



**June 2010**

I'm ashamed to admit that on occasion, I've tried it with and without. Without it, my efforts were laborious and I would struggle. It felt as though I was stuck in the mud sensing in my spirit a blockage. The result? Not very effective, no clarity, and not much fruit.

But with it there's a liberty. It's as if someone goes ahead and removes all the obstacles and distractions for me. Ministry becomes more effective. There is now a supernatural element in the equation...and even the results are beyond this world.

I'm speaking of prayer. I've learned my lesson. Prayer is a priority. I pray and I ask many people to pray for me. I don't want to minister without first spending time with God and being saturated with His Presence. I have felt the power released through the prayers of people like you. Recently, during ministry in Madagascar, I experienced once again the value of prayer. With thousands of people praying for a great move of God, He heard. The way was made clear, people encountered God, and lives were changed. All because someone was praying.

The people of Africa, and those associated with them need our prayers. The only way that continent will be won to Christ is if we pray. No strategy, no event, no demonstration of organizational skills alone will be effective in rescuing people from sin's control. We must pray.

Ken Krucker

June 1-5 Pray for...

**Zimbabwe**

For well over a decade, Zimbabwe has been thrust into political turmoil. With economic instability exasperated by a mind boggling inflation rate, the country adopted the US dollar as its local currency hoping to bring a sense of fiscal stability. Faced with such economic hardship, millions of Zimbabweans have fled to neighboring South Africa and other countries around the world.

Yet despite the hardships, the church presses on. Local assemblies are focusing on God's mission and offering hope to many who have become disillusioned. Ministry Institutes and Holy Spirit conferences have been held across the country in an effort to encourage and strengthen pastors.

- Please pray for peace in Zimbabwe and continued freedom to minister throughout the land.
- Pray God will raise up dedicated pastors and church leaders.
- Pray for the necessary finances to complete the construction of the International Church and General Council headquarters.

*Father in Heaven, You have seen the suffering and heard the cries of the people in Zimbabwe. You have seen the faithfulness of Your own. We ask for Your peace to prevail in their lives. Keep Your people focused on Your purposes and bless them. Fill them with Your Holy Spirit and meet their every need.*

*Amen!*

June 6-12 Pray for...

**“Sensitive Country”**

A nation with a population of 3.1 million people, reported to be 100% Muslim. No doubt it is one of the most difficult and dangerous places on the continent, and at the same time, one of the neediest. Our driving force to reach this land is based on one of His promises, that every tongue and tribe will be represented around His throne.

He is building His church in this sensitive country, but it probably doesn't resemble anything you are used to. Not a lot of freedom to publicly express a love for Jesus. Not much liberty to worship for sins forgiven. But nevertheless, the cries are heard, the conversions are genuine, and the price paid is costly.

- Pray that Muslims who come to Christ will share their new found faith with their Muslim friends.
- Pray for Christian workers to be protected from the sharp rise in terrorist activity against foreigners and Christian Westerners.
- Pray that sub-Sahara Christians would send workers to Northern Africa.
- Pray that translation work on the local Arabic dialect of the New Testament would be completed and distributed.

*Almighty God, pour out Your Spirit upon this land. Open blind eyes to the reality of Your love and may all people, young and old alike, see that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.*

*Amen!*

June 13-19 Pray for...

**Chad**

These are important days for the work of the Assemblies of God in Chad. The Bible school is functioning and will be completing its first year of coursework. This is exciting news since the school has been closed for almost ten years. There is increased understanding of the important role that training will play in fulfilling God's plan to reach all people groups in Chad, including the Muslims in the North.

- Pray that the students who are currently studying at the Bible school will do well in their studies and that they will minister with increased effectiveness.
- Pray for the national church leadership to maintain a clear vision for the Bible school with the mission of God as its central focus.
- Pray for the necessary finances to be secured for further development on the Bible school campus.
- Pray for more laborers to minister throughout the country of Chad.
- Pray for an increased burden to reach the strong Muslim population in the north.

*Lord, for so many years the Chadian church has suffered. Please grant them a season of refreshment. Once again, surprise Your children with the greatness of Your power, and with an outpouring of Your love and forgiveness. May this be a time of advancement for Your people as they purpose to fulfill Your mission.*

*Amen!*

June 20-26 Pray for...

## Mauritius

Mauritius has experienced one of the strongest church growth rates in the Africa region over the last two decades, with the Assemblies of God being the largest protestant denomination on the island. The Assemblies of God has 142 churches strategically placed to reach the population of 1.2 million people. The General Superintendent of the church attributes the strong growth to the Pentecostal experience, with signs and wonders following.

The church's passion and unequivocal commitment to evangelism has fueled a revival that has seen thousands of souls come to Christ, with a large percentage of these converts coming from a Hindu background. This is great news for the Kingdom of God, but has caused conflict with the local government because they do not like to see so many Hindus coming to faith in Christ.

- Pray that the church will be recognized by the government as a church rather than an association.
- Pray for even greater vision for church planting and evangelism.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's empowerment upon all people.

*Lord we pray for the leaders of the church in Mauritius to lead with Your strength as they depend on the power of Your Spirit. Give the church courage to stand firm against all opposition. May each person experience Your Presence in a special way.*

*Amen!*

June 27-30 Pray for...

## Africa Tabernacle Evangelism

Tabernacle Evangelism is a ministry that partners with USA churches and individuals to build church buildings (tabernacles) for needy congregations throughout Africa. Historically, when a local assembly has their own building to worship in, their attendance increases. At present, there are requests for more than 5,000 churches to be erected across the continent! We hope to fulfill each request as quickly as possible to assist the local congregation in bringing more people into the Kingdom.

- Pray that as these churches wait for assistance they remain encouraged and strong in the Lord.
- Pray that they will continue to sacrifice as they assume responsibility in the church construction process.
- Pray that churches and individuals in the USA will catch the vision to partner with ATE to meet the tabernacle needs of Africa.
- Pray for wisdom and the leading of the Holy Spirit so that this ministry will be utilized to its full potential.

*God, we pray for the many churches in Africa that do not have adequate resources to construct a church building on their own. Give them great faith as they look to You to supply what is needed. May there be an attitude of partnership, sacrifice and generosity between the American and African church. Use Africa Tabernacle Evangelism in a unique way to build Your Church across the African continent.*

*Amen!*

## Thank you for praying!

- We thank God for what He did during three "Acts 1:8 Conferences" held in Madagascar in April. These conferences were conducted by the Acts in Africa Initiative in cooperation with the Madagascar Assemblies of God (MAG). During the conferences, the Lord graciously poured out His Spirit again and again on more than 2000 pastors and church leaders in attendance. Hundreds were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Bold commitments were made by the MAG to evangelize the lost, plant new churches, and reach the unreached tribes of Madagascar with the gospel.

## More prayer needed:

- We desperately need an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in every nation across the continent. Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring comfort, conviction, His gifts in operation, and His empowerment to fulfill the command of our Lord.
- Pray that our national church leadership teams, along with every missionary, will encounter God in ways that declare His omnipotence.
- Pray that all those associated with the church in Africa will have a fresh awareness of the imminent return of Jesus Christ, our King of kings and Lord of lords!