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A CALL TO PRAYER

We are truly thankful for all the churches and individuals who support us financially but we are even more blessed by those who regularly pray for our work and for



the people of Japan. Your prayers are powerful! So, in this article we would like to make everyone aware of the great need to pray for Buddhists in Asia Pacific and around the world.

When we say Buddhist we are not merely talking about "card carrying" Buddhist practitioners but anyone who lives with a Buddhist worldview. By Buddhist worldview we mean that their perception of life and death, heaven and hell, sin and shame, marriage and family — all of these things are understood through a Buddhist filter. For example in Japan the common stats say that 35 million people would call themselves Buddhists but in reality nearly the entire population of 127 million people live with a Buddhist worldview. With this understanding we can see that the number of people around that world that live with a Buddhist worldview are well over a billion!

We would like to introduce you to Change The Map (CTM) becuase we feel that it is the best way to pray strategically for Buddhist people. CTM is a movement to raise up an army of prayer warriors to change the landscape (the map) of the Buddhist majority world. We want to see those trapped in darkness to see the light. That is why the CTM logo that you see above is of the light of the sun (the Gospel of Jesus Christ) shining upon a lotus blossom (the universal symbol of Buddhism).

By receiving the CTM prayer email you can have clear direction on how to pray for people around the world who live with a Buddhist worldview. To start receiving these emails, please visit www.ctm.world and signup.

CONTACT US NOW TO SCHEDULE!

We are currently itinerating. This means that we are hoping to reconnect with as many churches as possible. If you are interested in having us share in a worship service, youth service, children's church, small group, missions convention, missions committee meeting etc. please contact us as soon as possible. The calendar is

filling up. Please use any of the following methods to contact us.

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CURRENT PRAYER NEEDS

1)To quickly raise our budget increase of \$1.500.
2) More people to be called as missionaries to Japan.
3) Safe travel as we visit various churches in the US.
4) Direction for new ministry opportunity in our next term..



Downtime at the beach (†) and riding a camel at the Creation Museum (↓)



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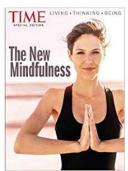
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(cont') The CTM website also provides lots of great information about Buddhism itself, resources for sharing the gospel with people from a Buddhist background, informative media and real testimonies about people who have come to know Christ out of a Buddhist worldview.

Another role of CTM is to make Americans aware of the increasing number of Buddhists who are living in the US. These could be immigrants from a Buddhist majority country or could be someone who has started following Buddhists precepts. Many Americans, including celebrities, are dabbling in yoga, mediation, mindfulness etc not even knowing the dangers that they pose. As followers of Jesus Christ we must be aware of the



Buddhist influences are growing in the US

enemy's schemes while at the same time reaching out in love to those around us. Let's pray for all people locked in a Buddhist worldview to come to know Christ. If you would like us to share in more detail about CTM with your church, intercessor group, missions team or small group fell free to contact us.

PRAYING FOR JAPAN

As we just shared in the article above, we hope that everyone begins praying for Buddhists in every area of the world but we also covet your prayers that are offered specifically for the Japanese. Sometimes when people are asked to pray they are stymied by a lack of how to pray.

In order to be well informed as you pray, please take a moment to check out Movingworks-Pray: Japan. This media rich resource will help you to better understand how to pray for the Japanese.

This website offers a helpful prayer guide for both individuals or groups. Pray on your own or try using it with your church small group or missions team. Just visit www.movingworks.org/prayjapan to get started.



TOGETHER 2019

For the first time in 105 years all of the Assemblies God World missionaries were called to meet in August for "Together 2019". This was a wonderful chance for us to RENEW, REFOCUS and RECOMMIT to the call that the Lord has given us as a missionary family. While God has done great things there is still so much more that needs to be done.



Together 2019 group photo

The gathering was a wonderful time of refreshing and renewal. We saw old friends who we had not seen for years and formed new relationships with fellow colleagues. We walked away from this time knowing that we are loved by our leadership and that together, God can use us to reach the world.

Please pray for the 1,500 adult missionaries and the 700 missionary kids that attended. We need God's provision everyday as we serve the Lord in various areas of the world.

