



A Story-based Prayer Guide

Ways to Pray for East Asia

A prayer guide from
OMF

**‘We share the good news of
Jesus Christ in all its fullness
with East Asia’s peoples to
the glory of God.’**

– OMF mission statement

Introduction

'You do not have, because you do not ask' (James 4:2). Hudson Taylor, the founder of OMF, said 'Learn to move man by prayer alone'. Prayer is a privilege; your prayers for our mission efforts are vital. Join us as we seek to fulfill OMF's vision of the evangelization of East Asia's peoples.

There are billions in East and Southeast Asia who do not know Jesus. It feels like a huge task to reach so many different people, from so many different cultural and faith backgrounds with the gospel. But with God anything is possible.

This guide aims to explain some of the ways in which OMF shares the gospel in East and Southeast Asia so that you can partner with us in praying for these dear people to know the God who made and loves them.

Our prayer is that the stories in this guide will help you to understand more about the ministries and the peoples of East and Southeast Asia. We hope this deeper understanding equips you to pray for them. After each story, we've also included a brief thought or challenge to help you think about how God might want to use you right where you are to make disciples. We pray your eyes will be opened to see how God is at work all around you and to see how you can join in.

May these stories draw you closer to God in prayer and may you be seeking for opportunities in your context to share the love of Jesus.

* All the stories in this guide are true but names and places have been changed to protect identities.



What is the good news of God's kingdom?

At the centre of the gospel is the unique, saving message of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Whatever our starting point for sharing this good news, our ultimate goal is to see men and women of all ages become disciples of Jesus Christ and living for God's glory.

In all our work in OME, we seek to do this through an approach often called integral mission. Jesus himself modelled this on earth as he shared the kingdom of God with those who met him through his teaching, life and actions. Each of these aspects is integrated into Jesus' whole approach: he did not simply teach, nor did his actions stand apart from his teachings. Integral mission is embedded in the challenge in Micah 6:8 where the Lord requires his people to do justice, love kindness and mercy, and walk in humility with him.

So, we hold together evangelism and teaching with responding like Jesus to peoples' needs with compassion and justice. We also care for creation because 'the earth is the Lord's and everything in it.' (Psalm 24:1).

The stories in this section reflect our mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ 'in all its fullness', remembering that God worked to 'reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.' (Colossians 1:20).

Whole food, whole mission

'We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.' 2 Corinthians 5:20

My favorite Vietnamese food is Bánh Xèo, a giant pancake filled with shrimp, pork, and yellow beans.

To eat it, you take a little piece of Bánh Xèo pancake (make sure you are taking the filling too), place it on a large mustard-flavored leaf and add an assortment of herbs like basil and coriander. Then using the large leaf, you roll the pancake into a tight wrap and dip it in a spicy fish sauce before eating it with great delight. The secret is enjoying all these things together as one delicious whole.

Our OMF mission statement says, 'we share the good news of Jesus Christ in all its fullness'. The fullness of God's mission is seen in our witness of being, doing, and speaking of the good news. It is our hope that through this mission, the gospel brings fullness of life through the transformation of individuals, whole communities, and all of creation.

At the heart of this integral mission is the Church, because it is the whole work

of a community of God's people to share the good news together. The kingdom of God is seen and heard through the people of God living out the wholeness of the good news in every aspect of life.

PRAY

- Thank God for the privilege of being Christ's ambassadors.
- May our actions, words, and all of our lives witness to the good news of the kingdom of God.
- Pray for gospel workers with a passion to see the church established in communities where Jesus is not yet known.
- Pray for God to guide gospel workers through his word and by his Spirit as they work in places where they need discernment about ministry approaches which share the good news in all its fullness.



INTO ACTION

What opportunities are there to make God's good news seen and heard in your community?

Opening closed doors

'The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.' Psalm 34:18

Dr. Joe had long hoped to serve in an East Asian country. He had visited several surrounding countries as a consultant, promoting whole-person care and well-being, but he knew that it would be difficult to initiate this kind of work long-term without strong support from local health officials. He also knew that many countries in the region do not usually welcome traditional Christian workers. In spite of all these obstacles, he took a step of faith and moved there.

After encountering a series of closed doors, the Lord provided a local advocate to work with him. Together, they started serving patients and their families in a modest medical facility. Despite many setbacks, they eventually saw a series of breakthroughs for their patients in local attitudes toward whole-person care. Their work was even recognized by local officials for its innovation. As their approach involves the participation of volunteers, Dr. Joe found local believers to join them in blessing the community. He hopes to be able to replicate this work in other cities and among different populations.

About 1.9 billion people in nine of East Asia's countries, including over a thousand unreached people groups, live in places that do not welcome missionaries.

Will you join us in praying for Dr. Joe and others like him who serve in contexts where Christian workers are not usually welcome?

PRAY

- Praise God for people like Dr. Joe being willing to offer their skills and experiences to God to accomplish his purposes.
- Pray for wisdom and guidance for those seeking the best ways to reach people with the gospel.
- Pray for gospel workers with a passion to see churches established in communities where Jesus is not yet known.
- Pray for opportunities for cross-cultural workers to connect with and encourage local Christians.



INTO ACTION

How could you use the skills and experiences God has given you to expand his kingdom and bless others?

Nutrition for transformation

'...and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.' Isaiah 58:9-10

For several years, one of our teams has been promoting holistic health education in a difficult to reach area, where many live in poverty and there are no known believers. Although they cannot openly share the gospel, there are many ways God uses the team to bless their local community and build opportunities for kingdom work.

The team engaged with local families about the importance of hygiene and nutrition, while modeling a healthy lifestyle. They noticed during these interactions that younger children sometimes had difficulty focusing on their lessons. They discovered that food insecurity and nutrition were issues in the community.

As they prayed over these issues, God gave them the vision to gift the families some basic resources for supplementing their own food production. The only condition was that each family would bring some of the produce to the school to feed the children. After they provided their food quota, they could sell their remaining

produce to supplement their income. The result? The children had a more nutritious breakfast, which helped them focus better at school, and their families earned extra income. The children's height and weight were measured at the beginning and end of the school year. While all the children grew, quite a few crossed growth chart percentiles, showing catch-up growth!

As the team meet practical needs, they are building relationships and trust with the community, creating more opportunities to bring blessing, such as organizing activities for local young people, and ultimately pointing toward the One from whom blessings come...

PRAY

- Pray for discernment and creativity as our teams integrate health initiatives with discipleship and church planting efforts.
- Pray that addressing physical health needs will lead to spiritual health and breakthroughs as well.



INTO ACTION

How could you demonstrate God's love to those impacted by poverty?

Without God the challenge is too great

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,' 2 Corinthians 1: 3

World Health Organization research* states that in 2019 one in eight people worldwide were living with a mental health disorder. In Cambodia, a period of conflict, loss and societal disruption between 1967 and 1975 followed by the Khmer Rouge period means an even greater percentage of Cambodians struggle with depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress. Generational trauma has led to poor mental health further exacerbating physical issues, disrupting families, and leading to deeper harms such as drug abuse and violence.

Mabel*, who has been serving with OMF in Cambodia since the 1990s, feels the challenges are 'too big' without God's help. But over the years, she has seen those with poor mental health, a once hidden population, being reached by Cambodian Christians. 'I see the [local] church as God's primary instrument of healing. As the Church receives healing and transformation, as God works in them,

there is this love and compassion that can reach out.' May the Church thrive as they love their neighbors by journeying with them in this deeply incarnational ministry.

* World Health Organization (2022). Mental Disorders. [online] <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/mental-disorders>. (March 2025)

PRAY

- Praise God for Christians like Mabel* who bring the comfort and healing she herself has received from the Lord to others around her.
- Pray that the wider Church will embrace whole-person well-being: mind, body, and soul.
- Pray for opportunities for the Cambodian Church to step into this often-hidden need with a ministry of love and compassion.



INTO ACTION

How could you support people with poor mental health in your community, or around the world?

The beginning of end of life care

'...the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.' 2 Corinthians 1:3b-4

While on a short-term mission trip, Tam caught a vision for how lovingly caring for people nearing the end of their lives was more than just an opportunity for evangelism. It was also a practical example of witnessing to the good news by responding to the needs of local communities while sharing a message of hope. Back at home and eager to grow in ministry experience, Tam teamed up with an OMF colleague to partner with churches to train small groups of volunteers to go into local communities, supporting families caring for dying loved ones, sharing and demonstrating the love of Jesus through their assistance.

While she was working with the team, Tam's dad had a major stroke. During the last months of his life, Tam personally nursed him at home. Through this experience, Tam grew in her understanding of the importance of integrating mission into her whole life service. She established a small

community center at her church to support families caring for sick loved ones and children who are unable to attend school due to poverty.

Now Tam has married and moved to a new city where she has joined a large urban church. Once again, she hopes to inspire her new church to share the good news in their local community and is looking to train up a new team to care for people at the end of their lives.

PRAY

- Thank God for Tam and many others who have a passion to share the good news of Jesus with others in their communities.
- Pray that they would find fresh vision to serve God and to encourage others in integral mission.



INTO ACTION

How can you and church meet the needs in your community and seize this opportunity to share the gospel?

Slowly, slowly

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' Romans 15:13

'Why don't you do altar calls at the end of summer camp?' 'Why can't you share the gospel directly with the children?'

These are common questions from overseas visitors when they see our ministry. They're great questions, and they remind us why not every method fits every mission context. In Meishan, a small rural town in southern Taiwan where everyone knows everyone, ministry is first and foremost about building trust and relationships across the community. For most of the population, we are the first Christians they have ever met.

We began with organizing activities at schools, where we would tell Bible stories, followed by story time at public libraries, and then later family-centered activities at the Gospel Center. Each step was built through relationships with someone in the community. Through children's ministry, we hope to reach their parents, who follow traditional folk religions.

If the parents could know Jesus, it is more likely their children would, too.

We focus on having a longer vision. Through having consistent interactions with kids and their families, we pray that they will see the joy and hope of Christ in our lives. Trust takes time. It takes time for people to see us live out our faith, to build relationships, and finally, to have deeper conversations about Christ. In the meantime, we trust that God is working in their hearts as we live and share life amongst the people of Meishan.

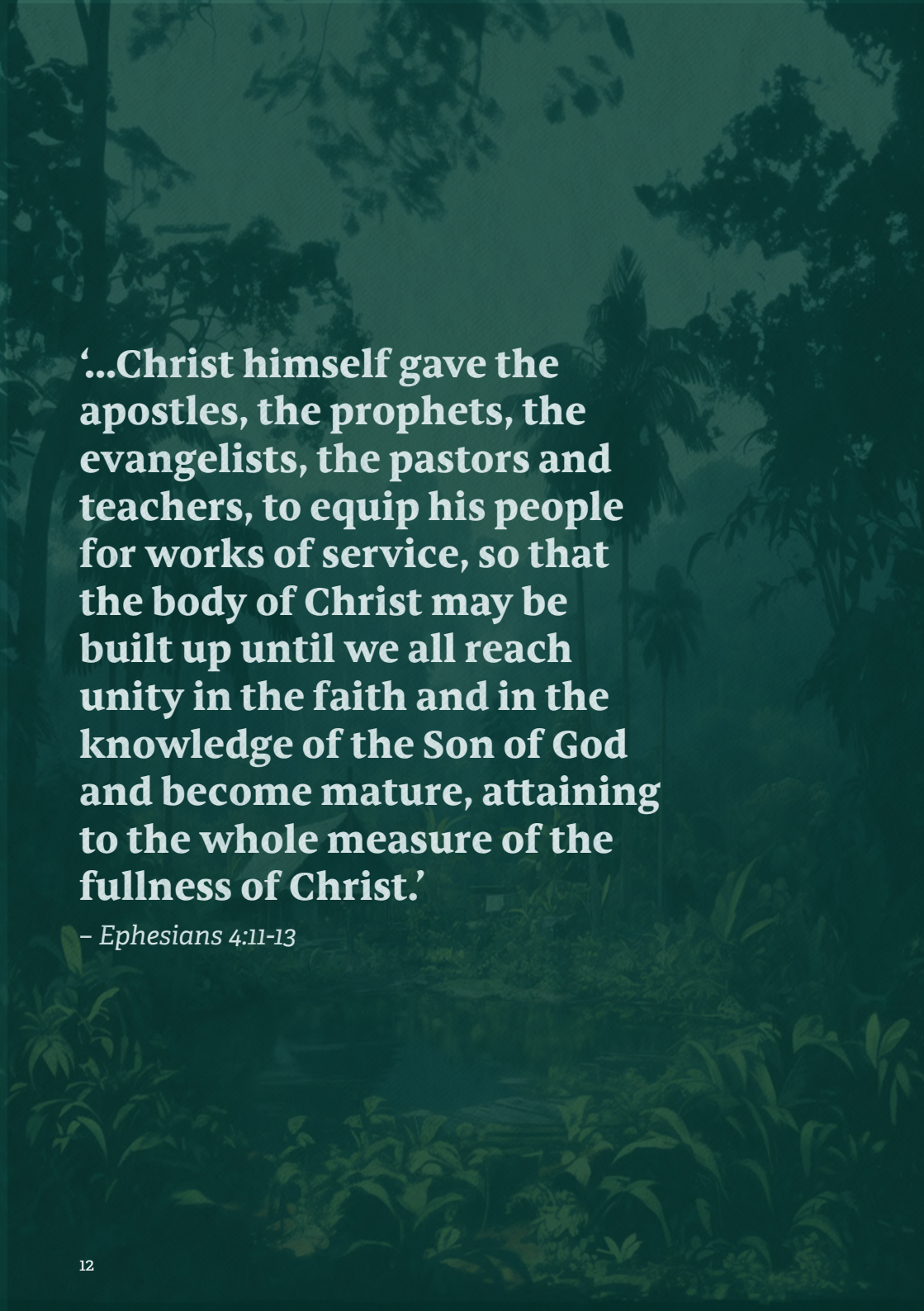
PRAY

- Thank God for growing friendships and trust.
- Pray for Christians to always be ready to share the gospel.
- Pray for many to come to faith in Christ in Meishan and overflow with hope to those around them.



INTO ACTION

Who could you grow a friendship within your community?



‘...Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.’

– Ephesians 4:11-13

Planting churches

What do you think of when someone talks about church planting? In Acts, the body of believers grows from Jesus' disciples into churches, new bodies of local believers who had heard the gospel and started to follow Jesus.

The stories shared in this section look at how God uses church planting teams to bring the gospel to new locations, and how they create a supportive and encouraging community for worship, teaching and making disciples.

As church planters, with the help of God, we hope to model Paul's instruction to the Ephesian church to equip the body of Christ through evangelization and discipleship that empowers local leaders to build and multiply the Church. Will you pray for the growth of God's kingdom in East and Southeast Asia through the church planting efforts of missionaries living alongside local people? How could you help your local church to take the gospel to new communities?

Planting churches in the Philippines

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” Matthew 9:37

In 1975, when OMF prayed about planting new churches in the Philippines, God guided them to the seven million Bikolano, a folk Catholic group. They started this work in Albay Province, with a vision to plant nine new churches, one in every other town, trusting those initial churches would reach the nine other towns and the difficult-to-reach seven thousand plus rural communities.

Teams of OMF workers and local missionaries spread the gospel through personal sharing, household Bible studies, and public campaigns. Often, they faced the concern, ‘If I leave my current religion and put my faith in Jesus, where will I be buried?’ The Lord helped the teams resolve this issue by inspiring them to build a cemetery. God moved. Families came to faith. Believers were discipled. Worship services started, churches were formed and leaders matured. Healthcare, counseling, and teaching on handling finances were provided. A child-sponsorship program began.

These foundations enabled God’s compassion to be shown when the teams and local church helped communities after two natural disasters in the 1980s. As Christians brought relief to victims of a flood and volcanic eruption, local people came to faith through Bible studies shared on visits and a new church was established. In the following years, more churches were planted, a small Bible school was opened, and the churches sent workers to the next province. By 2005, there were seven churches with a total of 400 members and OMF turned over the work to local leaders.

PRAY

- Pray that God will send out workers into his harvest field.
- Pray that churches continue to engage in relief efforts and ministry to the poor so people will see the gospel is good news for all.
- Pray that churches, believers, and missionaries serve in ways that point to the Lord, giving him all the glory.



INTO ACTION

How open am I to God’s leading when sharing the gospel?

Training with humility

'He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.' Psalm 25:9

For the past few years, God has been equipping me to train pastors in Thailand. I thought I was the teacher, now I realize that God is also teaching me through those I'm training.

Last year, I partnered with a colleague to run church planting training for a local church. During the training, the church was engaging well, but over lunch, the pastor shared some thoughts on church planting that took me by surprise. He said, 'This church was started by my father as a house church. I saw it first-hand. Church planting is great, but practically, what do you do in a house church when people come and steal your stuff? What do you do when you are expected to cook for everyone every week? What happens when you need to go out of town?' I was taken aback by his comments. After reflecting, God helped me to realize that the pastor wasn't dismissing church planting, but he was disheartened by the real, practical struggles that come with it.

I realized that my teaching was just the first step to connecting with the church.

The pastor wasn't just airing complaints. He was asking, 'Are you willing to listen? Will you walk with us rather than just giving a one-off training? Will you address our real concerns in future trainings?'

The Lord taught me that while we may offer well-packaged training, we need to be truly, humbly listening and learning from those we teach so we can adapt the training to their experience.

PRAY

- Pray the Lord will help church planting trainers to be humble and flexible.
- Pray God will help church planting teams to strive with all the strength and wisdom the Lord supplies.
- May the Lord help church planting trainers to have open ears to helpful feedback and use it to faithfully love and serve those they are seeking to support.



INTO ACTION

What is God trying to teach you through the people you are serving?

Fostering sustainability

'So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.' Acts 16:5

It might have sounded a bit harsh to say: 'Let's not do this'. Norman, our local coworker, had just told us excitedly of several new believers and the embryonic beginnings of a house church. The group wanted to grow!

The embryonic church planned to spend a whole day at the beach for teaching, a picnic, and to baptize some of the new believers. They wanted to rent three minivans to get the group there, and Norman asked if we, the outside missionaries, could sponsor the transportation. It was not much money for us, though quite a bit for the new believers.

Recalling our desire to see an indigenous church growing independently without outside help, we swallowed our pride and desire to help quickly.

Norman had the challenging task of telling these new believers. But instead of giving up, they each began to sacrificially put aside money from their daily meagre income. In less than a month they had

sufficient funds, rented three minivans, and had 'their own' joyous day of discipleship and baptisms at a beach! This little group grew that day in confidence and gratitude.

PRAY

- Pray for wisdom especially for the first churches among a people group. May they learn to look to the Lord for their needs and not for outside help.
- Pray for cross-cultural workers to guide and challenge these new believers to begin local churches that are indeed self-supporting, self-propagating, self-governing, and developing local theology.
- Pray for workers to be humble and sensitive to the Holy Spirit, to not blindly copy mission models or seek quick solutions that at first may look great or self-aggrandizing, yet are not sustainable in the long-term.



INTO ACTION

Does the help I bring empower people or keep them dependent on me?

Perseverance

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.' Galatians 6:9

I first met Mei at a run-down stationary shop when my family moved to Zhong-pu, a rural township in southern Taiwan. Then in her mid-20s, Mei cheerfully approached me, curious since foreigners were rare in the area. Shortly after, I asked if she'd be interested in a language exchange using the Bible. Given that most rural Taiwanese people are highly apprehensive about Christianity, I was surprised by her enthusiasm toward my idea.

We read the Bible together for weeks which turned to years. Both of her parents fervently worshiped at the family's shrine three times a day, where she also offered incense. Despite this, something drew her to Jesus, and after about five years of Bible study together she decided to trust in Christ as her Savior. But a barrier to baptism remained, Mei felt compelled to be *xiao-shun*, or obedient to her parents by taking care of the family shrine.

By this time, the OMF church planting team had found others interested in Christ and had started several seekers' groups. Assisted by a Taiwanese church in a nearby city, we also ran a weekly group

Bible study, which led to the starting of a Sunday service and, eventually, a church. All the while, Mei attended diligently. The team regularly encouraged her to get baptized, but she continued to resist.

Four years after accepting Christ, Mei learned that her missionary mentor was leaving to start a new church planting team elsewhere. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Mei decided to tell her parents she wanted to be baptized. Seeing the positive changes in her life since she began attending church, they agreed, and she was finally baptized. She stopped maintaining the family shrine and has been actively serving in the church ever since.

PRAY

- Pray for perseverance and patience for church planters.
- Pray for bold and compassionate witness.
- Ask for God to use their efforts to start churches in new areas.



INTO ACTION

Reach out to someone you haven't heard from recently.



Business as Mission

Across East Asia, millions of people either don't have a church they can go to, or wouldn't dream of stepping inside one. So how will they hear about Jesus?

One creative way of bringing the good news of Jesus to people is through establishing missional businesses. These enterprises not only bless communities through meeting needs, creating jobs and promoting economic growth, they do all this while intentionally sharing and demonstrating the good news of Jesus.

Missional businesses bring great opportunities to bless customers, suppliers and local employees. People not only hear the gospel through these interactions, but they also get to see the difference knowing Jesus makes in real life situations. Businesses can also open doors to share the gospel in hard-to-reach places where the need to bring and show the good news of Jesus is greatest.

Isaiah wrote about the beautiful feet of those who bring good news, but today, those who bring good news might be a customer for their fertilizer, their boss or even the bringer of physical water as well as the water of eternal life.

Art for Jesus?

'Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand' Isaiah 64:8

At their best, artists are truth-tellers. Yet the opportunities art presents to share the good news of Jesus have often been an untapped resource.

A nearby university offers degrees in Fine Art. My friendship with local non-Christian artists in a community with very few opportunities to hear about Jesus led me to open an art gallery. I'm not a professional artist myself, but I saw the potential to create a space for discussion. Both the university and the students were eager to use my gallery to show their work. The graduation exhibition became the highlight of each year. Local artists could showcase their work, visiting artists could also put on exhibitions, and art is a wonderful conversation starter with visitors and artists alike.

I found that while many non-Christian artists here would never go to a church, my art gallery has become a safe space for artists and visitors to discuss and exchange ideas and ultimately talk about faith as well.

It's been a privilege to see how God has used the gallery over the last few years to help share the gospel with a budding community of artists that the world has overlooked.

PRAY

- Pray that the arts would create a safe space for ideas and faith to be exchanged. Pray that local artists and their viewers would strike up conversations about the beauty and truth of God, and the seeds of the gospel would be sown.
- One of the local galleries is located near paddy fields, the area is prone to flooding, almost every year the gallery is submerged in floodwater. Pray that our team would stand in solidarity with our artist neighbors, as they give out aid packages to villagers.
- We long for Christian artists to experience art residency with these local artists from two weeks to two months. Pray for discerning people who would come alongside these local artists to see God at work among them.



INTO ACTION

How could you use your interests or gifts to create space for discussion at a deeper level?

The tour guide who needs guidance

'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...' Colossians 3:23

'How did Europe, the Western countries, become so developed?', my co-worker asked. She is an Inner Mongolian woman who works as a guide in our tour company in Mongolia. Though most employees in our company are Christian, this woman is not.

I explained that the West's development was partly due to culture and values influenced by Christianity. These include honesty, rule of law, respect for people, and how science developed because of the belief in one God who made the world. As there is one God, the scientific laws that govern the universe are true everywhere. If there were many gods, then science and nature in each place might be different. She found this thought provoking.

I also explained the value of hard work, of how about 500 years ago a Christian leader named Martin Luther taught that even the work of a dairymaid glorifies God. God is pleased with our work, and not only by our formal religious worship.

I thought of 1 Corinthians 10:31: 'So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God'.

Sometimes we who have secular work visas on the mission field forget that we have opportunities to witness through our work. I pray that the witness of our good work helps my co-worker and many others our business connects with want to find out more about Jesus.

PRAY

- Pray for those in business to be faithful and to glorify God in their work.
- Pray that Christian business owners would be a good testimony to others, in their work and with wise words.
- Pray that non-Christian co-workers would come to faith in Jesus.



INTO ACTION

How does your daily work, paid or unpaid, glorify God? How could you help point people to him as you work?



Marketplace ministry for world missions

“The workplace Christian has a tremendous part to play in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. The Great Commission was given to the whole church... the ministers and missionaries of the world will not be able to fulfill the Great Commission. They can’t.” – Michael Oh, Lausanne Movement

Four A’s have been used to describe the different places where the wider Church functions in the world:

The Assembly: church

The Agency: parachurch

The Academy: training

The Agora: public sphere, work and leisure

We easily connect the first three A’s to mission but what about the Agora, the marketplace? It’s the space where most followers of Jesus spend most of their time, but they may not always connect it with God’s mission.

Marketplace workers see their places of work, their colleagues, and clients as their ministry. Their service at work opens doors to new places where the Church can be salt and light. Hudson Taylor’s medical training allowed him to minister while treating locals. One OMF worker serving in a Japanese business has invited colleagues interested in our faith on hiking trips with OMF church planters, a connection which might never have been made if there wasn’t a Christian in their office.

As many young adults in particular wonder how God will use their vocation for missions, marketplace ministry could be their way to participate in the Great Commission. Pray that we can unite around this mission frontier and learn to support, equip, and send workers for God’s glory.

Teaching and training

'Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.' Acts 8:4

Florence is a qualified teacher who felt God calling her into mission for several years. After leaving university, she explored this calling by teaching at a school in East Asia for a couple of years in a voluntary capacity. Once her short-term contract was finished, she returned to the UK and enrolled in a Bible college.

During this time, she decided to apply for a job with a different international school in East Asia and was accepted. Since the school was able to pay her a living wage, her financial needs were met. However, she still wanted to be part of a missionary community for fellowship, accountability, and encouragement as she sought to point those around her to Jesus Christ.

She met the OMF (UK) team through one of their Work+Go events and could see that she would be supported in her desire to reach the peoples of Southeast Asia.

Florence is now working as a full-time teacher at a school in East Asia and is also

a full-time member of a local OMF team. She is amazingly well placed to share Jesus in her workplace in every aspect of life - through her actions and her words with many who have not yet heard of him.

PRAY

- Pray for Florence and people like her to live and work with gospel integrity and to have many opportunities to naturally share Jesus with those around them.
- Pray that many more people would be inspired to partner with OMF and take their vocation and missions calling to East Asia to share Jesus across cultures.
- Pray for teams around OMF seeking to equip and send people as they work in East Asia like Florence.



INTO ACTION

How is God calling you to use your profession to point people to him?

Coming alongside

'In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'

Matthew 5:16

I am a teacher.

I teach grades ranging from K to 12
(ages 5-18).

I teach in classrooms filled with students from different religions, nationalities, family upbringings, and social classes. These diverse backgrounds and many other factors continue to shape who they are and play a part in 'defining' them.

Yet, none of these should be their foremost identity. They are all children, and they are all made in God's image.

I constantly remind myself of this truth when I walk into a classroom. It helps me adjust my perspective on how I interact with students. They are in the process of learning, growing, and discovering themselves and the world around them. These are their formative years, yet they are also the years when they are most vulnerable.

As a teacher, I have the opportunity to plant a seed in their lives. I am someone

they see daily, and I impact them in some way—whether I realize it or not. With this in mind, I know I am no longer just a teacher. I walk alongside them as a mentor, role model, friend, advocate, and so much more. But most importantly, I walk with them as a follower of Christ.

PRAY

- Pray for teachers to be salt and light in their students' lives, reflecting his love, truth, and wisdom in all they do.
- Pray that students' hearts would be open and receptive to the gospel and that they would see God's love through their teachers and peers.
- Pray that God would raise more men and women to answer his call to serve as teachers, bringing his light into schools and shaping future generations.



INTO ACTION

How can the way you walk alongside others help point them to Christ?

In Jesus' name we play

'So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God'. 1 Corinthians 10:31

Ready... Set... Go...!

All over the world kids and adults find great joy and friendship by running around chasing and kicking a ball, swimming in a pool, aiming a ball at a hoop or a hole, taking a walk in the woods, or through many other sports. Many of us treasure the friendships and fun of sports!

In the Philippines basketball is the number one sport by far. So we intentionally designed our church building with an all-purpose sanctuary so we can use it to host our church programs. We have basketball, volleyball, badminton, skateboard, and other games every week for the neighborhood kids, youth and adults. Many people come with their friends to our church throughout the week to play. At half time during every program we have Bible studies. The power of the gospel has changed many lives through these sports programs. Praise God! Matthew 5:16 says that we

should let our light shine in such a way that people see our good works (sports) and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

On the court, off the court, we represent, Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name, we play!

PRAY

- Thank God for creating us with amazing bodies and for the joy we have as we play sports with our friends.
- Pray for churches to be able to reach out to children, young people and their families through evangelistic sports ministries and for many to come to faith.
- Pray for Christians to be equipped to share their faith and make disciples through their favorite sports.



INTO ACTION

Who could you connect with through sports? Pray for opportunities to share Jesus with them.

Short-term teams, long-term relationships

“When you enter a town [...] heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ Luke 10:8-9

Recently, a group of therapists formed a short-term team to help a long-term OMF medic run an intensive training course for families of special needs kids. Although this was their first encounter with the kids and their parents, the team witnessed significant improvement in the kids, engaged in meaningful conversations, and established good relationships. The families are asking about when the team will return!

Over the years we've seen many short-term medical teams build relationships whether they come to East Asia as guests of churches, hospitals, academic centers, or the government. The opportunities are broad including more formal roles in direct patient care, community engagement, professional instruction, and consultancy. A church could host a health camp, teach nutritional cooking classes, build wells or latrines, distribute water

filters, or encourage good dental practices. These initiatives could serve to create relationships in a community where a church already exists or help pioneer new areas for gospel proclamation through the friendships and connections made.

PRAY

- Praise God that there are many ways to build meaningful relationships with others.
- Pray for creativity in outreach and opportunities for short-term teams to join in making disciples of all nations.
- Pray for many involved in short-term projects to respond to God's call into long-term service.



INTO ACTION

Could you explore going on a short-term mission trip, or encourage someone to consider using their skills overseas? Medics, teachers, media people, keen DIYers and more are all needed.



Living life

How do we show the teachings of Jesus in our daily lives? Prayer was an integral part of Jesus' ministry, as was living his life amongst ordinary people to bring them the news of the coming kingdom.

From shopping with a reusable bag, to helping a friend get the treatment they need, or even running a coffee shop; we can learn from people and teams who have left their homes to live among those least likely to otherwise hear the good news of Jesus in East and Southeast Asia. People who prayerfully share their daily lives and interests to connect with the people in their communities with the gospel.

Will you pray for the evangelization of the peoples of East Asia through those who share their daily lives with them? How can you intentionally serve those around you as you go about your daily life?

'Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.' (Matthew 10:39)

In the waves and on the mountains

'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.' John 1:14

On a typical Sunday in Japan there are probably more surfers in the water than Christians in churches.

In Hokkaido, Japan's most northerly island, you'll find scores of fanatical rubber-clad surfers braving the freezing waters. After smearing Vaseline on their faces to prevent frostbite, they endure numb limbs and even put their lives on the line in pursuit of their sport. Hokkaido is also home to Kazuhiro Kokubo, one of the most famous snowboarders alive, and to Niseko, Japan's number one snow resort.

I've worked with OMF in Hokkaido for over 10 years with surfing and snowboarding being part of my ministry for the last few years. An estimated 12 million people are involved in the snow, surf, and skating industries in Japan, so these activities present a great opportunity to reach whole communities with the gospel. These people are unlikely to ever set foot in a church building.

So I realized that the best way for me to bring the good news of Jesus to them was

by becoming part of these communities myself. I needed to be out with them in the waves or on the slopes living an authentic, Jesus-filled life among them. I've found it is important to be willing to adjust to the subculture of the people you're trying to reach. As I've got stuck in, I've had opportunities to make friends and share God's love. In time, I hope to make disciples who can transform their communities for Jesus. I pray God might use this to help start a discipleship movement within the action-sports tribe. A movement that could boost the Church and impact Japan.

PRAY

- Pray for Japanese Christians with an interest in sports to consider how to use their interests for the gospel.
- Pray for more people in the action sports tribe to come to know Jesus.



INTO ACTION

How could you use your interests to point people to Jesus?

What's that in your hand?

*"Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?"
"A staff," he replied.' Exodus 4:2*

Have you ever wondered what might happen if you gave God what was in your hand? This story in Exodus is a reminder that God can use ordinary things in extraordinary ways to accomplish his plan.

God asks Moses a simple yet profound question: 'What's that in your hand?' Moses is troubled and afraid of leading the Israelites out of Egypt. He lacked the confidence to do what God had asked. He thought his staff was just a stick and didn't think it was anything special. Yet God worked miraculous signs through the staff when Moses surrendered it to him.

As a Christian creative, I have asked the same questions that Moses had as well. I wasn't sure how my love and gifting for art fitted into God's work. Art might not be the first thing that comes to mind when we think of world mission. We may feel like we don't have what it takes to make an impact with our art. Like Moses, each one of us was created by God and for him with

unique gifts to be used at this moment in history. So, he just wants us to use what we already have in our hands.

PRAY

- Thank God for the gifts he has given you. Pray for your creative expressions to be a light in the darkness that can draw others into his wonderful light.
- Pray that he can take our simple pen and paper, musical instrument, paintbrush, camera or even just our own voices to carry the power of God's truth and beauty to impact hearts and minds.
- Pray that God will help us use our art with a sense of purpose and intentionality. Pray we view our creativity as a gift from God that can be used for his glory.



INTO ACTION

In what ways can you use your art on a deeper level to create opportunities to share your faith and inspire meaningful dialogue about the beauty of God's love and truth with others?

Meeting needs in Jesus' name

"Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.' Mark 5:19-20

When we meet the needs of a community, such as providing healthcare, God often opens doors to greater opportunities to share Christ. You don't need to be a nurse or a doctor to be involved

Janey, an OMF missionary, lives in a community where her neighbors practice a different faith. Janey is not a healthcare worker, but one day she was able to help Naira access the resources she needed to have surgery. During her recovery, Naira had a vision of Jesus Christ. She was quite surprised, as she had been devoutly following the god of her faith. On returning home she asked her faith leaders why she would have such a vision and why Christians like Janey are always willing to help. God used this experience to introduce her to Christ and prompted her to ask questions about Christians.

Ultimately Janey's care and support helped Naira meet Jesus. Another worker has seen several people come to faith in a hard-to-reach minority group through a similar loving care and support. As one of our missionaries has said, 'Meeting a need sometimes opens a hard heart to the gospel.'

PRAY

- Praise God for the ways he uses missionaries to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the communities in which they live.
- Pray for creative health-related opportunities that make an impact at local, regional, and national levels.



INTO ACTION

How could you meet a need today for someone in your community?

Up steep cliffs and through deep waters

'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.' Psalm 19:1

Students' eyes always light up when we announce upcoming hikes. There's something so special and exciting about getting outdoors and spending time exploring God's beautiful creation. The mountains, canyons, rivers, and waterfalls of Taiwan certainly declare his glory! Not to mention the bonding that is bound to happen over a shared adventure, which might include scouting paths under recently fallen bridges, unexpected rockslides, or even wading through waist-high rivers.

Each semester, our Kaohsiung student ministry team plans a couple of hikes with the college students. We all enjoy hiking, and these are perfect opportunities to create lasting memories and grow relationships with new and well-known students.

Many young people are eager to try new things and are seeking a community in which they feel comfortable, valued, and safe enough to try them out. Hiking alongside young people not only grows

the bond within our community but is also a parallel to how our team strives to walk with them in their spiritual journeys. Helping them up steep cliffs and through deep waters, both literally and figuratively, builds trust. Once trust is established, students become open to sharing their life stories and also hearing the gospel. As we build relationships with each student, we pray that the gospel would transform their lives!

PRAY

- Pray that God would use these hiking trips to reveal his glory in creation.
- Pray for the safety of everyone joining and wisdom for the ministry team as we prepare and lead the outings.
- Pray that God would grow trusting relationships within the community and draw many students into a loving relationship with him as we walk alongside and share the gospel with them.



INTO ACTION

What do you enjoy doing? Could you invite someone to join in order to build meaningful relationships with those in your community? Take time to consider how God can use your daily activities for his glory today!

From teacher to entrepreneur

'Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.' John 14:6

Renqin watched the Jesus Film as a university student. When the narrator invited her to open her heart to the one who says he is the way, the truth and the life, she didn't hesitate. She echoed the prayer at the end of the movie and went to bed with a peace she never experienced before. Her Tibetan friends and family were convinced that she was crazy when she shared about her new found faith. They tried to pressure her to stop following Jesus, while her Christian friends encouraged her not to turn back. Doubt and faith alternated in her heart over the next few years. Renqin found a job as a primary school teacher in a Tibetan village but left within a year as she found the pressure too much. She ended up getting to know some expat Christian businesspeople seeking to support rural communities. Renqin began working with them to help develop some basic projects into a business that could help families make and sell handicrafts to boost their income. She wondered if she could ever run her own business. But she had never really learned to take care of herself, let alone a family or a business.

After a few years, Renqin could make some of the handicrafts herself. She

also married a Tibetan Christian, who is a skilled artisan himself. The business owners encouraged Renqin and her husband to start their own firm to make the most of opportunities in the local area.

Today Renqin and her husband have three children, live in a Tibetan town and their own business is up and running. It is hard to make money, but they seek to be salt and light in their community through the way they run their company with love. Over the next few years, they hope to grow their business and start employing people, especially raising up those who are disadvantaged. They dream that one day their employees might be able to start their own businesses too. Life is far from easy, but they trust in the one who is the way, the truth and the life.

PRAY

- Please pray for Renqin, her husband, their children, and their families. May they grow in the knowledge of God.
- Pray that their business and the businesses of other Tibetan believers may flourish.
- Pray that they will be salt and light in their communities, not ashamed of the gospel, making a positive, lasting impact.



INTO ACTION

How can you encourage someone to take a step of faith today?

Coffee with Jesus

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.' Matthew 10:40

'This coffee shop is like a second home.'

'I love to come here and just rest.'

'I come to the shop and feel less stressed.'

These are just a few things we have heard young people say about the coffee shop we opened up near a university campus in Taiwan. The price of coffee is cheap, there are electric outlets where students can plug in their computers, and there are comfortable chairs where they can even sit and close their eyes for a bit.

This is where we meet people, hold special events, have one-on-one or small group Bible studies, and a weekly fellowship meeting. The menu is simple (a variety of drinks and brownies) and affordable for students. But, we aren't trying to make money. In fact, the shop is supported by donors. However, running a small business gives us opportunities to meet people we may not otherwise meet. Sometimes, people just come in for a cup

of coffee or a brownie and have no interest in engaging us. Other times, people come in and are happy to have a conversation. It's a natural way to make contact with people and practice hospitality.

PRAY

- Pray that we would make contact with young Christians who wish to grow in their faith and knowledge through discipleship, so that upon graduation, they would have an impact on their churches and communities for the Lord.
- Pray that we would have opportunities with non-Christians to share the gospel and have evangelistic Bible studies.
- Pray that the young workers who have been raised up as leaders would continue to grow in their love for and service to Jesus, and that they would disciple and train up the next generation as well.



INTO ACTION

How could you create an environment where people can come in contact with Jesus through you?



Creation care

'The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation' Colossians 1:16

Stewardship of God's creation is not the responsibility of environmentalists or governments. It is an 'everybody issue'.

This means that each of us can consider how we care for people and places right where we are. It could include thinking about how pollution impacts human and wildlife health, or how we run our businesses with concern for both people and the planet, or caring not only for poor and vulnerable communities, but also the places where they live and the land they depend on.

Caring for creation can point us to the Creator as we care for our common home together and get to know the one who deemed it all 'very good' (Genesis 1:31). From answering curious questions about why we pick up litter in our area to protecting coral reefs in the Philippines, we get to share how our motivation is love for Jesus, the Lord of all creation.

Bonding over trash

'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity' Psalm 133:1

It's 6 a.m. on Saturday morning. Like every Saturday, Qun-Ying gets on her motorbike to meet her friends at the coast to pick up trash together.

The excessive use of plastic and lack of proper waste management are very concerning problems throughout Southeast Asia. But there is a group of volunteers who love and care for the homeland which God created for them, and they see it as their responsibility to steward it.

One volunteer shared with Qun-Ying that when people see news about their region, it typically focuses on incidents or conflicts. However, they now realize that God has given them a beautiful creation to live in, with lovely people to care for the land, and this should be shown to everyone.

After picking up the trash, the group usually go to enjoy some roti for breakfast and chat about all the happiness and worries in their daily lives. This group welcomes everyone, regardless of age,

gender, nationality, faith, or social status. The barriers and walls are torn down by the bridge of loving God's creation.

As a foreigner in the group, locals are often surprised that Qun-Ying's love for the land and its people is even greater than theirs. That's because she knows how God loves us, and this is the way she lives out his love in her.

PRAY

- Give thanks for how God wonderfully created the world and everyone in it.
- Praise God for how caring for creation can help bring people together and learn to love one another across divisions in society.
- Pray that people who love creation will find a growing desire to love the Creator with their whole hearts.
- Pray for more people in the litter picking group to come to know Jesus as their creator, savior and king.



INTO ACTION

What environmental problems do you see in your community? How can you show God's heart for the community by caring for his creation?

Good news for all creation

'Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy' Psalm 96:12

25 years ago, when Ganaa, a Mongolian church leader, moved to pastor a small-town church, nature thrived in the area. Many local people were nomadic herders and relied on good grassland. As the area developed, the grassland became degraded and trees were chopped down. It became increasingly difficult for people to sustain their herds, their only source of income. Many fell into joblessness, alcoholism and poverty. Local churches started to struggle financially.

Seeing this huge challenge, Ganaa realized that to shepherd his church people, he needed to provide a way for them to support themselves. He had a vision to improve the environment by starting small businesses on a piece of land, such as bee keeping, farming, and running camps for visiting churches. This would not only support the church financially but also create job opportunities. Therefore, he bought some land in 2007.

Understanding the importance of caring for God's creation, Ganaa cultivated sustainable work practices among his church people to care for this land. As

nature thrived and businesses grew, people flourished. Through the years, Ganaa realized that God's world is not only for people, but also for all creation. In 2014, God gave him a bigger vision, to plant trees in the area. For the next ten years, Ganaa planted around 20,000 trees to revitalize the environment. Many locals and officials call him "Jesus' Ganaa" and admire his love for people, land and animals.

PRAY

- Give thanks for the churches in Mongolia that have an awareness of creation care.
- Pray that more local leaders will understand the importance of caring for people and for their daily wellbeing, as well as helping them meet Jesus.
- Pray for the growth of these trees, the bee keeping projects, for creativity in eco-tourism, and more opportunities to point to Christ through each of these areas.
- Pray for protection of the grasslands as many herders depend on them for their livelihood.



INTO ACTION

How might caring for your local environment and for your neighbors open up opportunities to share about Jesus?

Hope in the haze

'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.' Isaiah 40:31

Leaving her small, overcrowded classroom, seven-year-old Altantsetseg wraps herself tightly in her scarf against the biting Mongolian cold. She passes an outdoor playground, its equipment broken and covered in frost. She can't wait for winter to be over so she can play again.

In the distance, the massive chimney of the power plant looms, belching out thick smoke, creating smog that hangs over the landscape.

As she trudges home, Altantsetseg catches a brief glimpse of sunlight breaking through the dense smog. As quickly as it came, that momentary sense of hope quickly disappeared behind the thick haze once more.

When her mother finally returns from work and lets Altantsetseg into their traditional felt-covered round tent, they rush inside, eager to escape the cold and pollution and together they light a fire with coal and dried cow dung. The warmth of the fire comforts them both as they settle in for the evening.

Altantsetseg tries to do her homework, but her fingers struggle to hold the pencil correctly. She never had the opportunity to develop fine motor skills, and it shows in her shaky handwriting.

Imagine the difference it could make if Altantsetseg and her friends had a safe place to play indoors, away from the air pollution, or ways to find help with their homework. How might churches respond creatively to these needs?

PRAY

- Pray for opportunities for Christians to bring innovative responses to the needs of the next generation in their communities.
- Pray for wisdom for Christians seeking to care for their environment and nurture their children's futures.
- Pray for Mongolia's children to soar like eagles in strength and endurance, finding their strength in the Lord.



INTO ACTION

What environmental problems do you see in your community? How can you show God's heart for the community by caring for his creation?

Using bags to share the gospel

'So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.' 1 Corinthians 10:31

Bringing reusable bags to grocery stores may be common in some countries, especially when people must pay a fee for bags, but this is certainly a rare sight in Thailand. Nobody brings reusable bags.

As a missionary in Thailand, Sarah tries to enter Thai culture and adapt to the lifestyle there. However, she also believes God commands us to care for creation and one of the ways she lives out this value is through bringing her own shopping bags to reduce plastic waste.

So, whenever she goes to the market, she takes along bags for her fruit and vegetables and containers for prepared food. This simple gesture catches the eyes of local people and sparks conversation. Whenever she refuses a bag at markets, sellers get curious about her action and start asking questions. This opens

opportunities for her to share about God and what motivates her to bring her own bags.

PRAY

- Pray for God to help OMF workers to live out biblical values in their daily lives because he can use the smallest action to point people to himself.
- Pray for every Thai Christian to learn about God's command to care for creation and to find ways to practice that in culturally relevant ways in their daily lives.
- Pray for every follower of Jesus to have a desire to care for creation so that they can witness to his good lordship over every part of their lives and all of creation.



INTO ACTION

What needs and opportunities are there to bless the next generation in your community?



Social media

'Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.' John 4:35

Have you ever spoken to 200,000 people? Me neither! But some of our videos have.

Our Media for Movements ministries exist to equip OMF workers and local Christians to effectively use social media as a tool for sharing the good news of Jesus. These social media-based ministries connect online seekers to offline disciple-makers, who help to support in-person discipleship and church planting efforts.

Media has always been a vital part of OMF's history. Our founder, Hudson Taylor, came to faith through the influence of a gospel tract. He later authored books and launched a publication to spread the good news of Jesus. Over the years, God has inspired our workers to use print and radio with great impact. Today, tools like social media allow us to proclaim the gospel wider, faster, and more efficiently than ever before as many people across East and Southeast Asia increasingly turn to the internet and social media to get answers to their deepest questions. Though our methods may change, the message remains the same.

As a diverse organization, we recognize that our strategies must adapt to different cultures and contexts. This collection of prayers highlights how God is working through social media, our workers, and local partners to bring about a harvest that glorifies him.

An unexpected ministry

'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.' John 15:5

A family serving with OMF as church planters in a rural area of Southeast Asia found they had unexpectedly developed a ministry on Youtube.

They started a channel in Mandarin, which shared about their family's ministry; featuring testimonies, Bible stories and gospel presentations. As the audience grew, they found they were increasingly being asked questions about the Christian faith. So, they launched an apologetics channel – dedicated to introducing Christianity.

The Lord has blessed and used their online work to reach many. The family channel has grown to over 86,000 subscribers in just a few years. More than 2,200 of them have already subscribed to their new apologetics channel. Their videos have positively influenced their local ministry too. One family became good friends with the OMF family after finding them on YouTube and has recently finished an Alpha Course with them. Some non-Christian people from the area

also reached out and showed interest in Christianity. Two of them have already joined the biweekly Bible study group at the OMF family's home.

Their content has also inspired and encouraged local Christians to consider how they can share the gospel and join God's mission in more creative ways as well.

PRAY

- Pray for the families filled with a heart for evangelism to be filled with the Holy Spirit so they will always abide in Jesus and bear much fruit.
- Pray that many people in Southeast Asia will take steps toward following Jesus as they watch the evangelistic videos.
- Pray for more co-workers to catch the vision of using media for gospel movements and join God's mission in Southeast Asia.



INTO ACTION

How can you use your creativity or online presence to reach your community with the good news of Jesus?

Catching the vision

'Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.'

Romans 10:17

After seeing a Facebook ad posted by the OMF Thailand team, asking, 'What is true love?', Uncle Chaliao sent a message, saying he had a problem he needed help with. Fluke, a local Christian digital responder, replied and learned that Uncle Chaliao was locked out of his girlfriend's house where he was living. Fluke and Uncle Chaliao chatted about prayer and the uncle's past interest in going to a church close to his house. Fluke offered to arrange for a church member to visit and pray for Uncle Chaliao, only to discover they in fact lived in the same area as each other.

Fluke and another Christian later visited Uncle Chaliao at his farm. They shared the gospel and prayed for him. Uncle Chaliao plans to come to church but is often busy with farm work. Fluke and his church will keep following up with Uncle Chaliao.

When Uncle Chaliao messaged, Fluke had only been a digital responder for OMF Thailand's Khao Dee (Good News) digital evangelism initiative for four months.

Meeting Uncle Chaliao helped Fluke begin to grasp the full potential of digital evangelism to introduce people to Jesus and connect them with churches and in-person discipleship. Since then, he has been learning more about sharing Jesus with seekers online as well as sharing about digital evangelism with more churches so they can also be involved in following up contacts in their area.

PRAY

- Pray for God to guide those who choose the topics to put online so that they will appeal to seekers and reach those he has prepared.
- Pray for God to continue working in Uncle Chaliao's heart and to remove any obstacles to him coming to faith.
- Pray for wisdom, passion, and insight for responders as they share the gospel with enquirers.
- Pray for churches, Christians, and cross-cultural workers to catch the vision for using digital methods to share the gospel.



INTO ACTION

How can you use social media to start conversations with your non-Christian friends?

Bearing fruit through social media

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.' 1 John 1:9

'How will God ever forgive me?'

Di cried. Di had responded to a Facebook post asking: 'Can I ever be forgiven?' She was struggling with guilt and seeking forgiveness for her adultery with her brother-in-law. After messaging online with our team, she learned about sin and forgiveness through the Adam and Eve story. Later, she met with one of our local Christian partners who shared the good news of Jesus. Shortly afterwards, she started following Jesus and joined a small discipleship group.

Di is one of growing numbers of people hearing about Jesus online and then connecting with Christians in person. And over the next nine months Di grew in her faith and got baptized, although hardship and temptation tested her faith. Di confessed her sin to her family, but they responded by taking her to the police station. Despite this, Di shared the gospel with them.

This had real world consequences in a culture where family and community shame is of great importance. Soon after, her family found a Bible mailed to her, and made her return to her old belief system. For a while the team lost touch with her, though recently she has connected again and she continues to be discipled.

PRAY

- Pray for Christians like Di as they share with their families for God to break through any fear and suspicion.
- Pray for people to find evangelistic social media content online and come to love and follow Jesus through it.
- Pray for those who are discipling new Christians to persevere in loving and praying for those they have met online through social media ministries even when they cannot contact them.



INTO ACTION

How could you help encourage new Christians in their faith today?



Prayer is just one of six ways to reach God's World

We believe every Christian and every local church has a part to play in God's global plan. Have you considered how God has uniquely gifted you to participate in his mission?

LEARNING: Grow in understanding of God's mission and his work in the world. Learn how to see the world through his eyes. How can you intentionally explore where the opportunities to share the gospel are greatest?

PRAYING: Ask God for his kingdom to come on earth as in heaven. Can you ask him for God-sized impact in the world? Someone once said, 'History belongs to the intercessors.' Could you join a prayer group locally to pray for missions?

GOING: Visit East Asia or live among East Asians. Do you feel like God has inclined your heart to visiting or living among East Asians? If you could do any type of work in another country, what would you do?

SENDING: Support projects and those who go. Could you be involved in helping others overcome any difficulties they may have in going to serve God among unreached peoples in East Asia? What blessings from God do you think senders enjoy?

WELCOMING: Engage with East Asia's people where you are. How could you bless East Asian people who are living overseas? Could you provide a welcome for them and show them God's love? Many return to their home nations and could be carriers of the gospel if they have had a chance to meet Jesus overseas.

MOBILISING: Equip others to engage in mission. We are blessed because Jesus invited his followers to tell others about him. How can we inspire others to get involved in God's mission?

Find out more about how you can get involved in God's mission with OMF by connecting with your local OMF center. Visit omf.org/contact for details.



Map of East Asia







Billions of people in East and Southeast Asia have never heard the good news of Jesus.

So how will they hear it?

It might be through a post on Facebook. Or from a colleague at work. A teammate in their sports club, or even their friend in the local litter picking group.

Discover inspiring stories of how God is at work today through all these ways and more. Find fuel for your prayers and practical suggestions for how you can help people meet Jesus where you are, too.

Join in God's global mission through prayer.