**WINTER 2023** 



# AFRICA

## **PRAISES:**

- Nairobi, Kenya This past week our entire team was in Nairobi as we got the keys to our new festival office and did training and fellowshipped with our new staff (still two more to hire).
- Nairobi, Kenya Made contact through an unexpected source with a large network of prominent Christian business people who are eager to help us reach their peers with the gospel.
- Lusaka, Zambia Met with the General Superintendents and Executive Directors of the Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia (EFZ) and the Council of Churches of Zambia (CCZ) who unanimously and enthusiastically agreed to jointly invite us to bring an Andrew Palau festival to the capital city of Lusaka in 2034. They represent 75% of the churches of Zambia (PRAYER NOTE BELOW)
- Our own David Chigamba was just elected to serve as the Presiding Bishop of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Malawi.

- Lusaka, Zambia Now that the executive officers of the two largest umbrella groups in Zambia have agreed to invite us to bring a festival there, they will be presenting this for ratification to their boards. Please pray that the votes will take place in the next two weeks and that the response of the members will be as strong as their leaders.
- Nairobi, Kenya Pray for Benson Omondi, the festival coordinator of the Love Nairobi Festival who lost his father recently. Not only for the loss of his father, but also the tremendous amount of responsibility on his shoulders in African culture. Our new staff and several festival committees are gearing up for the official launch of the Love Nairobi Festival on March 7. Andrew will be there in person to speak to what we hope is a crowd of 1,500 pastors and ministry leaders. <u>Pray</u> for good attendance and enthusiastic participation going forward from these men of God. <u>Pray</u> for a meeting with Christian Parliament members that is being planned, and <u>Please Pray</u> for a fire of expectation and excitement to ignite in the hearts of pastors and Christian leaders for many people to come to Christ through this festival.

# ASIA

### **PRAISES:**

• For the first time in 3 years the people of China can celebrate the Lunar New Year freely without lockdowns and there is increasing freedom of travel to and within China.

- Pray for continued grace on the Church in China as they navigate this new season now that some lockdowns have lifted.
- Pray for wisdom as we navigate the situation there and see how best to serve and find new ways of sharing the Gospel.
- Please pray that doors would open to us and we will be able to travel there once again.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

- Greater Klamath Falls CityFest Next week we will be holding a women's committee gathering, a fundraising event, a pastor's gathering, and Re:New! Please pray that that the people of Klamath Falls are encouraged and excited to invite their friends to the festival and affinity events May 24-27.
- By invitation of the local Churches we are partnering to bring SXSW Sunday Service as an official SXSW event in Austin on March 11-12. This is a first of its kind and in the middle of this very creative and secular melting pot we will be targeting both a local Austin audience plus the thousands of attendees from around the world. The Sunday Service will include a fusion of legendary Stubb's BBQ, Technology focus with a Key-Note from our good Friend Pat Gelsinger (CEO of Intel), Live Music with Lecrae, and Andrew sharing the Gospel at one of two SXSW Sunday Service showtimes.
  - Please pray for this outreach as we are undertaking a first for us and a first for the Churches in Austin to shine the light of Jesus in the middle of this global event.
  - Pray for Dan Clark who is leading Church Relations, Carey Hart on logistics, Duffy and Levi who paved so much of the way on this outreach and for all those that will be coming to be a panelist or musician etc.
  - Most of all pray for soft hearts to respond to the Gospel!

## EUROPE

#### **PRAISES:**

• Praise God that following the vision sharing meeting between LPA and local church leaders in Teesside back in October that they are all onboard and we now planning toward Festival Teesside 2024. Specifically, we would appreciate prayer as the Core Team is currently being decided, and that we might receive support from local investors and influencers. Andrew will be with us in Teesside at the end of January for the launch event and a series of meetings with local church and civic leaders.

- Leaders in Scotland now have the 3-year strategy of how we can work together to make a big evangelistic impact. Please pray as they consider it, that the leaders might be inspired, and God would really shine a light on how LPA can be part of delivering a fresh hope across that country.
- We are making the final adjustments to the new resources we created last year Exploring Evangelism pack and Exploring Evangelism Conversations workshop. Please pray that in distributing these doors open for us to fresh opportunities across the UK and Europe.
- Please pray for Gods guidance in the conversations our team are having with leaders to pursue future opportunities in East Germany, South of France, Rome in Italy, and Eastern Europe.
- Please pray for a proposed Eastern European trip to present GNE, Advance and LPA in the Baltic countries this year a great opportunity to share heart and vision and connect with leaders and evangelists for future opportunities and collaboration.
- We are continuing to grow the GNE family of evangelists please pray that we connect and build relationships across the UK & Europe, as we help support, affirm, equip, and mobilise evangelists in their calling.
- Pray for the continued success of the latest digital evangelism campaign, My Darkest Moment with a special target to Europe in the coming weeks. Praise God for the 6,632 people who have already said yes to Jesus through it.

# LATIN AMERICA

#### **PRAISES:**

We are praising God for the incredible time we had in Buenos Aires, Argentina!

- More than 200,000 reached in person at the festival
- 9 pre-festival affinity events (This includes the 2 government meetings, 2 prison outreaches, pastors conference, 2 women's outreaches, health clinic at solidarity walk, and the business/civic leaders event)
- More than 1,000 churches united in partnership
- Millions reached through radio, television, and social media
- More than 20,000 people responded to the Good News of Jesus during festival week

View the full praise report and photos at <u>https://www.palau.org/buenosaires22</u>

#### **PRAYERS:**

• Please pray for the Costa Rica pre-festival event we will be having with Andrew Palau in San José, on Saturday, March 25-26. The church is super encouraged with the festival and is responding very well to the work.

## **CITY GOSPEL MOVEMENTS**

### **PRAISES:**

- Praise God for being able to hire two new team members in November last year who have been stellar in their roles—Laura Nzirimu (City Gospel Movements Program Manager) and Elise Galis (TogetherPDX Program Manager).
- Praise God for the ways God is using media on our team to encourage leaders in cities across the globe—we had a successful live interview with Aaron Pierce from Steiger International on "Communicating the Cross in a Way Culture Can Hear." Pray God continues to use this resource to inspire people to share the Gospel.

- Pray for wisdom and strategic insight as we look to expand into more cities with E-Teams in 2023.
- Pray for our team as we welcome two additional part-time members who will help us develop a strategy for exponential Kingdom growth.
- Pray for the upcoming Learning Labs, where Evangelism Teams gather to learn from one another. Pray that they are able to encourage and support one another in a space that may often feel lonely.
- Pray for TogetherPDX to continue to serve the local churches and leaders in the Portland area effectively. Specifically, we are doing a big event this summer for united service and worship-please pray this goes smoothly and churches feel engaged.

# **GLOBAL NETWORK OF EVANGELISTS**

## **PRAISES:**

- Praise God for successful training of evangelists in Togo and Mali where over 200 leaders were equipped.
- Praise God for open doors for ministry in Eastern Europe.
- Daniel Rus, our GNE Eastern Europe Director, continues humanitarian trips to Ukraine and meets with pastors to encourage them.
- We are experiencing many open doors in Kenya as we prepare for Love Kenya. Pastors are encouraged by our plans to reach their city and are very receptive to the venues selected.

- Pray for the Love Kenya collaborative outreach and for the committees in each city we are working with.
- Pray for Karen Kandia as she waits for her US visa to join in on our Staff Days in Portland.
- Pray for our team as they finalize collaborative projects in South Africa, Kenya, Zambia, West Africa, Eastern Europe, Latin America and in North America.
- Pray for Daniel Rus' son Roar that he will get to know the Love of Jesus and decide to make Jesus the Lord of his life. Pray the same for many of the GNE team's close relatives.
- Pray for GNE members, their families and ministries. Pray for continued effort towards collaboration and utilizing all the benefits of being in a network that serves them; that in 2023 they truly embody what it means to #BeGNE
- Pray for safe travels for the team over the coming months as GNE/LPA is represented at events in different countries around the world
- Pray for successful meetings with key leaders across Scotland as we explore strategic evangelism in the next few years
- Pray for wisdom regarding new topics for the newspaper column that Jaime Miron writes

## **DIGITAL EVANGELISM**

#### **PRAISES:**

Ongoing Impact—Last year, through our digital evangelism in English and Spanish...

- 770 million people reached with Gospel ads
- 12.5 million Gospel presentation views
- 2,386,257 indicated decisions for Christ
- 266,893 enrollments in email discipleship

Special Campaigns Going Strong...

- "A Better Day" Gospel videos from Andrew and Wendy have now reached over 15 million people. We're celebrating over 150,000 indicated decisions through this campaign! The videos are also being distributed in Spanish in the Latin world.
- "Know Me"—Wendy's video campaign to women—has reached 10 million women, with over 55,000 decisions so far.
- "My Darkest Moment" is a recently launched Gospel campaign that serves a dual purpose: encouraging believers to share Jesus through the lens of personal testimony, and inviting unbelievers to engage with 5 cinematic video stories—from voices in the U.K. and from Andrew and Wendy—about God meeting people at their lowest point. This series is off to a great start, reaching over 1.5 million people and reporting 8,000 decisions.

Strategic Partnerships

- Through our partnership with Power to Change, we are utilizing messaging technology and mentors to correspond 1-on-1 with decision-makers, encouraging them to continue to follow Jesus.
- Our partnership with Gloo allows us to match US seekers and decision-makers directly to members of local churches near their zip codes for one-to-one conversations to explore faith in Jesus.
- Through our partnership with YouVersion, we currently host 28 reading plans with subscriptions from 235,184 people. A key aim is to funnel decision makers right to the Bible app where they can access God's word in their native language, subscribe to plans with notifications to be in the Word daily, and even search for a local church as YouVersion rolls out their new local church feature.

#### **PRAYERS:**

• **U.S. Campaign**—Our special US-targeted Gospel campaign, in partnership with Gloo, has helped connect over 2,000 decision-makers to volunteers at nearby churches. This is an exciting opportunity to bridge the gap between the digital world and the local church. Please pray the Holy Spirit moves people to respond to the Gospel ads and for enduring fruit as people build lasting relationships with churches in their communities.

- **"Fully Alive**"—We're going to be launching a special Gospel campaign targeted toward men, with Andrew. This series will explore the many paths men take looking for life, and point to Jesus as the one path to real, thriving life. Please pray that many men worldwide will engage with it, and feel Jesus' love drawing them to a new start at life.
- **For Gospel Visitors**—Please pray for God's Spirit to move as (on average) 34,000 people per day visit one of our Gospel presentations to read the Good News. God does *not* want anyone to *be* destroyed, but wants everyone to repent; pray the Holy Spirit would prepare the way and draw many to give their lives to Christ—that they would feel His loving presence as they pray, all across the globe.
- For Decision-Makers—Please pray for decision-makers to take the next vital steps in following Jesus—to receive digital discipleship and to get planted in a local church. Let's pray for protection over them and their decision—that nothing and no one would draw them away from following Christ.
- **God's wisdom amidst opportunities**—Please pray for God's guidance, favor, and grace as we strategically grow our digital evangelism reach. May our team be fruitful and strengthened as we serve together! And may we have God's wisdom as we prioritize what God has for us in this next season.