SPRING 2022



# AFRICA

## **PRAISES:**

- In January, we asked you to pray for a schedule conflict with another major ministry in Ghana. While God didn't answer in the way we expected He definitely did answer. We felt the Lord's leading that we needed to temporarily step aside. It was painful after so much expended effort, but as we turned our attention to Nairobi (2023) we realized how much we needed the extra time of preparation for this huge city which is in many ways the crossroads of Africa.
- We had a very warm welcome to Nairobi two weeks ago and the Lord blessed us with full support and enthusiasm from the major church umbrella groups as well as the heads of the major denominations from Anglican to Pentecostal to Baptist, they are all on board!

- Pray for wisdom and creative thinking as the Africa Team now puts a new focus on the festival in Cairo this coming October. Pray that we will be able to add an outreach for women and an outreach for business and civic leaders which we have not done before with our great partner in Cairo, Kasr El-Dobara Evangelical Church.
- Pray for this vibrant church and their Pastor Sameh Maurice as COVID has damaged the economy and they are dealing with rapidly rising inflation which makes their ambitious ministry efforts much harder to accomplish.
- Pray for our entire Africa Team as we commence regular travel to Nairobi and for David Chigamba and Randy Burtis as they go to Cairo in two weeks.

# ASIA

### **PRAISES:**

• Love Karachi Prayer Festival: Through this effort, God lead more than 26,830 people in indicated decisions for Christ! 68,000 people were reached in person throughout the entire campaign.

- Pray for the people of Shanghai as they have cracked down due to another COVID outbreak.
- Pray for wisdom as we see what ministry opportunities we will have for this year in China.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

#### **PRAISES:**

- Dates for CT CityFest have been confirmed: August 27 & 28.
- We had over 300 Pastors and Leaders in attendance at our Pastors and Leaders Conference.
- Over 1,400 people attended RE:NEW in person and 300 joined us online. Over 675 Prayer Cards were filled out and we had over 175 churches represented.

- CT CityFest: We are 4 months away from the festival. Please pray for all the details and training. Pray for the remaining \$500k that needs to be raised. Pray for the local team, Jesse, Melissa, Megan, Dan, and Fred.
- Austin: We are doing an outreach next March in conjunction with SxSW. Pray for favor and guidance.
- Klamath Falls: They are looking at having their official launch at the end of this summer. Pray for their team and wisdom as we lead.
- Pray for future potential cities: Boston, Ft. Myers, Providence, Alabama.
- Pray for the festival department team.

## EUROPE

#### **PRAISES:**

- We are grateful for the synergy of our team despite working remotely, and the opportunities we have had to meet up this year—primarily, during our time in the US, but also in Manchester.
- We held Festival Manchester's RE:NEW event at the beginning of April and over 800 Christians in the local area came together. From the response we have received, we're really encouraged and excited about what is to come.
- The design and production of the Exploring Evangelism pack is progressing well into quite a strong and useful resource.

- Festival Manchester will take place in just under 3 months so please pray for a huge response to the Gospel. We are believing for a ripple effect across the nation.
- Please pray for the delegation of UK city leaders coming to Manchester in the summer to explore the possibility of working with us in the future.
- At the RE:NEW event in April we launched our appeal for 3000 volunteers to come forward—please pray that the right people would be prompted and that as a team, we would allocate the right people to the right tasks.
- Discussions are continuing around the possibility of future festivals in the Isle of Man and the Southwest, and potentially several cities in Europe.
- Please pray for the Evangelist Summit to be held in Manchester later this year, as well as the Talking Jesus Research that launches in a couple of weeks, that both would accelerate and elevate evangelism across the UK/Europe.
- The Exploring Evangelism Resource pack is near completion that we hope will support Unity Groups across UK cities, but then lead into 10 cities exploring E-Teams across Europe over the next year. Please pray that the production and use of this resource are God-empowered.

# LATIN AMERICA

### **PRAISES:**

- Last month we returned from Costa Rica with Andrew Palau. We had an amazing time with pastors and leaders launching what will be the festival next year. Andrew preached in a semi-virtual event where hundreds received the Lord.
- We've just concluded 8 pastors and leaders meetings in 8 different zones of greater Buenos Aires. In these meetings, people signed up for the festival and received a word of comfort and encouragement.
- We've just confirmed some great artists for the BA Festival. One of them, Rodrigo Tapari, has just accepted Christ and is sharing his faith everywhere. He is a very well-known artist in the secular world with his popular music.

- CID Talks ("Design Inspired Conversations") with influencers is coming this June. Please pray the event will be a huge success to equip many young evangelists with this new strategy.
- Please continue to pray for the BA festival in general (committees, leadership, contracts, dates, church mobilization, etc.). It is going to be huge, and BA is a complex city.
- Protection for the Latin team as they travel to Costa Rica, Buenos Aires, and Spain to address all they are doing.

# **CITY GOSPEL MOVEMENTS**

### **PRAISES:**

- For the many new resources that have been created (along with the communications team) this quarter that are already proving helpful to City Gospel Movements across North America.
- For the 35 pastors who attended the TogetherPDX (local CGM) retreat in February—that they would continue to be encouraged and refreshed in their service.
- For the 200+ pastors (representing 120 churches) who attended the Rise events in March/April. Pray that they would be encouraged to boldly share the Gospel from the stage every Sunday and that they would find encouragement among one another.
- For the webinar with Steiger International, which went smoothly and was a useful and inspiring conversation that continues to yield fruit.
- For two successful Learning Labs, where Evangelism Teams from across North America gather and learn from one another.
- For ongoing conversations with new cities who are feeling a pull towards greater evangelistic intentionality within their City Gospel Movements.
- For Kaedyn Lashway's healthy baby boy, Malakai, who joined their family in February.

- For our upcoming webinar (with GNE and HWG) on digital evangelism—that the Lord would lead us to the right panelists, and that the information we present is clear and helpful.
- For the upcoming in-person Evangelism Team Lab in October. We are praying it's a rich time of connection, learning, and collaboration with E-Teams from across North America.
- For our ongoing conversations with cities who are exploring the fit of an Evangelism Team.
- For the May 19th Lunch with all TogetherPDX teams, for them to feel appreciated, connected, and encouraged.
- For God to continue to inspire people across North America for collaborative evangelism so we could see our goal of 10 more Evangelism Teams come to fruition this year.
- For the CGM team to equip 50 city movements this year in collaborative evangelism through media, print resources, and relationships.

# **GLOBAL NETWORK OF EVANGELISTS**

### **PRAISES:**

- Praises for the evangelism training in DRC, Cote d'Ivoire, and Chad where hundreds of evangelists were equipped and encouraged.
- In early April, GNE celebrated adding our 1000th member to the network. Our members are in 67 nations and our fastest-growing demographic is evangelists under 40!
- In March, GNE and The Message Trust equipped close to 2000 leaders in 6 cities in Brazil: Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Piracicaba, Curitiba, Londrina, and Maringa.
- Praise God for the English release of the 3-year Advance Group Mentoring guide for English speakers.
- Manchester UK Praise & Prayer event in April, in preparation for Festival Manchester in July. We had around 800 people present. Andrew Palau attended and spoke passionately.
- A great Advance Conference in Armenia: 154 attending and over 20 evangelists signed up to join GNE Armenia.
- 9 humanitarian transports with food and essential supplies to 3 refugee centers in Ukraine.
- Over 50 refugees transported, hosted, and fed directly in Romania since the war started.
- Praising God for how the team is coming together in Kenya.
- Praise for Cuba and recent Advance study participants' completions.
- Praise for Cote d'Ivoire and Angel, our GNE evangelist in San Pedro.
- Praising God for the opportunities to engage with Zambia leaders and Ps Networks.
- Praising God for more and more countries opening up.
- Praising God for holy week and the Easter season.

- Please pray for our upcoming Regional Connect gatherings in the US. Pray specifically for the planning and that many will be blessed by coming together in person. Gatherings are planned for South Dakota, Texas, Oregon, Illinois, and Connecticut.
- Translation of the 3-year Advance Group Mentoring Guide into 18 languages.
- GNE is working with African Enterprise and a number of member evangelists on the collaborative outreach Reach Mombasa 2022 that is occurring in June in Mombasa, Kenya. Pray for planning, logistics, and for the member evangelists who are participating.
- Please pray for all the final preparations as we draw nearer to Festival Manchester UK, 1-3 July 2022.
- Pray for the Advance Conference in Romania in May 2022—pray many evangelists attend and for relationships and collaborations to develop.

- Mission to Seville, Spain with GNE Evangelist Fane Conant: pray many come to Christ and pray anointing over Fane as he shares the Gospel at 5 evangelistic events over the weekend 13-16 May 2022
- Pray for the health and safety of the team members as we travel and for our families.
- Pray for the start of Advance Groups in our various regions.
- Pray for unity between churches, NPO, NGOs, and parachurch organizations.
- Please pray for friends in Ukraine and for Daniel Rus as he continues to reach out.
- Pray for the school assemblies in South Dakota and the conflict to be resolved. Pray against the spiritual attacks.
- Please pray for provision and protection for all GNE members and their ministries.

## **DIGITAL EVANGELISM**

### **PRAISES:**

- Ongoing Impact—So far this year through our digital evangelism in English and Spanish...
  - Over 210 million people reached with Gospel ads,
  - 3.8 million Gospel presentation views,
  - And 690,642 indicated decisions for Christ.
- Light Your World Digital Event/Campaign (Dec/Jan):
  - 43 million people reached with gospel ads worldwide.
  - 1.9 million people clicked on an ad to read the full Gospel presentation.
  - 245,609 people indicated a decision for Christ.
- Made New Discipleship Series launches:
  - Over 80,000 enrolled in the series and downloaded the e-book.
  - Working on YouVersion audio devotional and print versions of the book.
- Digital Outreach in Pakistan (in collaboration with live festival):
  - 3 million people reached through digital ads.
  - 1,877 indicated decisions for Christ.
- Hope with God Radio—plus podcast, website, and social videos have launched.

- Special Campaigns—Please pray for these special upcoming Gospel campaigns, that many people would be reached and that the team would work in the grace of God through all of these many projects:
  - A Better Day—5 Gospel videos with Andrew and Wendy Palau, running now for the next 3 months.
  - Be Known—a women's digital evangelism campaign with Wendy Palau.
  - Fully Alive—coming this late fall/winter.
  - SW Connecticut CityFest digital campaign—we are saturating the region with the Gospel and engaging local churches in digital follow-up through a new technology platform partnership.
  - Manchester UK digital campaign.
  - Argentina digital campaign.
- Spanish Expansion—the Latin team and digital team are coordinating together for a massive expansion of Si Hay Esperanza. It has been in the works for about 6 months. Pray for a fruitful launch and sustainable rhythms.
- Technology—Please pray for protection and clear communication between all of the various technologies we use for digital evangelism—from creative software to digital ad platforms, analytics reporting, web hosting, and social media/email follow-up. Please pray for grace over every step in this process.
- Diversification of Platforms—Please pray for the team as we explore branching out into more ad platforms to reach more people. Pray for the Lord's grace and wisdom as we trust Him on the timing of new strategies.

- For Gospel Visitors—Please pray for God's Spirit to move as (on average) 15,000 people per day visit one of our Gospel presentations to read the Good News. Some plant, some water, but God brings in the harvest; pray that all who are ready will commit their lives to Christ and experience His presence as they pray from wherever they are.
- For Decision-Makers—Please pray for decision-makers to take the next steps to receive digital discipleship and to get planted in a local church. Let's pray for protection over them and their decision—that nothing would derail them or discourage them from following Christ.
- For Our Team—Please pray for God's guidance, favor, and grace as we strategically grow our digital evangelism team. May we be more fruitful and strengthened as we serve together!