

THEY GO, WE GO -- IN PRAYER!

Sunday, July 7, 2019 -- SUMMER MISSION TEAMS SEND-OFF -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

The Apostle Paul... Missionary, Preacher, Teacher, Church Planter, Pastor, Discipler

- Saul was a 'Jew among Jews' and a persecutor of the Church before his conversion.
- Acts 13-14 is his first missionary journey with Barnabas -- they turn to the Gentiles.
- Paul went on at least 3 missionary journeys and a final trip to Rome.
- Paul wrote 13 of the 27 total books of the New Testament.
- Paul traveled 10,000 miles by foot. Paul traveled 6,000 miles by ship.
- Paul traveled over 650 days in a 20 year period (over 500 of them walking).
- Paul spent 4-5 years in prison. Paul was beheaded in Rome by Nero.

1 Thessalonians 5:25

*Brothers, **pray for us.***

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

*1 Finally, brethren, **pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;** 2 and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.*

Romans 15:30-32

*30 I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, **to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,** 31 that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, 32 so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.*

2 Corinthians 1:9-11

*8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. 9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. 10 He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. 11 **You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.***

Ephesians 6:18-20

*18 **praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.** To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 **and also for me,** that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.*

Philippians 1:19-20

*19 Yes, and I will rejoice for I know that **through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance,** 20 as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.*

Colossians 4:2-4

*2 **Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.** 3 At the same time, **pray also for us,** that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— 4 that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.*

Philemon 22

*At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that **through your prayers** I will be graciously given to you.*

1) GOD-GLORIFYING PRAYER brings REAL PARTNERSHIP in Mission Work:

Romans 15:30 *I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,* (also 2 Cor. 1:11; Phil. 1:19)

2) GOD-GLORIFYING PRAYER brings REAL POWER in Mission Work:

2 Corinthians 1:9-11; John 15:5 -- *for apart from me you can do nothing.*

3) GOD-GLORIFYING PRAYER brings REAL PROTECTION in Mission Work:

2 Thess. 3:2 *and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.*

4) GOD-GLORIFYING PRAYER brings REAL PROGRESS in Mission Work:

Colossians 4:3; 2 Thess. 3:1-2; *pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified*

SPECIFIC PRAYER for PROJECT NORTHERN LIGHTS (PNL) and our PNL Team:

(Sharing the Gospel and distributing thousands of Bible-packets to North African Muslims in France.)

1. Pray for God to 'open a door to share the mystery of Christ' (Colossians 4:3).
2. Pray for boldness to share the Gospel amidst intimidating circumstances.
3. Pray for God to give 'divine appointments' with people who are ready to receive.
4. Pray for seeds of the Gospel to be sown in good soil that will bring a great harvest.
5. Pray for God's Word to instantly, radically change hearts -- 'Sauls turned to Pauls'!
6. Pray for bodily strength and stamina for our team to do the exhausting work.
7. Pray for traffic jams at the port gates that stop the cars so packets can be offered.
8. Pray for helpful police and port officials to allow us to do our work.
9. Pray for protection from those who hate the Gospel. (2 Thess. 3:2)
10. Pray our team members will be experience life-long growth from this experience.

SPECIFIC PRAYER for the MK CONFERENCE Team: July 11th-20th

(We are conducting a very special youth camp for MK's from hard places.)

1. Pray for saving faith and turning to Christ for any kids who have not yet come to Him.
2. Pray for our team to have God's wisdom, insight and sensitivity as they minister to the kids.
3. Pray for the kids who are struggling with the hardships of adolescence and ministry life.
4. Pray for the kids to develop a deep hunger and thirst for God's righteousness and truth.
5. Pray for 'Aha! moments' and spiritual breakthroughs as our team teaches/loves the kids.
6. Pray for our team to be healthy and energetic so they can complete this important task.
7. Pray for Ben and others as they teach the INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY METHOD to the kids.
8. Pray for God's protection from evil people and distractions from the aims of the conference.
9. Pray our team is unified as they need to work closely together for long days.
10. Pray for each of our team members to spiritually grow as a result of this mission task.