

Global Teams Africa leaders researching people groups who still lack access to the Gospel. Read more on page 2.

Global Teams



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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15 MINUTES TO CHANGE THE WORLD

15 minutes to change the world. Sound like an impossible task? Then it is just the right size.

Here at Global Teams, we believe that God has called us into **MORE: more prayer, launching more field partners and giving more people groups** access to the Gospel.

MORE Prayer
Field Partners
People Groups

As we pushed into what this means individually, as leadership, as a team and with our partners, we had a tiny idea. What if, no matter where we were in the world, even if we were in the middle of global travel, we stopped everything at noon (EDT) on Wednesdays, and for fifteen minutes we stood and prayed for exactly these things? This would be on top of all the other prayer times we have as teams and individuals.

Would this tiny, consistent pause and focused prayer accomplish anything? It already has.

We had gathered in our offices in Winter Springs, Florida for the second week of our 15 minute, stand up prayer time. Some of our volunteers had joined us and we began to pray for our Asia Director and the team he was on his way to meet within a country closed to the Gospel. His team had identified an unreached people group that they felt God calling them into next, and they had asked us to pray for the right connections to gain access to this group. So we prayed exactly that.



We prayed for the right connections to gain access to an unreached people group in Asia.

The next Wednesday, everything stopped again and we gathered to pray but before we could start we listened to a message that had just been sent by our Asia Director. He was too excited to wait and report in when he got back from this trip.

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Every year, reports come in of Muslims receiving revelations of Jesus during and after Ramadan in response to the prayers of God's people. Let's keep praying! --Curtis Chanda

Muslims around the world will be fasting and praying for 30 days during Ramadan, which begins May 6th. During this time, Muslims may be more spiritually receptive, and thousands of Christians will commit to praying for the Islamic world.



Here are some resources that can serve as a guide as you learn about and pray for Muslims:

- World Christian publishes prayer guides for adults and children, which are available for purchase at <https://www.30daysprayer.com>
- Open Doors offers a free, downloadable prayer guide: <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/resource-pages/pray-for-muslim-world-during-ramadan>
- Lovefast is a prayer initiative organized by the Mahabba network. Sign up for email updates at <https://www.mahabbanetwork.com/lovefast>

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As his team did their research on this new people group, they encountered a tiny core of believers who had come under tremendous persecution for their belief, and many had fallen away. Those left had been asking God to send them someone who could come alongside to strengthen and equip them to reach their people group with the truth of Christ. So God heard and answered both of our prayers! Through more prayer we have more field partners being raised up, and we have gained access to a people group that has not yet even had the chance to hear about Jesus. But now they will.

Recently, our Africa Lead Team has been meeting, praying, studying God's Word, researching and making strategic plans. They have especially focused on John 15, 16 & 17. As I read along those same chapters and prayed for their time together, this verse jumped out:

This is what I want you to do: Ask the Father for whatever is in keeping with the things I've revealed to you. Ask in my name, according to my will, and he'll most certainly give it to you. Your joy will be a river overflowing its banks! John 16:23-24

And it is!

15 minutes to change the world? With God's presence and power, how could that not be effective?

Join us, wherever you are, for 15 minutes at noon on Wednesdays, and let's change the world together.

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GLOBAL TEAMS AFRICA LEADERSHIP FACE-TO-FACE MEETING



At the end of March, Faith2Share held a consultation for Mission Leaders, especially those from the Global South. Your gifts helped us to secure a place for Global Teams leaders from Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of Congo at the consultation. Curtis Chanda, Global Teams International Director, and Phil, Global Teams Europe Area Director joined the group for a time of prayer and strategizing effective ways to reach the unreached.



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