

40

DAYS OF PRAYER
AND FASTING

PRAXEIS

Ask Seek Knock
8th March - 17th April

Sunrise Prayer on Resurrection Sunday

'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen!'



Resurrection or Easter Sunday is a significant day in our calendar as followers of Jesus.

This Easter, we encourage you to invite others to join in praying at Sunrise at a significant location in your city, town or country.

As we remember Jesus' resurrection, let's pray together from around the world and break our fast this year with a powerful time of prayer, celebrating and crying out to God for resurrection breakthrough.

Praxeis locations



Australia

Melbourne | Regional Victoria
Sydney | Queensland
Western Australia

The Nations

PNG | Indonesia | Singapore
Hong Kong | Laos | Sri Lanka
Afghanistan | Myanmar
India | Eastern Europe
New Zealand | USA | England
Malawi



Melbourne, soon to be the largest city in Australia, is also the most multicultural city in the nation with more languages and ethnicities per population. The many people groups and rich cultural diversity make it an amazing harvest field close to God's heart.

Praxis Melbourne consists of multiple teams focusing on a range of people groups, regions and affinity groups to see disciples made wherever there is an open-door.

Our workers engage with unreached people groups and a variety of harvest based Discovery Groups through out the city. We dream of seeing people discovering Jesus as they engage with Scripture, being disciples and making disciples with those in their world.

Melbourne is also home to the Praxis National Office, a resource centre for the broader Praxis vision, both nationally and internationally.

We carry the vision for Melbourne, Victoria, Australia and the nations.

Let's pray together

- For breakthrough, particularly in the West and North of the city where we desperately need to see teams of workers established. Pray for leaders that have a call to disciple others and take on these locations
- For an increase in new disciples (workers from the harvest) who will reach back into their own relational streams to disciple others
- For a saturation of the vision: leaders, teams, disciples and the birth of Discovery groups all over Melbourne
- For the Praxis National Office to be fully resourced to fulfil the vision

Hazaras

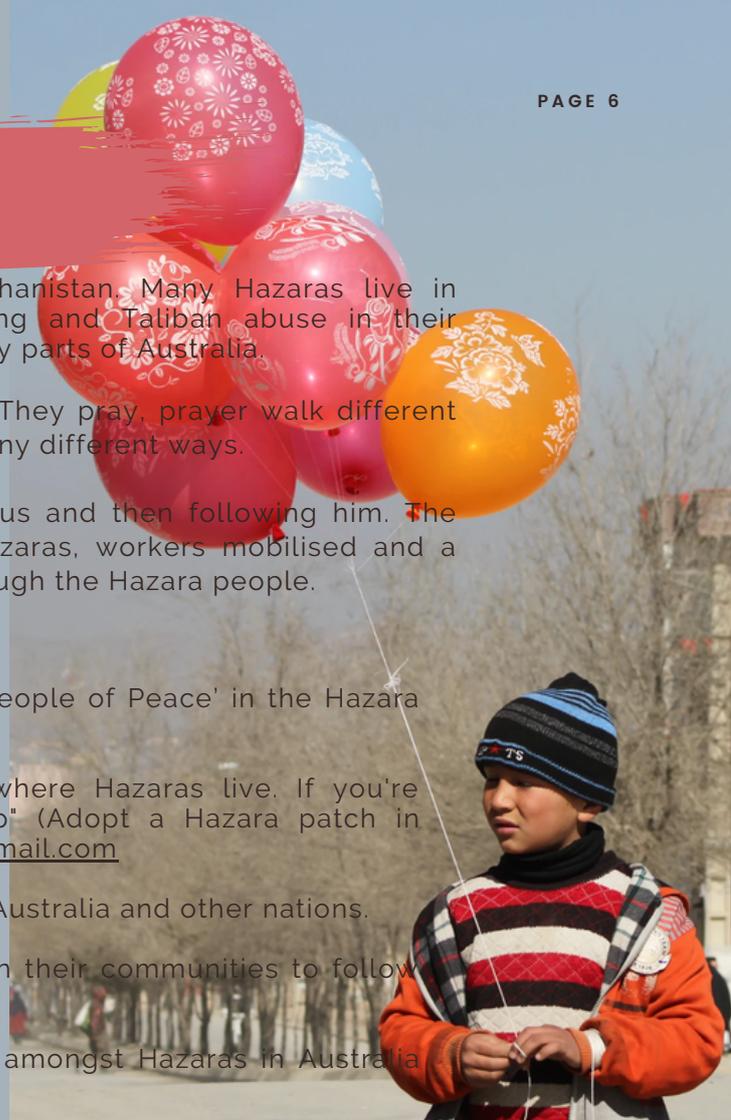
The Hazara people group are originally from Afghanistan. Many Hazaras live in Australia having fled persecution, ethnic cleansing and Taliban abuse in their homeland. They are Muslims who have settled in many parts of Australia.

A small team gathers regularly to pray for Hazaras. They pray, prayer walk different locations and connect with Hazara communities in many different ways.

Their heart is to see many Hazaras discovering Jesus and then following him. The vision is to see an increased prayer focusing on Hazaras, workers mobilised and a multiplying movement of disciple makers spread through the Hazara people.

Let's pray together

- For God to identify and connect the team with 'People of Peace' in the Hazara community.
- Prayer groups to form in each suburb/ town where Hazaras live. If you're interested, you can e-mail them about "A-hopp" (Adopt a Hazara patch in prayer). The e-mail address is prayerforhazaras@gmail.com
- Discovery groups to be birthed among Hazaras in Australia and other nations.
- Hazara men and women to be discipling others in their communities to follow Jesus.
- The gospel to spread through relational streams amongst Hazaras in Australia and the nations.





Melbourne - East Timorese

Etervina leads a team of disciples based in the North-Western part of Melbourne, Richmond and Dandenong. They are East Timorese who are on mission, passionately connecting with those in their relational networks and boldly sharing Jesus as they live out their daily lives. They pray for, and with their friends, family and colleagues who don't know Jesus yet.

The team is often found visiting and praying for the sick, sharing their own experience of Jesus. A key marker of this team is that they practically serve their communities in any way that they can. As they go, they see many miracles take place and doors open for the gospel to be shared among families and groups.

Let's pray together

- Thank God for the fruitfulness of this team and the 10 people soon to be baptised from these communities
- Pray for Etervina and her 3 key leaders who all have close family battling with cancer and sickness. Pray that God's work continues while these women take time to care for loved ones.
- For breakthrough from spiritual strongholds.
- A mix of Catholicism, animistic practises and ancestral worship often take place in churches. While many are cultural Christians, these practices stop them knowing Jesus. Let's pray for spiritual break-through and Jesus encounters, revealing the truth that sets people free.
- Pray for a movement to be birthed among the East Timorese of Melbourne that multiplies and reaches all the way back into East Timor.

Melbourne – South East

We want to see more "families" - whether biological, interest-based or spiritual - be reconciled with their Creator in Melbourne's south-eastern corridor.

Imagine the Kingdom of God coming amongst the ordinary, unreached people groups of suburban Melbourne - unleashed from any particular premises or cultural restrictions.

We believe that Jesus' message is good news for our people, and that He will bring peace of heart and peace of mind to anyone who seeks Him.

We hope to position ourselves as disciples - before God and with others - to partner with Him in His work to find those who seek the things that Jesus is wanting to give.



Let's pray together

Pray for us, as part of the church

- To be courageous to pray, pray, pray and share, share, share. It is easy to become discouraged, allow fear to corrode our confidence and to lessen our expectations of how God will work or prepare the way.
- That one family (that is not already Christian) would be found and discipled through the scriptures into obedience, sharing and the abundant life in the next 10 months (by and large we have not seen this yet with our people).
- That we would not be busy, taken over by the cares of this life or pursuing good things which distract us from spending time with Jesus, in prayer and fasting, scripture and the other things that tend to bring fruitfulness.



Regional Victoria

Vision birthed by prayer

Birthered out of a desire to pray for the town of Shepparton but blocked due to COVID, an online prayer gathering formed mid-2020 to pray for Regional Victoria.

Out of this prayer gathering has emerged a bunch of people keen to make disciples in their towns and communities. Over the last 12 months we have seen local prayer groups emerge and leaders raising up teams, intentionally engaging in the harvest and starting DBS groups.

The vision has grown from Shepparton to Regional Vic and our dream is to see teams of disciple-makers in every community across the state, reaching the 1.4 million people from many different backgrounds and nationalities, that call the beautiful Regional Victoria their home.

Let's pray together

- God would raise up and connect us with many more passionate, prayerful and obedient workers
- God would raise up leaders to carry the vision for the major regional centres in Victoria (e.g. Geelong, Bendigo, Shepparton etc)
- For prayer to be multiplied to new groups with new pray-ers all passionately interceding for the lost and for workers for the harvest.
- We want to see lots and lots of discovery groups all across Victoria; households, friends, extended family. For the gospel to spread through relational streams!

Why pray and fast?

We pray and fast because
**Jesus modelled and
taught his disciples to
pray and fast**

We pray and fast because

**the early church were often
found in prayer and fasting**

We pray and fast because
**Prayer and fasting is a common
practice of movements today**



Sydney

Sydney, still Australia's largest city is teeming with a huge variety of ethnic groups and cultures.

One team is reaching out to communities across the Northern Beaches and another is starting DBS groups amongst their own family and friendship networks in the multicultural Western suburbs.

Arminians, Orthodox Iraqis, Catholics, University students and Spanish speaking South Americans are amongst those who are seeing discovery groups start and churches form.

Let's pray together

- Pray for Melanie as she perseveres in training and coaches people across the Northern Beaches who are discipling those around them from a variety of backgrounds.
- Pray for the Northern Beaches team to be strengthened in spirit and number after being largely dispersed during Covid.
- Pray for the Iraqi team in Western Sydney - for even more groups to start and for boldness in praying and sharing Scripture with their family and friends.
- Pray for Max and Paz as they seek to start discovery groups amongst Spanish speaking South Americans on and beyond Paz's college where she studies.
- Pray for Steve as he seeks to reach his Catholic background friends and Muslim neighbours in Guildford (West Sydney).



Western Australia

We long to see a network of vibrant spiritual communities where Jesus is honoured as Lord and Saviour, that continue to grow and multiply through people groups and communities across Western Australia.

Let's pray together for the WA teams

- **Hills Hub** - as they train others to make disciples, start Discovery Groups and reach their community. Pray for the Wooroloo community where Rowan is working and for the women connecting with young mums in the area.
- **Wheatbelt** - Auntie Deborah, a Noongar Elder, lives in Northam and is keen to pray with our team as we reach into the Wheatbelt farming communities. Pray for good connections and Discovery (DBS) Groups to start.
- **First Light team** (Chinese background) meets monthly to pray and encourage one another to keep reaching out to their networks looking for spiritually hungry people.
- **Bhutanese/Nepali team** - Sonia continues to lead this team. Ask God to help with moving Disciple Making Movement (DMM) training from heads to hearts. The team holds monthly Zoom prayer times with family and contacts in Bhutan and South Africa. Pray for a global movement among Bhutanese.
- **Nepalis** - Jill is focusing on building prayer with the Nepalis. The complex pressures of life are challenging including work relationships, health and visas.
- **The Great Southern** - pray for new connections in Nyabing, Lake Grace, Pingrup and Gnowangerup. We're planning to do some DMM training in the area before Easter.



Queensland

Qld has a population of 5.2 million, of which 4.5 million are not following Christ. This is tragedy for God! He grieves over everyone of these people knowing them intimately. When Jesus looked down on the masses it recorded his utter grief saying he had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd.

The Praxeis team in QLD grieves as well, seeking to have the same heart of compassion as Jesus did so that we can see as he does. We all have experience what it is like to not follow Jesus and now as followers we know the security and assurance of both the past present and future.

Jesus went on to say the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I'm sending you...

This what the Praxeis team in QLD are engaged in. We are going into the harvest and be spiritually natural, looking to develop people into followers of Christ who will reach their relational network. It takes courage to obey and intention to follow. Who will come with us?

Let's pray together

- Please pray for the SE corner of Queensland from Noosa through to Coolangatta (including Brisbane) and west to Ipswich. Pray for new team members to join us in fulfilling the great commission.
- For the Queensland team to have God inspired strength and wisdom for the task ahead
- Ask for workers that will go into the many harvest fields
- For those hungry for spiritual truth to reach out and connect with disciple makers who can help them to discover Christ
- For courage, wisdom and perseverance for the team as they face spiritual opposition
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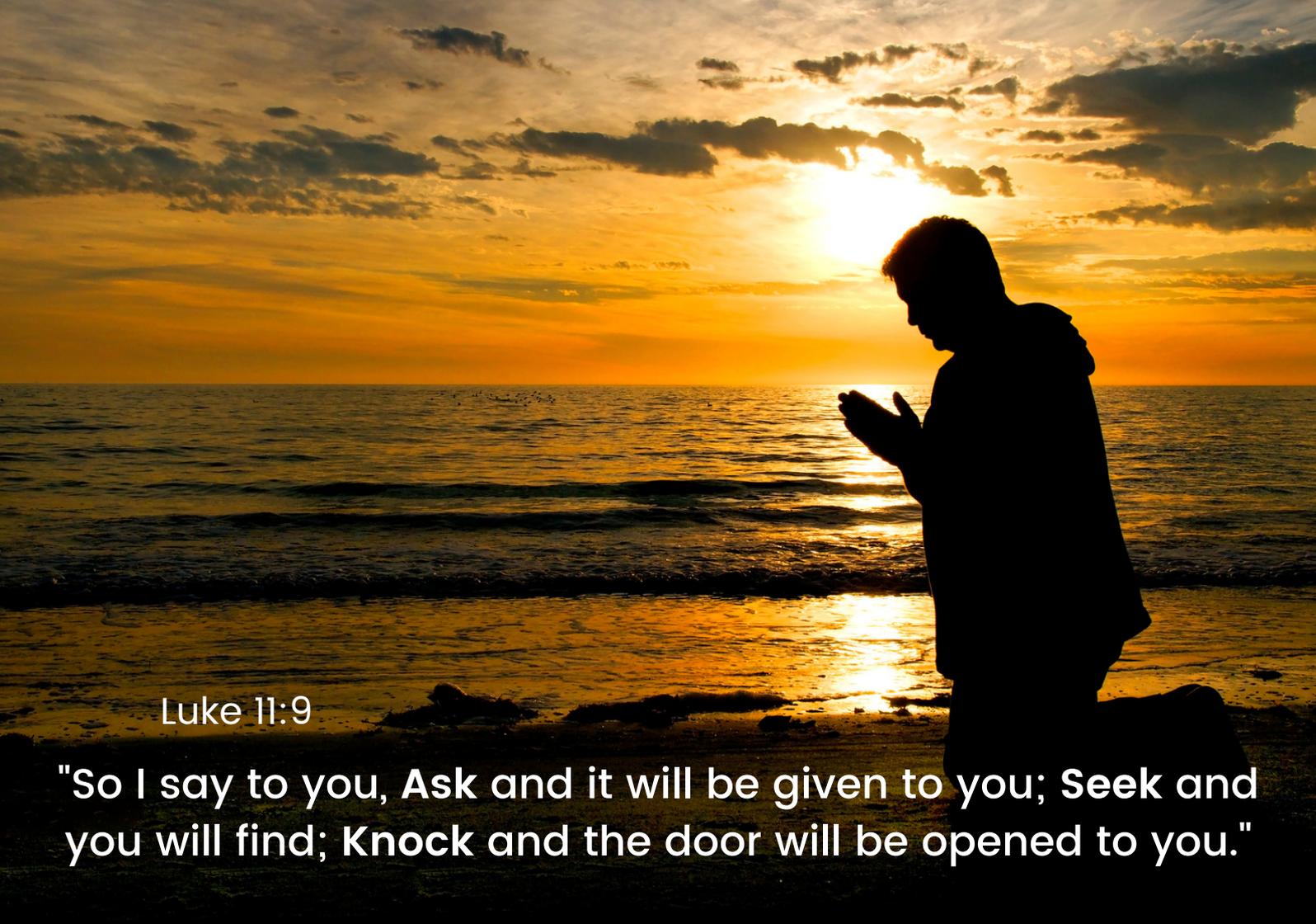
Far North Queensland

With a vision to make disciples that multiply across all ages and backgrounds, the Far North Queensland team cover the area from Townsville to Cairns, and all the way to Cape York.

Recently Steve and Mel (Regional Leaders) relocated to Cairns. Their heart was to disciple their Indigenous connections from a previous trip to the Cape. Flying in and out every two weeks they have been shocked by the level of hunger that they have found amongst local Indigenous people. The people they have connected with are already keen to move beyond basics and are soaking up everything that they can. It is so clear that God was at work amongst this community before the team arrived.

Let's pray together

- Praise God for the connections with people of peace (those prepared by God) from the communities of Cape York and for discovery groups now gathering in Kowanyama and Pompokuraaw.
- Pray for Inside Leaders to be developed and for more workers as the team disciple local Indigenous to disciple those in their own communities.
- Ask for both increased capacity (as the team fly to the Cape each fortnight) and for wisdom to know when to rest and recharge.
- Ask God for a disciple making movement to spread like wild fire among the people of Cape York and way beyond.



Luke 11:9

"So I say to you, Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you."

How do we pray?

Everything we pray is centred around God's purposes not ours

Now we have our heart's aligned with God, let's get practical. Ask what we need for today, tomorrow we will come again and ask, keeping our relationship alive
(e.g. What do we need personally? What do we need to see the harvest reached?)

We need to receive AND extend forgiveness. One of God's kingdom principles is that we can only receive forgiveness if we give forgiveness.

Jesus said, pray like this...

Praying is talking with our Heavenly Father. Its our starting place.

All glory goes to the Father, worship him as we jump into prayer

"Father,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation."

(Luke 11:2-4)

Ask the Father to help walk his path, stay on track and in step with him

"Lord, teach us to pray"

In Luke 11:1-13 Jesus had just finished praying, as the disciples asked him to teach them how to pray. Jesus responds with the Lord's prayer and follows straight on with a simple but powerful story to answer their question.

"Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.' "



Audacious prayers

Notice the friend who goes to borrow bread is not asking for himself. He is asking out of genuine concern for his friend, he is compelled to push the boundaries with his other friend until he gets the response that is needed. He is asking out of a motivation of concern and is clearly very comfortable in his relationship with the friend he is asking, having such a frank conversation at midnight.

He is also **asking** specifically for what he needs, **seeking** the appropriate response and **knocking**, he keeps disturbing his friend until he gets what is needed to help his hungry friend.

But it's not even because of his friendship that he gets up to give the bread. It's because of his shameless audacity. Jesus is saying be BOLD in what you ask for others and the kingdom of God. It's like he is daring us, saying 'Come on! Don't be timid in your requests ask for what is needed.' Be persistent in your asking, seeking and knocking...

Why?

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

The Holy Spirit and Prayer

Jesus finishes answering the disciples question with this statement:

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"**

This is the essence of how we as disciples should pray. It is the answer to the disciples' question of How do we pray? **The Holy Spirit** is the essential element for effective kingdom focused prayer.

Since we have actively sought to align our spirit with God and are praying for his will to be done, not ours, we can expect the Holy Spirit to lead us as we pray and as we ask, seek and knock the door will be opened.

Over this 40 Days let's put Jesus' principles for prayer into practice. Prayer comes out of our relationship with God. Be confident asking our Heavenly Father for what we need to reach the harvest, in fact, as the Holy Spirit leads you, be bold!

Jesus modelled prayer to his disciples **The Holy Spirit** will lead us as we pray and empower our prayers for the **Father's will** to be done on earth just as it is in heaven.

Let's Ask Seek Knock

...and expect great things from God as we pray
for his kingdom to come!

Praying is simply talking with our Heavenly Father,
prayer comes out of our relationship with him.

We are called to pray for others, shameless
audacity is our stance, we are called to be bold in
prayer not timid.

Everything we pray is based on God's purposes, not
our own.

When prayer aligns with God's heart he is pleased
to answer.

Praying for the harvest comes out of love and our
concern for them, asking God to meet our friends
needs.

The Holy Spirit is essential for effective kingdom
focused prayer.

The Father gives the Holy Spirit to anyone who
asks.





CROSSING

New Zealand

While New Zealand has a rich Christian heritage, the number of Kiwis identifying themselves as Christian continues to rapidly decline.

Meanwhile those who identify as having no religion has grown to nearly 50% of the population.

In this society increasingly disinterested in God, we have workers in **Auckland, Hamilton** and **Tauranga** crying out to Him for harvest and the multiplication of workers. In each city there are small teams targeting communities as diverse as retirement villages, young migrant families, a surf life saving club as well as local neighbourhoods.

Our heart is for passionate harvest prayer, raising up of harvest workers to see unstoppable movements of Jesus disciples from the top to the bottom of New Zealand.

Let's pray together

- Please pray for wisdom in mobilizing and training diverse teams of workers to reach their communities
- Pray for a greater boldness along with a greater burden and heart for the lost. That we will take every opportunity God gives us to let our light shine
- Pray for wisdom and understanding to specific hindrances to finding People-of-Peace and seeing the gospel take root in new communities
- God has been speaking specifically about streams of water filling dry trenches. Please pray for the pouring out of God's spirit in these dry places.



Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Stephen grew up in PNG's Western Province as a missionary kid until 18 years of age. A few years ago, God prompted him to make a return trip with the focus of catalysing a DMM. Since that trip, over 50 groups have formed in remote villages through the relational streams of people of peace.

We are also looking to focus on the islands of Milne Bay Province where we will be catalysing and training with the hope of DMM being started in the next 12 months.

Let's pray together

- Praise God for the discovery groups who are multiplying in remote Western Province villages.
- Pray for increased communication with local leaders going into the future.
- Pray for access ministries such as snakebite bandages to open doors for catalysing more disciple making movements.
- Pray for the islands of Milne Bay, Kiriwina. That groups would start, using the Bible that has been translated into their language.



Indonesia

A big harvest field!

Some of the largest unreached people groups in the world live in Java.

We are working with leaders and teams from a number of cities, training, coaching them and building local teams to make disciples in many different communities.

Spiritual conversations lead to Discovery Groups, which lead to the formation of churches that multiply through family and relational networks.

Let's pray together

- Pray for God's movement in Java and that He provides harvest workers.
- Pray for local team building, multiplication of leaders and the ability for group formation.
- Pray for the new team formed to follow up seekers who come through media campaigns that they can identify and coach key people (influencers).
- Pray for our partnerships with several individuals to build an access ministry in the form of restoration ministry for uni students in a student city in Java
- Pray for new areas and church pastors who have been open to coaching, that we can catalyze the movement together with them.



Singapore

God has said that, "the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea." (Habakkuk 2:14). Although some segments of society have engaged with the Gospel in Singapore and Asia, the vast majority have rejected Christianity.

However, God is raising up both hungry people in the harvest, and leaders & teams from the Christian community with a Hab 2:14 vision who want to see disciples made in every community in Singapore. We thank God for the growing number of teams that are forming in Singapore and the region.

The Singapore team is called to two things. Firstly, to engage the harvest in our personal spheres as disciples of Jesus. Secondly, to serve, resource and empower leaders and teams in Singapore and Asia to fulfil the vision for community transformation and disciple-making movements that God has given them.

Let's pray together

- Colossians 1:9-12 for the Singapore team and each of the teams we are serving - discernment and wisdom for how to best partner fruitfully with God in the harvest fields He has placed them/us.
- For the Holy Spirit to stir up hunger and openness in the harvest fields where these teams are working. For open ears to what God is speaking into these communities and lives.
- For God to raise up teams for at least 3-6 additional significant population groups in Singapore, and 3 team clusters in other Asian cities in 2022.

Why 40 Days?

We see in scripture that 40 days of prayer and fasting often precedes times of significant break through.

Jesus was praying and fasting for 40 days in the wilderness before starting his ministry. He spent 40 days with the disciples after his resurrection, before Pentecost and birthing the New Testament Church.

Noah, 40 days of rain while he was in the ark

Moses, 40 days on Mount Sinai before receiving the Ten Commandments

Elijah, prayed and fasted 40 days until he reached the cave of Horeb. Then the Lord spoke to him through the wind, the earthquake and finally he spoke in the stillness

Jonah, went to Ninevah and proclaimed that in 40 days the city would be judged. The people of Ninevah called a fast and prayed asking for mercy. The whole city was saved.

Then there's **the Israelites** : Deuteronomy 8:2 says 'Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.'

Prayer and Fasting positions us for God to humble and test our hearts, to align our spirit with Gods spirit and to pray for breakthrough

Hong Kong



In Hong Kong we aim to see a movement of obedient Jesus followers birthed, baptized, and gathered into churches that multiply. Our primary target is the non-yet-Christian population of Hong Kong (95%) and surrounding regions. Much of the population gives marginal to devout allegiance to a syncretic mix of Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism, ancestor worship and folk religion. Mostly all are deeply ensnared by the post-modern idols typical of highly educated, wealthy, urban societies: atheism, materialism, pluralism and moral relativism. In this place, we believe King Jesus will plant thriving Disciple Making Movement.

This last year was one of green shoots and firstfruits. Our aim has been to saturate all our disciple-making efforts with prayer of all kinds, methods and durations. Our conviction is that the only way forward is by continuing to multiply prayer.

Some rough numbers gives a snapshot of where we are at so far:

- 20+ workers deployed.
- 50+ Discovery groups started with 160+ attendees
- Several baptisms and 1 harvest church started

Most disciples are of local Chinese background, but also Phillipino, Indonesian, South American, Nepalese, Pakistani, Westerners and others.

Let's pray together

- Victory in spiritual warfare as we confront idols both old and modern.
- Continue to discover, engage, equip and deploy persons of peace to reach their networks with the Word of God.
- See increased 2nd, 3rd, 4th generational Discovery Group multiplication and beyond.
- More prayer, prayer groups and prayer movement multiplied.
- More baptisms and more churches launched.
- Clarity and unity of mission as we discover together a Biblical vision for disciple making and seek to apply it in a replicable way in our particular context.
- That everyone in our movement, especially leaders, would continually grow in a lifestyle of Bible discovery, obedience, prayer, and multiplication arising out of hearts overflowing with love and the true worship of our amazing King Jesus. All Glory to Jesus!



Isaan

The word Isaan means 'North-East', and is what the North-East Region of Thailand is called, as well as the predominant people group found therein. There are around 21 million Isaan, with 0.18% protestant Christian. Over 99% of the population are Theravada Buddhist, who strongly believe in Karma, and regularly go to temple to make merit for themselves or family members.

Scott and Sarah Morrison, along with their three kids Josh (6), Ella (3), and Zoe (1) have been living in Thailand for the past five years, and currently live 20 minutes north of Udon Thani city. They are seeking to find People of Peace, whether already Christian, or currently Buddhist, and catalyse them towards making disciples throughout their relational networks and beyond.

Of the Christians that live in Isaan, many are highly discouraged and have little zeal or excitement for telling their networks about Jesus. At present, around 86% of all sub-districts have no church presence. Our heart is for there to be at least one church in every subdistrict, so that all may have easy access to the Gospel.

Let's pray together

- For us to know God's heart for this region deeply.
- For boldness and wisdom in sharing about Jesus.
- For God to give us households of peace in our new village.
- For encouragement for the Christians that are already in Isaan.
- For God to show His Glory and move in power throughout Isaan!



Laos

Laos is a vibrant and diverse country full of hill tribes who form a kaleidoscope of colourful cultures

Yet this nation lives under the oppression of communism and poverty.

Our worker in Laos is focused on discipling young people coming from two specific villages, Choulasengeo and Nambar village. The focus is on identify future leaders, mentoring & training them while continuing to ask God to bring breakthrough & demolish powerful strongholds in these villages.

Let's pray together

- for wisdom and discernment to focus on mentoring & training those who will be future leaders
- that those being disciplined will encounter Jesus & develop a deeper understanding of His love for them and His desire to set free the captives in villages through out this country.
- for the breaking down & demolishing of the strongholds. Government officials consistently present Christianity as a god of foreigners (all western people) only & people of this country are forbidden to believe in Him.
- for God to be at work in the heart's & spirits of men of influence & men in leadership positions throughout the country & specifically these two villages where current disciples come from.



Myanmar

In Myanmar, the population is 54 million and the country's official religion is Buddhist, with Christianity being around eight percent. There are still many unreached people groups to reach including the majority people group, the Burmese.

Our Vision

To plant 200 churches through a making disciples movement

To train many trainers who can train others

Let's pray together

- Praise God for three local Pastors being trained in Disciple Making. Pray that they will become fruitful leaders as they take part in the training every weekend from February to November
- Pray for the set up of DMM Myanmar Team
- For opportunities to train other churches in Disciple Making
- More discovery groups
- Pray for the Burmese people. They are the largest population in Myanmar and are still unreached. If we win them we can win the rest in Myanmar
- For stability for Myanmar as a nation

Fasting

- Fasting is giving something up in order to seek God
- Its not a hunger strike or a way to manipulate God
- Just as Jesus aligned himself to the Fathers will, this is what we want to do
- Fasting is putting our own self-reliance aside and trusting God.
- Our hunger for God increases, as does our intimacy with God, because we are seeking him
- Recognise your own limitations as you work out what to do in the area of fasting, for example you may decide to fast one meal per day, or one day per week.
- Remember its about making space to spend time with God
- It's about cutting something out of your life that allows you to fill that space to seek God and pray.
- Jesus knew prayer was important, his days were full, but he prioritised prayer. Have a look at your schedule and ask God how to rearrange things creating space to pray.

Please be wise! if you have health issues, check with your Doctor first before fasting. Remember fasting can also be an attitude as well as an action!



Sri Lanka

In 2016 Spenser & Karen connected with some People of Peace (a husband and wife) and have been coaching and mentoring them since. The beginnings of a Disciple Making Movement has started from within this community in Central Sri Lanka in the small city of Kandy that has a population of 125,500.

Fast Forward to 2022...new believers have come to faith from among the Buddhist & Hindu communities in villages as well as many workers from both the harvest as well as believers who are engaging in the harvest as disciples of Jesus. A significant observation is that the ones God has prepared and is using to open doors into hard places are young children and women in particular from among the poorest of the poor.

COVID 19 continues to have a devastating impact on the country. The loss of tourism has the country now on the brink of economic collapse.

Let's pray together

- For a change in the running of the country that is currently affecting all levels of society resulting in

Unaffordable basic food
Government cuts in education
Trauma and suicide among youth
Increased drug and alcohol addiction
Loss of income and jobs
Increase in violence and sexual abuse

- For the children and youth as a result of education disruption. For hope in the place of hopelessness for future.
- Revival in the country. Wisdom for the church in these troubled times and a church whose heart is to reach the lost
- Team: COVID, Viral Flu, and dengue are rampant. Many of the team are sick currently. Pray for protection from obvious and subtle spiritual attack as a result of engaging in many dark spiritual places.



Central India

Our team in Central India are seeing a movement that is growing exponentially

In this region - with a population of over 120 million people - there is less than 1% of people who are Christians. And yet the team in this region are seeing individuals, families and whole communities join Discovery Groups, learning about Jesus, becoming baptised believers and sharing with family and friends.

In the last 4 years they have reported 900 groups, 1200 baptisms and over 20,000 in groups. Although this sounds like a lot, compared to the 120 million living in Central India, it is still small.

They are encountering increased and systematic persecution amongst new believers and leaders of churches.

As more and more people come to faith, and more workers are identified, there is a growing focus on finding and training leaders to coach and care for the hundreds of Discovery Groups.

Let's pray together

- **Pray for the leader and his family.** Pray for God's safety, wisdom, leadership to continue to see the movement grow and multiply.
- Thank God for the Disciple-Making Movement that is transforming people's lives and families in Central India.
- Pray for God's safety and wisdom, as leaders continue to see the movement grow and multiply.
- Ask God for protection for each of the DMM workers - there has been a number of cases where disciples are beaten and ostracised for their faith in Jesus.
- Pray for continued boldness and faith.



The Irula people live in simple thatched houses in the jungles of Southern India. They are the snake and rat-catchers caste, with a rich tradition in dance and music. The Irula predominantly follow Hinduism, combined with animistic beliefs.

Rabi and Sanyo our workers in South India have ministered among the Irula for the past few years but sadly Rabi caught Covid last year and passed away. This year Sanyo plans to re engage with the women and families of the nearby Irula village.

Let's pray together

- Pray for Sanyo (and her two young sons) as she reconnects with the women of the village.
- Praise God for favour from village elders and open doors for ministry to continue.
- Pray for the many villages who are spiritually bound by idol worship and issues such as alcoholism and poverty. Ask God to release people from anything that is holding them back from following Jesus and living a transformed life.
- For people of peace to be identified among the villages and a disciple making movement to be birthed among the Irula



Afghanistan

The church in Afghanistan is small, persecuted and vulnerable. Yet in the midst of crisis and oppression, it is rapidly growing. Praxeis has a growing number of workers and teams praying for Afghanistan and working with Afghan refugees in Australia.

In 2022, workers will be moving into a northeast city in Afghanistan to join in what God is already doing there. The vision is to see multiplying Jesus movements in 10 people groups, led by Afghan indigenous to each one.

Let's pray together

- Pray for workers and their children arriving in Afghanistan to arrive and set up life in the protection and provision of the Most High.
- Pray for God's favour in the "early work"- integrating into existing teams, learning language, praying for the harvest, and developing friendships with locals.
- Pray for God to begin preparing people of peace - for workers and Afghan disciples to meet and catalyse multiplying groups.
- Pray for dreams and visions amongst workers and in the harvest - for God to speak and lead people supernaturally, accelerating kingdom work through His Spirit.
- Pray for many more workers to say "YES" to Jesus' call to go to this great nation.



Malawi – Scott and Jen Parker

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world - with some of the most beautiful people.

Our heart is to partner with other organisations to train and equip disciple-making disciples, while meeting some of the real needs on the ground in rural communities.

Our team is made up of our family, and a small team of YWAM staff in the south of Malawi, some are expats and many are local Malawians.

Then in the north at Mphatso is a lady from Australia who is managing a feeding and education program.

Let's pray together

- That God would bring people of peace into our lives who will make disciples in their communities.
- We will be led to the right place for us to settle and make our home base. We are unsure exactly where in the country we will be based. Please pray for wisdom and guidance.
- Unity among the people and a desire to see a multiplying house church movements birthed.
- Safety and protection for our family against disease, sickness, witchcraft etc.
- Waves of revival, salvation and healing all over



Eastern Europe

Praxeis Eastern Europe is a small team with a big vision for the Gypsy people of Eastern Europe.

Our heart is to help Gypsies to discover and obey the will of God for themselves, their communities and their nation. Part of our vision this year is to catalyse a prayer movement for DMM amongst the gypsies.

God has been speaking to us from Psalm 23:5 "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."

So during this time we will be inviting the Gypsy nation to the 'The Fathers Table'.

Through social media we will create a platform where Gypsies can connect, be involved, be trained, coached, mentored and resourced as disciple-makers.

Let's pray together

- Thank God for the communities we are already working with in Romania, Ukraine and Hungary
- Ask God to stir up a spiritual hunger in these communities.
- As we use social media, ask God to connect us with those he has prepared to be trained as disciple makers
- Pray that God would lead us to new communities, young leaders, People of Peace (those who have been prepared by God)
- Pray for the team to be inspired and refreshed in following Jesus
- Our prayer is that God would lead and help us to create different platforms and tools to connect us to all the 7 countries we are working in and to mobilise our existing groups and connections.



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Middlesbrough, England

Over the last 3 months Paul, Stella and their children have started the work of 'Mission Middlesbrough' in Hemlington, England.

Hemlington is a very needy neighbourhood. God laid this area on our hearts and spoke to us to begin to pray and look. Since then, we have been prayer walking the area regularly, connecting with people and looking for inside leaders and those who are hungry to know Jesus.



Let's pray together

- Pray for our family (Paul, Stella, Rebekah 17, Esther 15, Faith 13, Noah 10, Abigail 6)
- For wisdom as parents and for our children to continue to grow in the Lord.
- For more workers to join us, and team to form. For leaders to reach each of the 21 wards nearby and the diverse communities in these areas.
- Praise God for several Discovery Groups meeting regularly
- Pray for People Of Peace we have connected with, some battling long term illness, others deeply involved in New Age. Ask God to reveal truth and bring breakthrough as they discover Jesus and follow him.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement to be birthed in Middlesbrough.



Seattle

We desire to see generations of disciples who live out the great commission as part of everyday life.

Our team is mainly working on the eastside and south end of the Seattle region, within neighbourhoods, in education circles and among international communities.

This year the team is focused on increasing and multiplying prayer, identifying and mobilizing disciple makers, and exploring new church partnerships.

Let's pray together

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to pour out vision over legacy churches that requires a shift in focus and a passion to establish His kingdom outside walls and brands of denomination. Pray we would be welcomed to train DMM practices where believers are seeing fruit.
- Pray for our blockages of seeing where God is at work drawing people to himself, especially among Muslims. Pray He would lead us to people of peace and those who are spiritually open.
- Recognizing that prayer is the foundation of any disciple making movement, we are pursuing more multiplying prayer strategies and identifying current kingdom focused pockets of prayer to join. Pray that even out of prayer practices more disciple makers would be mobilized to reach their communities.
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Busting the myths of fasting

We're a pretty ordinary bunch of people who like to eat when hunger hits but we're fasting because we see that prayer and fasting precede breakthrough in God's Kingdom.

When we think about fasting there are a few myths we need to bust.

Myth: Fasting is what super spiritual people do.

Actually, we fast because we are weak and we need to see God's power. 2 Cor 12:9 says 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness'.

Myth: Fasting adds to our righteousness, giving us extra access to God.

Fasting is no magic pill. It doesn't force or manipulate God to do something we want him to do. It doesn't mean that we desire less, actually we want more - more of God and his Kingdom to come.

Fact: Fasting is, however, putting our self-reliance aside.

Through fasting, we destroy the myth of self-sufficiency and direct our attention toward God. Fasting is common among the exploding church planting movements around the world.



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