

1 Friday ~ Matt & Susie Lundquist Central

Washington University Missions Door

With Finals week and graduation fast approaching, we gathered students on Friday evenings for a much-needed break. We were pleased to see some new faces and keep in touch with students who had connected with us off and on throughout the year. Their enthusiasm in being together confirmed that these gatherings were meeting a felt need.

2 Saturday ~ Arab World Media

We are just over halfway through the year, so it is time to look back over the last six months and praise God for his incredible work across the Arab world.

3 Sunday ~ Arab World Media

From the 1st of January to the 30th of June, we have seen 212 Arab seekers profess faith in Jesus through our online ministry, and 23 have taken the next step and been baptized! The team of online responders have spoken to over 8,000 individuals and is doing an incredible job answering tricky questions and supporting seekers on their journey to faith.

4 Monday ~ Arab World Media

We have 95 individuals participating in online discipleship groups, and 104 seekers have chosen to meet with local believers in their context face-to-face. Plus, Arabs seeking truth downloaded over 5,900 digital Bibles, so we especially pray that God's word will penetrate the hearts of those reading and that they will feel led to reach out to us for conversation and discipleship.

5 Tuesday ~ Pioneers 1

A Pioneer in the Middle East asked a local believer: If you knew 100 people would pray for you, what would you ask them to pray? Let's pray as she asked: That her faith would grow and she wouldn't be afraid to live it out and answer questions others ask.

6 Wednesday ~ Pioneers 2

Pioneers in Central Asia have been praying for teammates for three years. Now another family is preparing to join them. Praise the Lord!

7 Thursday ~ Pioneers 3

Each year, churches in SE Asia hold a national Bible camp for kids. Some 800 came to the recent camp. Pray that these children will become men and women who love the Lord and desire to serve Him faithfully all their lives.

8 Friday ~ Pioneers 4

Lift up a new Pioneer preparing to move to Asia in 2 mos. His church will commission him this week. Most of his support is in. But he knows the important thing is growing intimacy with the Lord and trust in His perfect timing.

9 Saturday ~ Pioneers 5

A single woman serving in Africa is preparing to retire after serving there for decades. She's wrapping up projects and handing off responsibilities before taking her last few months for goodbyes. Pray she would finish well.

10 Sunday ~ Pioneers 6

A man in Central Asia is reading the Bible and asking, "Where are you, God?" Father, reveal Yourself in this man's life. Those who seek will find (Matthew 7:7).

11 Monday ~ Eric and Beth Yodis Ukraine WorldVenture

Praise God that many souls are being saved. During this time of war, people are confronted by their own vulnerability and mortality. Many are coming to know Christ as Savior and many churches are being planted.

12 Tuesday ~ Eric and Beth Yodis Ukraine WorldVenture

We praise God for the six people who were baptized. It is such a rare event when the elderly believe and repent, but to have six people in the winter of their lives repent, believe and then in obedience to Christ are baptized... it was spectacular. We praise God that stories like this are happening all over Ukraine many times over with both the young and the old coming to faith.

13 Wednesday ~ Brenda Allen Guinea WorldVenture

During the month of August Pastor J and others have been training nationals to be cross-cultural messengers of the GOOD NEWS! There are two large ethnic groups and 20+ smaller ones in my adopted country.

14 Thursday ~ Brenda Allen Guinea WorldVenture Pray that Jesus-following people would choose to live with & love those of other ethnic groups, especially those of the majority religion. Already this 5-6-week modular training is an annual event, but we hope that it will soon become a year-round missionary training school in our region.

15 Friday ~ Joe and Calla Jean Wright Colorado WorldVenture

On the health front there is nothing new to report. Joe's next checkup is at the end of September. We would, however, ask you to pray for longtime cherished WorldVenture colleague in Austria (with later ministry extended top Ireland) Tim Cumings.

16 Saturday ~ ~ Joe and Calla Jean Wright Colorado WorldVenture

Tim Cumings has been diagnosed with adenocarcinoma, stage 4 lung cancer. Tim has a cancer mutation qualifying him for a special targeting pill which is helping him physically. Please pray for complete recovery, either through God's direct intervention or through the wonders of medical science. Thank you for praying. That all people worship only HIM.

17 Sunday ~ Ireni Mota Sao Paulo, Brazil WorldVenture Ireni Mota says things here are very busy but a real blessing. Thank you so much for your prayers. I am recovering from the surgery. I removed the catheter, there is no pain anymore. I am so happy as I feel much better. We are so thankful for the teams that we are receiving this summer. It has been a blessing for the ministry.

18 Monday ~ Ireni Mota Sao Paulo, Brazil WorldVenture Please pray for the team that IS arriving today from "Bridge Bible Church in Somerset, WI. Also pray for the volunteers that arrived from other countries two days ago like one couple from Switzerland, one lady from Austria and one gentleman from India. We are so excited and blessed with our brothers and sisters that God has sent to serve with us the kingdom.

19 Tuesday ~ Ireni Mota Sao Paulo, Brazil

WorldVenture Paulo and I are very happy and enjoying having Sofia with us. She is leaving Brazil on August 22, back to Biola. She enjoys helping in the ministry. She has been very active participating in all the activities in the ministry, enjoying being with the kids.

20 Wednesday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan
WorldVenture

What is in your “ability box” and what things are consigned to God’s “ability box”? Yesterday as we examined the story of the disciples inability to heal the epileptic boy in Matthew 17, I was challenged with my perception of ability. The disciples had already been given the ability and command to heal and cast out demons (in chapter 10). At that point they had depended on God for that new ability. But my guess is after a while they became good at it, and it became automatic. It was within their wheelhouse. Healing and casting out demons became almost like magic, something where all you have to do is say the right formula, push the right buttons, and out pops a miracle. Until it didn’t... They forgot that anything of spiritual significance comes through relationship with God expressed in prayer.

21 Thursday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan
WorldVenture

I was challenged to think how often I am like the disciples and depend on my “ability box.” I only go to God with the hard stuff that I perceive is beyond my ability. I think I am fairly good at teaching, organizing, using my time, parenting and even writing prayer letters. It’s easy for me use autopilot in those areas and forget that to have any spiritual impact I need to come to God in prayer. Someone has said, “One perennial danger awaiting those who are granted some grace, power, or authority is the temptation to domesticate their gifts.” May I be challenged to learn from the disciples and to remember that anything of eternal value comes through prayerful dependence on God. And so we depend on you to pray with us for these things.

22 Friday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan
WorldVenture

Thanks for your prayer with us for the summer camps in mid-July. Bible Times Adventures came for the 8th year and led a week of camp with local kids with The Grace Place and then a second week for missionary kids with Taiwan Missionary Fellowship. Because we held the first week at elementary school, we couldn’t be openly evangelistic, but we could still tell the stories of Moses.

23 Saturday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan
WorldVenture

Parents were so impressed with the caring teachers, the exquisite crafts, the English songs that the kids couldn’t stop singing at home, the excitement every day to share what happened at camp. It was exciting to see that the youth from the team and the youth from the Grace Place connected with each other well, developing friendships that will last beyond that one week. We’re thankful that one child has now come to Joy House regularly and he and his mom have even come to church a few times. May God bring fruit from this ministry.

24 Sunday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan
WorldVenture

My, what God can do in one year! For the first 15 years of The Grace Place, we regularly had only one elderly church member. Last summer, God opened the door to an organization that would provide a program for us to reach 30 elderly in our community in tangible ways, so we stepped out in faith. The Sunday we first announced that program, there just “happened” to be a first-time visitor who works with elderly in the neighboring village. She was excited to be involved.

25 Monday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan
WorldVenture

The program went well. Then God sent a seminary team to do visitation of those 30 elderly folks. Meanwhile, our teammate and others have been faithfully visiting older folks in the community. Last Sunday, we suddenly realized that now we have about ten 70+ year old folks coming regularly to worship, all but one who have started coming in the last year. Since our church meets on the second floor and we don’t have an elevator, we have set up a small meeting area on the first floor where those that have a hard time climbing stairs can watch the livestream of the service. Within a year, God has blessed us with a good group of elderly folks.

26 Tuesday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Tsaiwan
WorldVenture

With that, last week our teammate started a new community outreach to the elderly that drew about 30 people. And many of our “younger elderly” members helped out with it. Will you pray with us that God will give us wisdom in how to disciple these new folks that God is bringing to us. And pray too that, in the right time, as we continue to grow, He will provide an appropriate, easily accessible location.

27 Wednesday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan
WorldVenture

Last week we joined the 70th anniversary of the Taiwan Conservative Baptist Church Association. What a joy to be with almost 100 pastors and their families to celebrate what God has done in our history and to look forward to the future. I was proud of Peter who was called up on the spot to come and share, representing the missionaries. He challenged people well. We recognize that our role as missionaries is very different from the pioneers from 70 years ago and pray for wisdom in how to come alongside these godly leaders and help them lead the church into the future.

28 Thursday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan
WorldVenture

1. Please pray for wisdom in how to minister to the group of elderly coming to church.
2. Pray also for wisdom to disciple the growing group of SS kids from unchurched Joy House families.

29 Friday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan
WorldVenture

1. Pray we will do all in prayerful dependence on God for eternal impact. Pray for wisdom in how to do church ministry, teach my 3 seminary classes starting soon, and serve the other missionaries and pastors around us.
2. Pray for both daughters (in the US) as they look for jobs.

30 Saturday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan
WorldVenture

We ask as Paul did in Ephesians 6: *“Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.”*