

Partners in Prayer

*Mission: New York City
July 23-August 6, 2011*

Thank you for committing to pray for this trip to New York City. By **partnering in prayer**, you can walk beside the team to bless them and lift them up as they come face to face with people who need compassion and care. We will be ministering to people of all ages as we build relationships with local individuals through servant evangelism, and perform our drama for crowds in the neighborhoods, schools, and plazas.

Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's prompting of the need to pray at different times throughout the trip. Through prayer "God has given you a way to make your presence count, a way to be a true partner in His kingdom's work." (Wesley Duewell) Never underestimate the power of intercession inspired by the Holy Spirit.

The Team

Assigned Project Directors

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Our Team

Stephanie French
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General Prayer Requests

Project Director

- PRAY that the Project Directors would seek God's will daily in guiding the team physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- PRAY for discernment in menu/food selection, transportation safety, ministry site selection, daily schedules, etc.
- PRAY that God would sustain them through the intense physical/emotional/spiritual demands of leading the team.
- PRAY that God would truly be seen in them through their leadership.

Team Leader

- PRAY that the Team Leaders would seek God's will daily in guiding the team physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- PRAY that they would feel the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and have courage to proclaim the message of salvation boldly.

- PRAY that many would come to a new relationship with God through their “Net” (salvation message).
- PRAY God’s provision for them as they not only maintain an intense pace in ministry, but also lead the team likewise.
- PRAY that God would truly be seen in them through their leadership.

Lead Worshipper

- PRAY for confidence in not only her own ability musically, but in God’s ability to connect with the team through her leadership.
- PRAY that she would feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as she seeks to lead others in an encounter with Him.
- PRAY that she would lead with the intent of getting out of the way.

Missionaries

- PRAY that the missionaries would learn to connect with God through their daily quiet time.
- PRAY that they would maintain positive attitudes regardless of their situations.
- PRAY that they would connect with God intimately during daily worship sessions.
- PRAY that they would be able to assimilate all of the knowledge that will be given them during their training.
- PRAY that their eyes would open to see the needs of their team as well as the individuals we are ministering to.
- PRAY that God would challenge them to ‘go for broke’ in their daily lives.
- PRAY that they would experience true life change ... not just ‘going on a mission trip’ but embracing God’s mission for their lives.
- PRAY that they would infuse their home, church, schools and community with the love of God upon their return.

Daily Prayer Guide

Day One—Saturday, July 23

The team departs from SeaTac this morning for Teen Mania's campus in Garden Valley, Texas.

- PRAY for all the final preparations to be made smoothly.
- PRAY for team unity and bonding during their time spent en route.
- PRAY for safe travel to Garden Valley, Texas.
- PRAY for smooth registration at Teen Mania.
- PRAY for a powerful movement of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the team during the opening session as students and leaders are challenged to get serious in their daily walks with God.

Scriptures to Pray: *"My prayer is [...] that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."* John 17:15-18 NIV

"Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you. For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield." Psalm 5:11-12

Day Two—Sunday, July 24

Today the team will be learning the drama--our primary ministry tool.

- PRAY for God to take away any homesickness or anxiety over being away from home.
- PRAY for focused and effective ministry training.
- PRAY for endurance during the intense training schedule in the heat.
- PRAY for a passing performance on our ministry tools.

Scripture to Pray: *"But the Helper will teach you everything and will cause you to remember all that I told you...I leave you peace; my peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world does. So don't let your hearts be troubled or afraid."* John 14:26-27

Day Three—Monday, July 25

The team travels to New York City today.

- PRAY that we would not have any trouble checking our ministry supplies and equipment.
- PRAY for safety and smooth travel.
- PRAY for rest and refreshment from the traveling.
- PRAY for our safe arrival at Metro Ministries in New York City.
- PRAY for the Lord to prepare our hearts for service.

Scripture to Pray: *"Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."* Col. 3:15

"...enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days." Luke 1:74-75 NIV

Day Four—Tuesday, July 26

Today we will continue our ministry training, with the focus on personal evangelism. The team will share testimonies and learn how to lead someone to Christ in a conversation. Homesickness intensifies as students feel uncomfortable being in a new city and are personally stretched in learning this ministry tool.

- PRAY that each person would get over jet lag quickly.
- PRAY for God to take away any homesickness or anxiety over being away from home.
- PRAY for focused and effective ministry training.
- PRAY that the students will be filled with the Holy Spirit and can learn to proclaim the Word of God boldly.

***Scripture to Pray:** "...may they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:23 NIV*

"they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly" Acts 4:31 (NIV)

Day Five—Wednesday, July 27

After a night's rest, the team will begin ministry with a visitation day. We will visit the children who attend Metro's Sidewalk Sunday School in the apartments where they live.

- PRAY against culture shock which can prevent students from being able to effectively minister to families.
- PRAY that each member of the team would allow God's plans to be accomplished through him or her on this trip.
- PRAY for the team to have cultural discernment as we interact with those around us.
- PRAY for the team to be flexible to whatever God has for us to do.

***Scripture to Pray:** "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven." Matt. 5:14-16*

Day Six—Thursday, July 28

Today we will host a carnival event in one of the areas where Metro Ministries serves. We will have opportunities to interact with children and their parents. In the afternoon we will facilitate a Sidewalk Sunday School.

- PRAY for the team to adjust to any climate and culture challenges we may be facing.
- PRAY that we will boldly proclaim the Word to the children through our drama, songs and games.
- PRAY that God would use our love and compassion to touch the hearts of the parents as we teach their children this week.
- PRAY that we will perform the drama with the emotion and expression that the message conveys.
- PRAY that 'the Net' (Salvation message) would be preached boldly and by the Holy Spirit through our team leaders.
- PRAY that each person would feel peace and security in God's plan for him or her to be there.
- PRAY that the "MAG time" (small group) would be powerful and effective in processing our experiences so far.

Scripture to Pray: *“Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.” Acts 28:31*

“Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” I Thess. 5:16-18

Day Seven—Friday, July 29

Today, we will minister through another visitation day. We will visit the children who attend Metro's Sidewalk Sunday School in the apartments where they live.

- PRAY that we will boldly proclaim the Word to the children through our one-on-one interactions.
- PRAY that each person would feel peace and security in God’s plan for him or her to be there.
- PRAY that the hearts of the team would begin to break for what breaks God’s heart as we learn about God’s plan for humanity and the current world condition during our session on World Missions.

Scripture to Pray: *“...And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” Acts 4:31 (NIV)*

“...faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ”. Romans 10:17

“Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.” Psalm 119:165

Day Eight—Saturday, July 30

Today marks our half-way point for our trip. We will host a carnival event in one of the areas where Metro Ministries serves. We will have opportunities to interact with children and their parents. In the afternoon we will facilitate a Sidewalk Sunday School.

- PRAY that we will boldly proclaim the Word to the children through our drama, songs and games.
- PRAY that God would use our love and compassion to touch the hearts of the parents as we teach their children this week.
- PRAY that we will perform the drama with the emotion and expression that the message conveys.
- PRAY that ‘the Net’ (Salvation message) would be preached boldly and by the Holy Spirit through our team leaders.
- PRAY for lasting fruit, both seen and unseen, and that God would remind us of the seeds we are planting.

Scripture to Pray: go through *Ephesians 6:10-16*, praying the armor of God on each team member.

Day Nine—Sunday, July 31

We will attend church this morning at Metro's church where we have opportunities to minister to families that Metro Ministries serves.

- PRAY that the community of believers at Metro's church feels the spirit of oneness with our team as we worship and have fellowship with them.
- PRAY that God would prepare the hearts of the people that we will talk to in the afternoon ... that we would speak boldly and with discernment.

- PRAY for the team to be encouragers to one another as well as to the local people we are working with.
- PRAY for “divine appointments” with people God has for us to meet.
- PRAY that the team would understand the value God places on protecting our hearts during our session on Relationships.

Scripture to Pray: *“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity. It is like precious oil poured on the head.”* Ps. 133:1-2

“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.” Heb. 13:15

Day Ten—Monday, August 1

Today, we will minister through drama and personal evangelism in the city.

- PRAY that we will be ministers of the Gospel through our drama ministry.
- PRAY that ‘the Net’ (Salvation message) would be preached boldly and by the Holy Spirit through our team leaders.
- PRAY that God would prepare the hearts of the people that we will talk to in the city ... that we would speak boldly and with discernment.
- PRAY for the team to be encouragers to one another as well as to the local people we are working with.
- PRAY for “divine appointments” by God with people He has for us to meet.

Scripture to Pray: *“And for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador...that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”* Eph. 6:19-20

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Rom 15:5-6

“For the kingdom of God is...righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men. Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.” Rom. 14:17-19

Day Eleven—Tuesday, August 2

Today is our final day of ministry. We will be working at Metro's church, reaching out to people through water stations, prayer and personal evangelism.

- PRAY that God will continually refresh each member of the team as the days pass.
- PRAY that our message would be communicated through our personal ministry in an effective way and a manner that brings glory to God.

- PRAY that the team would begin to process their mission experience to the point of understanding the implications on our lives at home during our session on Taking it Home.

Scripture to Pray: *"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive...as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom." Col. 3:12-16*

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." II Thess. 2:16-17

Day Twelve—Wednesday, August 3

We will spend our final day in New York City as tourists in groups.

- PRAY for safety during our free time this afternoon.
- PRAY that lasting fruit will be produced in the lives of our team.
- PRAY that God would remind us of the seeds that have been planted in others through our ministry.
- PRAY that the relationships formed among team members on the mission field will be lasting and meaningful.

Scripture to Pray: *"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the earth, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth. It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out with joy, and be led in peace..." Is. 56:10-12*

"But the Helper will teach you everything and will cause you to remember all that I told you...I leave you peace; my peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world does. So don't let your hearts be troubled or afraid." John 14: 26-27

Day Thirteen—Thursday, August 4

The team travels back to Texas today.

- PRAY for refreshing from God to cover our weariness as we travel today.
- PRAY the hearts of the team be filled with gratitude for all that God has done.
- PRAY for the families and friends at home as they await their loved ones' return.

Scripture to Pray: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30*

"For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day." II Tim 1:12

"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name." Heb. 13:15

Day Fourteen—Friday, August 5

The team is at Teen Mania today. We will hear 'war stories' from missionaries who have traveled all over the world while we were in New York City. This is a powerful time of recommissioning as we cement what we have learned on the trip ... that God can and will use a willing vessel to change the world.

- PRAY for God to speak to each member today as we reflect on what has taken place.
- PRAY that we be encouraged by the stories we hear from the field.
- PRAY that we fully comprehend what God has done in and through us and that we would return home with a desire to continue in our ministry to reach the world right in our own neighborhoods, schools and communities.

***Scripture to Pray:** "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ...that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak." Col. 4:2-4*

Day Fifteen—Saturday, August 6

The team leaves for home today and arrives back at SeaTac.

- PRAY for each team member to be physically strengthened today. We have been giving of ourselves tirelessly and need replenishment.
- PRAY for others here at home to be blessed by the reports back from this trip.
- PRAY for our acclimation back into the 'normal' daily routines quickly.
- PRAY for us to be Christ's ambassadors wherever we are.

***Scripture to Pray:** "Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf! Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives, and kept our feet from slipping." Psalm 66:5, 8-9*

"Lord you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us." Is. 26:12

General Challenges for Prayer (from Teen Mania's website)

1. The Pilgrim Fathers were determined to establish a land in which they were free to exercise their Christian faith. On that foundation has developed one of the largest and most dynamic Christian movements in history. In the USA are 19% of the Protestants in the world, 21.5% of the Evangelicals and 35% of all the world's foreign missionaries. Evangelistic vitality, generosity and vision have been major factors in the surge of gospel progress. Pray that this may be maintained.
2. Young people present one of the major areas of spiritual battle today. The bitter fruits of humanistic philosophies are now being harvested in disorientation, spiritual vulnerability, moral decay, rejection of authority, widespread drug abuse and mindless violence. God raised up such organizations as OM, YWAM, CCCI, Teen Challenge and others to combat this confusion and make a mighty impact on the world. Now God is also raising up a new generation of movements for this century – pray for such as Youth Quake and Teen Mania. Pray for the youth. The next generation could be America's most traumatized ever if there is not a decisive work of God's Spirit.

3. The less-reached. The variety and effort expended to evangelize the majority of US residents who do not regularly go to church means that few are unreached, but there are some groups which need input from missions agencies.
 - a. The 5.4 million Jews are an influential but declining minority, even with the recent immigration of 70,000 FSU Jews. It is the largest concentration of Jews in the world. New York is estimated to be 10% Jewish. A growing receptivity and response to the gospel has been evident since 1970, and more Jews are being won to Christ in the USA than anywhere else since New Testament times. There are estimated to be between 30,000 and 100,000 Messianic Jews. Of these, about 15-20,000 have retained their cultural distinctiveness and meet in Messianic congregations. An estimated 600-1,100 come to Christ each year. There are more than 48 agencies and 325 full-time workers committed to Jewish evangelism – one of the most dynamic and innovative is Jews for Jesus. Pray for the maturation of the work after the euphoria of the 1970s.
 - b. The sects pose a challenge. Most of the more aggressively missionary sects such as Christian Science, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses and Scientology originated in the USA. There are reckoned to be 2,500 such sects and exotic cults. Specific efforts to reach such people must be made. Some successes have been seen among both Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses.
 - c. International students number over 600,000 and come from over 180 countries; 56% from Asia (China 50,000; Taiwan 37,000; South Asia 44,000); 30% are Muslim. Many come from lands unreceptive to missions and with few Christians. Over 37 agencies and many local congregations are involved in ministry to them, with remarkable response. The Association of Christian Ministries to Internationals is an umbrella body linking ministries such as ISI (with 163 staff), IVCF(IFES), CCCI, Navigators and others. Pray for conversions and a disciple-making ministry that will enable these students to be effective witnesses when they return home.

Thank you for partnering with the team during this trip.
Your ministry of prayer is vital and so appreciated.