

# Thank You for Praying

We are so thankful you have joined us for the Day of Prayer for Church Planting. Please mark your calendars now for next year's Day of Prayer on May 28, 2023!



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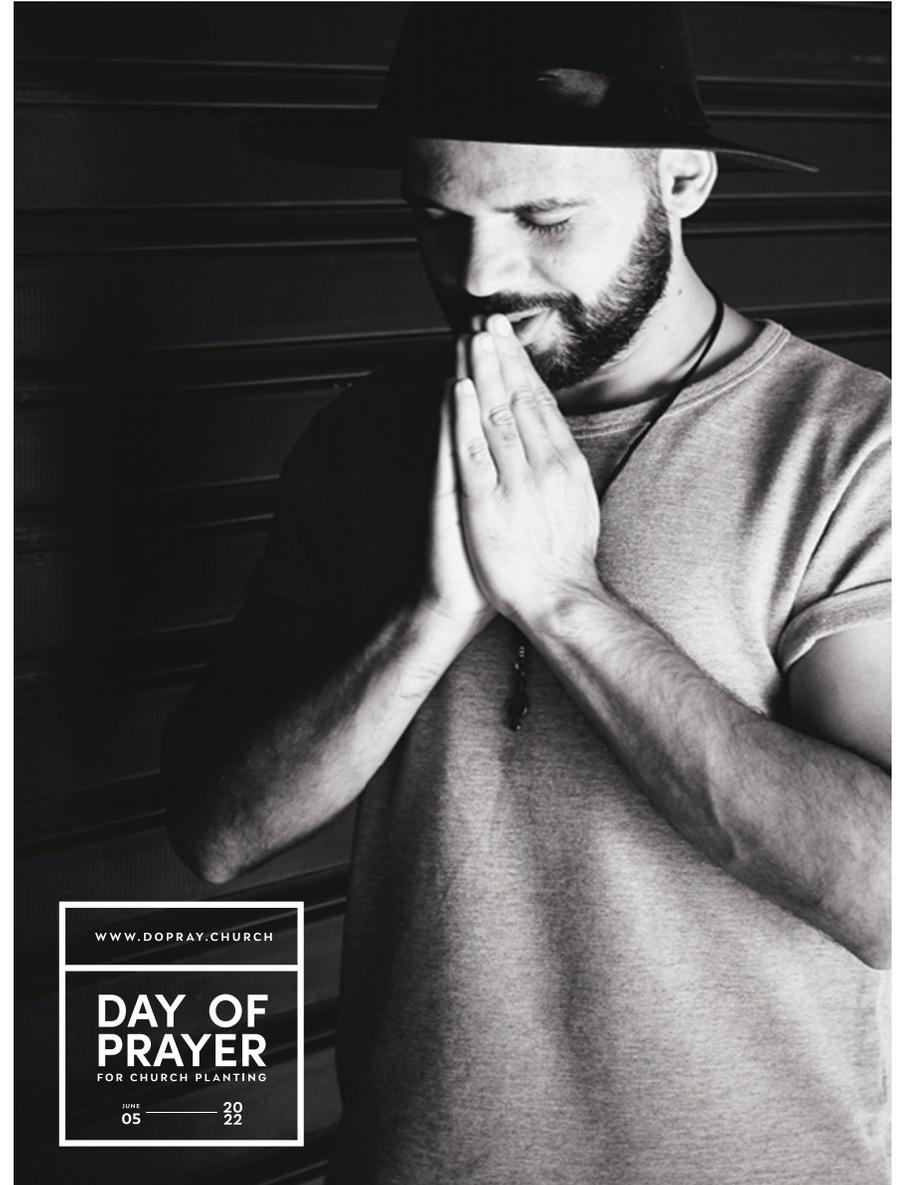
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# Day of Prayer for Church Planting



Dear Friends.

Thank you for joining the Day of Prayer for Church Planting. Our team believes this is an important day for the church around the world. Today, thousands of Christ followers will join together in humble hearts to ask the Lord to continue building his church.

We stop and pray today because of the powerful words spoken by Jesus to his disciples in that great promise: “I will build my church.” We know that nothing is going to stop him from accomplishing what he desires to accomplish. Jesus went so far to say that even the gates of hell will not stop this from happening. We pray today because of this promise.

We have designed this prayer guide to help you think through some main issues regarding church planting. We ask you, with a humble heart, to take time to read the Scriptures included and reflect on each topic. As you do, take a few minutes to record your prayerful thoughts. Our hope is that this is the start or continuation of a heart for prayer for Christ’s church around the world.

Thank you for the sacrifice of your time. Thank you for joining us.

For his glory and our good,

**Thad Bergmeier**  
Executive Director  
EveryEthne





# EveryEthne Church Solutions Conference

The Journey to Multiply Disciples, Leaders, and Churches Begins Here

### Dates & Locations

September 27, 2022 - Fort Wayne, IN

October 10, 2022 - West End, NC

November 15, 2022 - Salem, OR

November 17, 2022 - University Place, WA

**Time: 8:30-4:30**

### Registration: \$50

All registration funds will be donated to North American church plants.

Each person who registers will receive a free lunch and a bundle of resources valued at more than \$70 to help you take your next step.



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## Jesus is Building His Church

**Read:** Matthew 16:13-20

**Highlights:** “I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

### Pray:

1. Give thanks that nothing is going to prevent Jesus from Building his Church.
2. Be thankful we get to be part of something that will not fail.
3. Express confidence that Jesus will accomplish all he desires in building his church.

### Church Planter Profile:

Mark & Shoni S | Manila, Philippines

Mark S is an Indian leader planting churches among the Sikh, Sindhi, & Punjabi diaspora in the Philippines.



**Prayer Request:** Pray for Mark and Shoni as they reach out to Hindu background Indian businessmen and families to plant churches across the Philippines.

### Reflective Thoughts:

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# The Need for Church Planting

**Read:** Ephesians 3:14–21

**Highlights:** “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think...”

**Pray:**

1. Give thanks that we can play a role in church planting
2. Pray for wisdom of church leaders to be creative, but not compromise on the biblical vision of the church
3. Pray we see the same growth in church planting in the western world as we do in the majority world

**Church Planter Profile:**

Joseph Akakpoo | Lome, Togo

Joseph Akakpo leads a team of pastors in evangelism, discipling families, and planting churches in Togo.



**Prayer Request:** Joseph just launched a church plant in Kati Lomnava, Togo and Edokope is next. He’s praying for a water well to open the way and for a vehicle to reach bush communities that are strongholds of voodoo and witchcraft.

**Reflective Thoughts:**

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## Sending Missionaries

For nearly 100 years, ABWE has served the local church by mobilizing, supporting, and empowering missionaries who engage in evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and partnership with national believers. Throughout its history, ABWE workers have taken the gospel to the least-reached and helped disciple the church to maturity where the gospel has already taken root. Now, as a global family of ministries, ABWE’s 1,000 missionaries are reaching 84 countries and countless people groups using a variety of ministries and skills to most effectively make an impact in an ever-changing world.

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# Service Opportunities

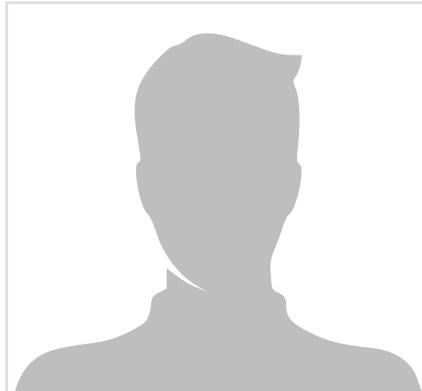
**Read:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

**Highlights:** "... from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages..."

**Pray:**

1. Be thankful we are invited to be part of the greatest mission this world has ever known
2. Ask Jesus how he would like for you to participate in this mission
3. Be open to attending a church plant; joining a church planting team, or speaking to your leadership about church planting.

**Church Planter Profile:** Who is this going to be? What about you? What about your church?



**Reflective Thoughts:**

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# Church Planters

**Read:** Titus 1:5-9

**Highlights:** "If anyone is above reproach..."

**Pray:**

1. Ask God to raise up more godly church planters
2. That we would see a movement of young people giving their lives to the task of planting churches
3. For the purity, godliness, & love of God for the next generation of church planters

**Church Planter Profile:**

Paul & Hannah M | India

Paul and Hannah train and lead a group of church planters who serve among Hindu populations in slums, universities, and middle-class communities.

**Prayer Request:** Pray for Paul and Hannah as they encourage national pastors, mentor their church planting team, and strengthen their newest church plant among the middle and upper-class urban community.



**Reflective Thoughts:**

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# A Global Movement

**Read:** Revelation 7:9-12

**Highlights:** "...from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages..."

**Pray:**

1. Give thanks for the gospel to be given to all peoples, races, and nations
2. Ask Jesus to root out pride, partiality, and favoritism in the church from local churches
3. Ask Jesus to give the church a love for all peoples

**Church Planter Profile:**

Adam & Melissa Gibson | Lisbon, Portugal

Adam and Melissa have planted a new church in the greater Lisbon area in Portugal and are working to grow that church and an international ministry through involvement in the community.

**Prayer Request:** We have been looking for a bigger building to purchase for the church plant that will give us more room to grow.



**Reflective Thoughts:**

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# Perseverance Amid Suffering

**Read:** 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

**Highlights:** "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."

**Pray:**

1. Ask Jesus to protect churches being planted from persecution
2. Rejoice that boldness in the midst of suffering leads others to be confident in the Lord
3. Pray for strengthening of exhausted pastors, missionaries, and church planters

**Church Planter Profile:**

Venone Bihag | Gracestation Christian Fellowship in Regina, Saskatchewan

A Missions minded, Filipino church focused on restoring lost people.

**Prayer Request:** For the development of leaders as well as they are looking for a permanent location and applying for CRA status with Canadian Government.



**Reflective Thoughts:**

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