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I love the words of this poem, entitled "Another year is Dawning." I'm not sure who the author is, but it reflects the heart of our prayers:

"Another year is dawning!
Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, Another year of praise
Another year of proving Thy Presence all the day.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face; Another year of service, of witness for Thy love. Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be, on earth or else in heaven, another year for Thee."

Dear Heavenly Father,

In Your mercy hear our prayer requests on behalf of Côte d'Ivoire at the dawn of this New Year as we commit "another year of service for holier work above" and all the LP global outreaches to You in prayer for 2017: Your Word says, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3

1. Jan. 22-Feb. 1: Gary Losey and Tim Innes have meetings in Yamoussoukro with the leaders to share vision and begin laying foundation for the Festival Nov. 10-12: "Unless the Lord builds the house, it's builders labor in vain." Psalm 127:1

Lord, we pray You build and lay the foundation for this outreach and Festival. Give Gary and Tim Your vision, wisdom and insight during these upcoming meetings: "Then the Lord replied: Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it." Habakkuk 2:2

2. Praying for Divine appointments (Jan. 22-Feb. 1st) to link all of the senior leaders and for an amazing excitement and vision from the very outset!

Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened."

"I have told you this that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15:11
"Joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

3. Prayer for Abidjan leaders, Samuel Ntcho and Apolinaire Gboagnon joining Tim and Gary in Yamoussoukro. They represent the senior leaders who have extended the invitation and will open the doors: "I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name." Rev. 3:8

Thank You, Lord for Your favor and for Samuel and Apolinaire's leadership and invitation: Bless them, Lord! "May Your deeds be shown to Your servants, Your splendor to their children. May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us." Psalm 90:16, 17

4. Wisdom in all of the plans and for the budget, which is smaller for the year. Pray for Gary and Tim as they meet in Portland this month seeking God's plan and guidance: "Since You are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me." Psalm 31:3

Gary and Tim: "The Lord will guide you always; He will strengthen your frame; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail." Isaiah 58:11

"And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

5. Pray for unity in the church of Yamoussoukro: "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! For there the Lord bestows His blessing, even life forevermore." Psalm 133:1,3b

6. Prayer for the staffing of the local office in Côte d'Ivoire. Praise God that Henry from the local office in Malawi will be working with them this year. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel and watch over you." Psalm 32:8

7. Jan 20th: prayer on behalf of interviews in the UK for another leader who will join the team this year: "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinth. 9:8

8. Prayer for NGA partners teaming up to do one city together. Wisdom to discern the right team and the right city to target. Praise God for Richard Hamlet's enthusiasm and financial commitment to lead the way with NGA partners: "A generous man will himself be blessed." Psalm 22:9a

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" Isaiah 30:21

9. Prayer for God's hedge of protection and travel mercies for Andrew, Tim, Gary (Team Africa) in all plans and preparations: "Spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your

Name may rejoice in You. For surely, O Lord, You bless the righteous; You surround them with Your favor as with a shield." Psalm 5:11b, 12

10. NEW YEAR'S BLESSINGS TO ALL OUR FAITHFUL PRAYER WARRIORS! "May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the Name of our God." Psalm 20:4-5

Standing in the gap for Africa with our love and prayers,

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"O Lord, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of this Your servant and to the prayer of Your servants who delight in revering Your Name." Nehemiah 1:11

For it is in the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.