable.	A challenge for Gracians to commit to teach English on a weekly basis.	Due to PDPA issue, getting their contact numbers directly is a challenge.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray for more opportunities in reverse missions by reaching out to more Burmese in Singapore through our English Program for local Burmese domestic helpers & the Local Missions (Burmese) at STL.	Pray that God will raise up more Gracians to commit their time to reach out to Burmese youth through the Online Teach English classes.	Pray that God will move the supervisors at STL to allow us more accessibility in their STL facilities.



Nepal

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WHAT is the challenge?	New political landscape after the 22 Nov 2022. National elections poses a challenge.	Church income has been affected due to job loss during the Pandemic.	Young people leaving for overseas work or studies and not returning to Nepal after that.
WHY the challenge?	New political landscape is more Maoist with some countries not taking it well. This may lead to political instability.	This poses challenges to expanded evangelisation as churches are struggling with their funds already.	This has left a vacuum for the churches in terms of capable leadership & succession.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray for political stability so that the churches will continue to grow.	Pray for church members to be generous in their giving to God's work and for God's leading to specific areas to pioneer and plant new ministries.	Pray for God to stir in the hearts of the young people to return to serve their country and that they can be the future church leaders.



Philippines

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WHAT is the challenge?	Building for the planned worship service in 2023 for HGFC in T area.	Salvation of the children's family members especially their parents.	Some traditional churches are stopping the children from attending our activities.
WHY the challenge?	Budget to purchase the lot for the building.	Most of the parents are in farming and have challenges to provide for their daily needs. Hence that has been their main focus instead of their own salvation.	As a result, those children who love to join and willing to know more about God have stopped attending.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray to God to raise the budget for the lot so they can start building a church.	Pray for their regular visitations to our church activities and ready means of transportation being provided for them.	Pray for God's protections and defeat of the enemy in stopping them from learning and knowing God.



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WHAT is the challenge?	Sri Lanka is currently going through the deepest financial crisis in its history	Many rural churches usually grow to about 100 + members only. Thereafter they stop growing. A breakthrough of 250+ members is a challenge	To unite the hundred of Churches Grace Missions planted, spur them to rise to the next level where they can start to plant and support their own new churches.
WHY the challenge?	Prices of daily necessities have gone up exponentially and many have lost their income. There are also fuel shortages and daily power cuts. Church attendance was impacted due to fuel shortages and people find it tough to travel.	Many church planters seem to be unable to push-pass the barrier of 100+ members due to self-limitation. They tend to follow the other churches with that kind of size.	Although the existing churches are aware of the need to be fruitful and multiply, due to limited resources, it is tough for individual churches to start and support new churches by themselves.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray that aid from the IMF will be disbursed effectively. Pray also for political stability. For years, Sri Lanka has been plagued with political infighting.	Pray that God will raise up some of the rural churches as examples to grow exceptionally well, and to inspire and challenge others to be bold to follow suit. May there be a spiritual spark to ignite spiritual slumber of complacency.	Pray for God's wisdom to be upon GM's Country Director for Sri Lanka, to be able to ignite the passion among the churches and unite them, to spur them to the next level of church growth.



Thailand

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WHAT is the challenge?	While Thailand means “land of the free”, many are still in sin bondages	Thai Christians remain around 1% of the population, even after 400 years of missionary work.	Uncertainties of visa application/ approval of missions workers supported by GM.
WHY the challenge?	Many are addicted to drugs, alcohol, gambling, and sex.	Lack of Thai leadership in the churches is one key reason for slow church growth.	It takes significant time, paperwork, and connections in order to apply for religious or related visas successfully.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray for the light of Christ to shine on the Thais and that more will be saved and be free from sin bondages of vices & addictions.	Pray for a national prayer network, leadership development, enhanced evangelism etc. to be effective & successful.	Pray for favour from reviewing and approving authorities for religious and long-term visas to be approved.



Vietnam

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WHAT is the challenge?	Our partners: Many members and even Church Planters are farmers in rural areas where economic conditions are challenging.	Church Planters in rural areas usually do not receive enough offerings for their churches to continue.	Persecution of Christians, especially in rural areas, still exists.
WHY the challenge?	Lack of resources to support the local churches and ministries. Some churches lack basic facilities like a conducive building for worship, or amenities like toilets and running water. Often foreign church planting support does not filter to the rural local churches as accessibility is difficult.	People are poor and give very little offerings. Hence, it is very hard for the Church Planters to continue the church in the long run.	Christianity is misunderstood as an undesirable western influence that is counter to local beliefs and practices. Political environment often exerts tight control of local church activities. As such, foreigners must be inconspicuous when visiting local churches.
HOW to mitigate the challenge?	Pray that GM be endowed with wisdom on which projects to support that will accelerate the expansion of God's kingdom in rural Vietnam.	Pray for good business ideas that the Church Planters can carry out so that they will be able to sustain their churches with the support from GM.	Pray that Churches will find favor among the authorities and able to hold events in the community that are not only helpful to community, but that will point people to Christ.

