



WINTER 2024

AFRICA

PRAISES:

- What a privilege to begin “another year of praise, another year of proving [God’s] presence all the day. Another year of service, of witness for [God’s] love; another year of training for holier work above” (Francis Ridley Havergal).
- David Chigamba in his new role serving as Africa Festival Director. Praise God for the new work He is calling David to in the New Year and for David’s heart for Africa and his unwavering passion to share Jesus with the lost in Africa and throughout the world.
- For the great harvest through the Love Nairobi Festival with Andrew and Wendy, as well as the wider Love Kenya campaign. Praise God for the work He continues to do through the unity, partnership, and excitement initiated by this campaign. God used Love Kenya to share the Good News with more than 648,000 people in person and more than 69,980 individuals responding to the message of Hope. Praise God!

PRAYERS:

- For God’s direction, wisdom, protection, anointing, and favor in David’s role as Africa Festival Director.
- Continue praying for travel safety, health, strength, wisdom, and favor for Andrew and Wendy, LPA leadership and staff, David, Henry, Anton, and GNE partners as they continue to seek the Lord’s will in future evangelistic outreaches throughout Africa.
- For the unity established through the Love Nairobi Festival to continue to reach all throughout the region, encouraging more citywide outreach efforts and ongoing service initiatives throughout Kenya. Pray also for those who made commitments to Jesus Christ through this effort, that they would continue to be led by the Lord and be encouraged in their new-found faith.
- Wisdom and God’s favor in all aspects of the planning of Love Zambia, modeled after Love Kenya. Collaborating on 2-3 festivals with volunteers from 25 nations from 150+ towns and villages.

ASIA

PRAISES:

- From God's bountiful blessings and goodness, the trip to China was full of unprecedented conversations and opportunities, health and safety. Our prayers in October were all answered "yes" and "Amen!"
- On short notice, 5000 *What is Christmas?* books were published and distributed between the three churches visited.
- The team met with Minister Chen, the executive of the State Administration of Religious Affairs (SARA), for the first time. We were blessed by the warm greeting, support, and open doors.
- An invitation to visit new cities (Xi'an and Urumqi) was extended to Andrew and Wendy, necessitating a second trip to China sometime in 2024.
- We praise the Lord for the many relational connections made with people within SARA, the national and local China Christian Councils (CCC), Nanjing Union Theological Seminary (NUTS), Amity Press, the Jiangsu Provincial Theological Seminary, Haidian and Chongwenmen Churches in Beijing, and Huai'an City Church.
- A doctoral seminary student bore witness to the redemptive power of Jesus for people dealing with depression.
- The leaders of the Three-Self churches listed above displayed evidence of an authentic walk with Jesus.

PRAYERS:

- While in China, the door was opened to inquire about the *What is Easter?* book. Pray that SARA will continue to respond with favor by assigning an ISBN number for publication.
- Contend for the Three-Self church pastors as they walk the "tightrope" of following Christ and meeting the demands of the government, that their burden would be light, and they would not lose heart. Protect them and their flocks.
- Please pray for plans to add a second trip to China in 2024, and the wisdom and discernment in doing so.
- Pray fervently for the Prince of Peace to intervene and bring peace between the Israelis and Palestinians.
- We pray for nurturing and protection of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East who have counted the cost to follow Christ, that they would mature in their faith and stand firm in the midst of persecution.

- Unify and strengthen trust between the Christian churches of Iraq, particularly in Baghdad and Erbil. Pray they would gain strength and encouragement from one another.

NORTH AMERICA & CITY IMPACT TEAM

PRAYERS:

- Vegas – Super Bowl outreach
 - Pray for pastors to engage in the He Gets Us Service initiative and in the Athletes in Action Evangelistic Super Bowl breakfast.
 - Pray for Duffy and Andrew Matteson as they engage with the He Gets Us team and work to mobilize pastors.
- SXSW – Sunday Service
 - Pray for the program to be finalized.
 - Pray for clear engagement of Austin churches to mobilize their people to invite their friends and family who don't know Jesus.
 - Pray for the local team who have gone through several changes with the key organization planning the event locally.
- Kingston, Jamaica
 - Pray for the upcoming Pastors Gathering happening this week. This is a major gathering to mobilize the pastors in Jamaica to rally around the festival.
 - Pray for affinity events to come together well.
 - Pray for clearly defined leadership over each area of the festival to be solidified.
- New Cities
 - Pray for Mobile, Alabama and that clearly defined business leaders would be identified.
 - Pray for Reno, Nevada as things continue to move towards a festival there. Pray for church leadership and support of business leaders to continue.
 - Pray for possibilities in the Monterrey/Salinas area, Seattle, Boston, and Arizona

EUROPE

PRAISES:

- Praise God for our UK staff-away days in November – for the strength and unity of the team and the plans that we have in place for 2024.
- Praise God that two-thirds of the required budget for Festival Teesside has already been raised.
- Praise God for the great connections that were made and the conversations that were had during the Eastern European tour in November.

PRAYERS:

- Festivals
 - Please pray for the church leaders meeting on 6 February for all the partner churches. This is where the festival committee will be sharing a more involved strategy for the festival. We are trusting that, through this event, church leaders will consolidate their interests, capture the vision, and start to disseminate it to their congregations.
 - Please pray for the publicizing of Festival Teesside's Re:new event – Festival Teesside Prayer and Worship – that there will be a huge take-up and that as a result, excitement spreads throughout the Christian community.
 - Pray for generosity from churches and individuals as the remainder of the budget needs to be raised for Festival Teesside.
 - Conversations are progressing in Sheffield and the local church is keen to launch efforts towards a festival in 2025. We praise God for the existing unity amongst so many churches and ask that more churches capture the vision and get involved at this early stage.
- Global Network of Evangelists
 - Pray for God's guidance following the meetings in 6 Eastern European Countries. We need real wisdom at this next stage. Pray God shows us the need closest to His heart and how He would like us to respond.
- City Gospel Movements
 - Pray for us as we meet with city leaders in the coming months to explore the possibility of launching E-Teams in Basingstoke, Ipswich, Sheffield, and London. We want to see a culture of evangelism strengthened in their cities and regions.
- Digital

- Pray for our UK leadership as they work on the marketing and communications strategy to develop our donor base in the UK.

LATIN AMERICA

PRAISES:

- Praise our Heavenly Father for His accomplishments through the Latin LPA Team during the year 2023.
- Praise God for the way He moved in Montevideo, Uruguay in November 2023: for the unity shown by the leaders, for the “revitalization of the vision of the church body in Uruguay,” for the opportunity given to Andrew to share his grace story on two television programs, and for all who dedicated their lives during the festival.
- Praise God for the permits obtained for the Panama Festival in March 2024.
- Praise Him for the authorizations received for Andrew’s visit at the Police Cadet School and the Prison Ministries with Andrew and Wendy.

PRAYERS:

- Pray for God’s favor for the Latin Team as they meet with churches and local government officials in January and February in Panama.
- For great attendance during businessmen's and women’s luncheons and dinners.
- Asking for 6000 volunteers/counselors to serve as Friends of the Festival.
- Continued prayer over the finances, weather, artists and speakers attending the festival, equipment, and festival site.
- Continued prayer for protection, wisdom, patience, and holy discernment over every decision that our Latin LPA team must make in the coming months.
- Asking for unity in the church, as well as in the partnership with the local government.

GLOBAL NETWORK OF EVANGELISTS

PRAISES:

- We give thanks for all that the Lord has done through GNE in 2023. Our team concluded the year in good spirits, witnessing the network's growth in leaps and bounds and an amazing year of ministry. We are strategically positioned for an even greater impact in 2024.

PRAYERS:

- Please pray for each member of our staff: Des, Heather, Bryce, Alan, Jim, Dave, Tom, Daniel, Justin, Chaffra, Karen, Lindsey, Mimi, Jona, Juanpi, and Melanie.
- Tom Miyashira led a group of young evangelists to the Passion event in Atlanta, January 3-5, 2024. Pray that the insights and inspiration they received from God will continue to influence their ministry throughout the year.
- Our Senior Advisor and Coach, David Jones, is recuperating from surgery and is currently awaiting test results to determine his treatment plan. Pray for his complete recovery and a favorable outcome.
- Desmond and our NGE team (Latin American network) are in Ahuachapán, El Salvador, preparing for a collaborative festival scheduled for March 12-16, 2024. They are engaging with leadership teams, delivering sermons at churches, and finalizing the logistics, program, and additional details. Pray for the success of this event.
- GNE is organizing the evangelism track at the Mission Connexion Northwest. Pray for the effectiveness of this mission mobilization event, robust participation, and impactful discussions on evangelism.
- Desmond is scheduled to meet with leaders of the South African network in Cape Town, as well as various other partners in evangelism ministry. Pray for a spirit of oneness and for strategic planning for the joint conference in July and other initiatives to cultivate unity and expedite evangelism in the country.
- Our team is in discussions with potential collaborators for the Love Zambia campaign led by Palau, set for 2024. Our meetings are taking place via Zoom, and we seek God's guidance in assembling the right team and achieving our faith-based objectives for the campaign—reaching out to 150 cities, towns, and villages with the message of Jesus and providing evangelism training to 10,000 Zambians.
- Our team is finalizing an occasional paper on proclamation evangelism with contributions from various authors for the Lausanne Movement. We aim for this paper to be published in time for the Seoul conference later this year.
- Pray for traveling mercies as our global team makes their way to Portland later this month for our all-staff gathering. Pray for safety and for an amazing time of inspiration, mutual encouragement and envisioning for the year ahead.

CARRIBEAN

PRAISES:

- Praise God for key leaders and friends who are excited, energized, and enthusiastic for the festival in Jamaica on April 21, 2024.

PRAYERS:

- Local churches will be mobilized to prayer, faith, action, and recruitment for committee leaders.
- Well-orchestrated affinity groups and committee plans.
- Prayer for staff and Jesse, as they try to keep things well-connected between the Jamaica Broilers group leadership.
- Prayer that the shorter time frame for this festival won't impede the progress of details coming together.
- Prayer for unity of heart and spirit for a clear path for decision-making.
- Prayer for the business and civic leaders dinner, the women's outreach, the prison outreach, and the mission teams.
- Prayer for the salvation and redemption of the souls in the balance.

DIGITAL EVANGELISM

PRAISES:

- **Ongoing Impact—In 2023, through our digital evangelism in English and Spanish...**
 - 1.1 billion people reached with Gospel ads
 - 13 million+ people seeing the Gospel presentation
 - 3 million indicated decisions for Christ
 - 303,718 new enrollments in email discipleship
 - 826,191 total email discipleship participants
- **Special Campaigns Going Strong...**
 - Gospel videos from Andrew and Wendy Palau are being sent to millions each week and continue to receive a strong response of indicated decisions!
 - Andrew's new series, **Fully Alive**, has reached 3 million men so far, with over 11,000 decisions indicated.
 - Hope With God radio and podcasts continue to send out winsome and heartfelt messages of hope from Andrew and Wendy five days per week across the globe.
- **Strategic Partnerships**
 - Our partnership with Gloop allows us to match US seekers and decision-makers directly to members of local churches near their zip codes for one-to-one conversations to explore faith in Jesus.
 - Through our partnership with YouVersion, we currently host 41 reading plans with subscriptions from 306,764 people. A key aim is to funnel decision makers right to the Bible app where they can access God's word in their native language, subscribe to plans with notifications to be in the Word daily, and even search for a local church through YouVersion's church-connect feature.
 - Through our partners at Gloop and He Gets Us, LPA helped create an evangelism-equipping course called **Engaging Culture: an Evangelism Master Class**. It's an 8-part video series, full of actionable evangelism training and timely cultural insight to equip and mobilize today's Church. Kevin Palau and Ed Stetzer host the series, with special guests Christine Caine, Mark Mittelberg, Nona Jones, Andrew and Wendy Palau . . . and more! Over 2,600 churches are benefiting from it already!

PRAYERS:

- **For Gospel Visitors**—Please pray for God’s Spirit to move as (on average) 80,000 people per day visit one of our Gospel presentations to read the Good News. We present the Gospel, but it is the Holy Spirit who prepares the way, drawing many to give their lives to Christ. We pray that even across geographic distances, people will feel God’s loving presence, and choose to follow Jesus. Pray for new believers to engage with our Made New discipleship path, and to get planted in a local church. Lord, let nothing and no one will stop them from following Christ.
- **Public Reading of Scripture**—Our partners at Grace and Mercy are helping us bring this immensely valuable resource to our 20-million-strong Hope With God online community! We will be soaking in the book of John during Facebook and TikTok live, weekly gatherings during the entire season of Lent. Please pray that many new believers across the globe attend these live gatherings and come to know Jesus more deeply through experiencing the powerful Word of God together.
- **God-given Wisdom, Creativity, and Innovation**—Please pray for God’s guidance, favor, and grace in the digital landscape as we strategically grow our digital evangelism reach. Things are always changing in the digital world, and we need foresight to adapt and to seize new opportunities as they arise. We need inspired creativity as we seek new strategies to draw as many hearts as possible to connect with the Gospel. Pray for the Lord to give us pioneering insight and brilliant ideas for reaching all generations and all nations with the Good News.
- **For Hard-to-Reach Places**—Our ability to reach massive amounts of people online with the Gospel is historically unprecedented and somewhat unpredictable. We’re so grateful for the open doors God has given us, and this year we’re giving special focus to reaching these people right where they are. Please pray for individuals in these nations, where it is often dangerous to choose to follow Jesus. And pray that these doors continue to stay open and the opportunity to spread the Good News will only increase!