REFLECTIONS ON PRAYING FOR MISSIONARIES

Stephen and Sarah Zuber, Alliance International Workers to Paraguay, share the following teaching on evangelistic prayer, adapted from teaching by Armando Zuniga at their language school in Costa Rica.

Have you ever wanted to pray for an overseas worker but didn’t know what to say? General prayers are wonderful (please don’t stop!). However, God seems to especially delight in answering specific prayers. Why? My theory is that when He does, we are more likely to recognize His work and have the added joy of praising Him for what He has done. Here are some specific ways the Bible guides us to pray for our overseas workers.

**Boldness**

Don’t pray that we’ll do great exploits for God—instead, ask Him to bless us with confidence and character so He can work through us to make the most of the opportunities He provides. (See Acts 4:29–31.)

**Laborers**

Our primary strategy in The Alliance is not to accomplish extraordinary things ourselves (although we love when that happens); rather, it is to focus on planting healthy, multiplying church networks led by local leaders who go on to accomplish far more than we ever will—even generations after we have left. This can happen only as God raises up national workers in Alliance fields where the harvest is plentiful. (See Luke 10:2.)

**Entering the Doors God Opens**

Pray that God will bring to us those in whom He is already at work—who need and want what He has given us—and that He will bless them through us. (See Colossians 4:2–4.)

**Protection**

We have an enemy who doesn’t want people to have access to the good news of God’s love and who actively opposes His work through us. Ask God to protect us when we have drawn the enemy’s attention. (See 2 Thessalonians 2–3.)

**Ministry Success**

“Success” in ministry is nuanced—and is so much more than numbers on a spreadsheet. God is glorified and heaven rejoices over each new believer who trusts in Jesus. We have no power to save a single soul, but God does—and He answers prayer. Pray for Alliance workers by name (if possible) and that His Word will increasingly be honored through their ministries. (See 2 Thessalonians 3:1; 1 Timothy 2:1–4.)

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Unprecedented Outreach Opportunity Touches Thousands
BY PETULA MYERS, AN ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL WORKER SERVING IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

This fall, aXcess* and Envision workers partnered in several outreaches with Nick Vujicic—a popular evangelist who was born without limbs—in Bosnia-Herzegovina’s three largest cities. More than 6,000 people are believed to have attended; another 7,000 watched via livestream on YouTube. The final event was broadcast live on television, so it is unknown how many of Bosnia’s 3.9 million citizens heard the gospel during this 36-hour period. In one city where Alliance international workers and Envision staff assisted with the outreach, 132 people asked for follow-up.

The week after, several TV stations aired interviews with Nick; newspapers and web media also released stories about the outreach—along with a clear gospel message. These events testify to God’s great faithfulness, since fewer than 1,000 Bible-believing Christians live in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Continue to pray for follow-up of those who are seeking to know more—and that the thousands of seeds planted will reap a great harvest. Christ’s Kingdom is being built! Strongholds are tumbling down—revival is coming!

*aXcess and Envision are two of the four specialized structures of Alliance Missions, along with CAMA and marketplace ministries.

Thank you for praying for Alliance workers and for the people with whom they share the gospel. To receive The Alliance Call to Prayer and weekly Alliance Prayer Requests via email, subscribe at www.cmalliance.org/pray. Alliance ministries are supported by gifts to the Great Commission Fund and CAMA.

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BY SYNA LAO, AN ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL WORKER SERVING IN CAMBODIA

We always look forward to teaching our discipleship classes in the villages of Andong Chan and Srae Nouy. New believers attend ready to learn and eager to participate! Recently, students in my Christian family class had a lively discussion, responding to the question: “How can one ‘Seek first the Kingdom and His righteousness’ while living in a community struggling with extreme poverty?”

Mr. Kong responded, “We needed to visit a sick family in a remote place, but I didn’t have enough money to buy fuel for my motorbike. So, I trusted God and went; He allowed someone to pay for the gasoline I needed.” Another woman answered, “My rice fields need to be harvested before the rains come. But attending class today is important. So, I am trusting God to hold off the rains for the next few days.” And He did! We are daily amazed by the way God works among these new believers. As they continue to trust Him completely, He is moving mightily in their midst—stirring hearts and answering prayers!

“. . . Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33).