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Wherever the River flows  
**LIFE** with flourish

## Enduring Vision Brings Life Wherever It Flows

**P**rayer Current's focus and programs have evolved over the years. But for nearly two decades, **our guiding vision has remained steadfast:**

Ezekiel 47:1-12 portrays a river of the Holy Spirit that flows from the presence of God and the altar of Christ's perfect sacrifice. The river's current brings new life into an arid world and the barren waters of the Dead Sea. Along its shores are fishermen, casting nets into a stream now teeming with fish. The healing stream grows deeper and stronger as it flows from the temple into the surrounding countryside and cities.

**This is a river of salvation, filled with resurrection life.**

In all times and places God's people are invited to dive in, go deeper, and navigate the life of this river by kingdom prayer.

Carried forward by this river, God's people spontaneously gather to praise and rejoice in their King and Saviour, pray for one another and the surrounding land.

As prayer grows in the heart of the church, every gathering of leaders and people becomes a prayer meeting. It opens new channels, bringing the Spirit's healing power and gospel hope into the deserts and wastelands of the world. Crowding the shores of this river are the fishers of men, harvesting new believers brought to life by this surging flow.

My friends, we are seeing this **abundance of prayer being multiplied in the field around the world.**

In **INDIA**, second- and third-generation leaders are multiplying prayer networks across the country. A church was planted less than two years ago in a remote tribal area. Within one year, eight family members came to faith. Now it has grown to 10 prayer cells and 213 believers in the surrounding villages!

**CUBA** is facing one of the most difficult times in its history for Christians. Because of a lack of public health infrastructure, the impact of hurricanes and COVID have ravaged the population, leading to a shortage of medical supplies and vaccines.

An economic restructuring in the Cuban currency has left many in starvation conditions. The result is social unrest, which has been met with violence from the government.

Despite this extreme adversity, Cuban leaders in our partner organization report seeing amazing open doors to serve, love, and share the good news with neighbors.

**House groups multiply as new people approach believers seeking comfort and prayer.** Through creative virtual evangelism, along with feeding people from food shipped by sister churches, people can see the church loves them, just as Christ loves us.

They are even multiplying prayer training in the Dominican Republic!

We thank God for how He is moving. **We are grateful for your prayers and partnership that make this work possible.**

As you read these stories, may you be encouraged to **pray for Christ's kingdom to come and will to be done** in the hearts of the leaders. Pray for God to raise up new prayer trainers.





Persecution and governmental restrictions are tightening on large gathering for public worship. Christians in East Asia continue to grow in faith by scattering in small prayer cells in their homes or neighbourhoods.



As the church in East Asia faces increasing difficulty to gather for large corporate worship, training videos will help believers to gather in smaller groups of prayer cells in their homes and grow their kingdom prayer habits in a more sustainable way that leads to longer lasting transformation.

## Prayer Cells Meet the Needs of a Scattered Church in Asia

In East Asia, the soil is rich and the seeds of the gospel are growing, but the weather is stormy, ever-changing, and unpredictable. Christians, already limited in ways they could gather, are further restricted by the zero-tolerance COVID policy. When they do meet, they face increased crackdowns by the government. **Amidst these challenging circumstances, the gathered church is being scattered.** We know from the early church in Acts that God uses persecution to grow his church!

In the past, we have typically viewed the multiplication of prayer cells as a way to encourage the gathered church, empower its mission, and infuse its work with the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit. Yet we are now realizing that **the multiplication of prayer cells is becoming a key foundation for the endurance of the church itself**, especially amidst these times of persecution.

We do not know what prayer training will look like in the future in East Asia. However, in the past two years we have trained more than 1,500 leaders online to lead prayer cells, encourage one another, and grow the church. We trust these leaders will courageously pray their way forward into an uncertain future.

In a kingdom-centered prayer cell, prayer brings God and his kingdom here on earth. Here's how some cell members describe it:

*"In the prayer meeting, we keep praying and sharing, we get closer, getting to know each other better, **intercede for each other, and see the effect of prayer and the growth of each other's life.**"*

*"During this time, I experienced what Pastor John Smed said about prayer friendships: friendships between me and God, between prayer partners, between my body, and between unbelievers continue to grow."*

From there, an outward momentum rises up: *"In weekly prayers, through our constant sharing, we also see more of the needs of the church, and we put them in prayer or think of solutions. God uses prayer to bless our church, **many things have been answered and accomplished.**"*

As many of the East Asian Christians are facing more government intervention, many leaders have seen jail time. One pastor's wife was given detention after leading the church's Sunday worship, after her husband was arrested (who remains in detention after several months).

This pastor's wife had this to say, upon her release, *"The biggest help for me in this time of being in prison is the influence of the 52 Weeks of Prayer Cells Study which enabled my weak and sickly body to **walk the 15 day journey in detention with power and victory in Christ.**"*

We praise God that the prayer cell model is adaptable enough to meet the changing needs and challenges of the church in East Asia! **We see prayer dispersed, equipping believers no matter where they are, whether they can still gather as a congregation, or whether they are scattered in their homes or in prison.**

Working with the China Partnership we are entering a third year of making disciples through prayer. The focus of our work in East Asia this year will be **raising up and training prayer trainers.**

Pray for us as we **create a library of training videos** and materials that can be translated, so they can gather in smaller groups and **train their people more sustainably over time.** We are aiming to form prayer habits and movements over the long haul, so consistent training over time is often more effective than a three-day training intensive.



Steve Fults is pictured here at our World Street Experience in 2019. He is bearing fruit by multiplying prayer discipleship in his church, and prayer evangelism in his community.



Karen Ellis is the director of the Edmiston Center for the Study of the Bible and Ethnicity. We first trained the leaders in 2020. They began to lead the training with their students in 2021.



Jahill Richards is a pastor who is one of the Edmiston Center's students who took a summer prayer training intensive in 2022. In the autumn, he immediately saw doors to his community open by prayer.

## Prayer Multiplies to Reach the Margins of North America

Steve Fults is on staff with at a church in Fort Worth, Texas. He is committed to renewing his church through prayer. And he is bringing prayer to wherever he goes outside the walls of the church. He recently shared this remarkable story with us about how prayer is impacting lives in prison:

*"I prayed for a friend and shared Jesus with him for 15 years. Recently, he was incarcerated. This was our Father's kind mercy bringing him to an end of himself and trusting in Jesus. I got him a Bible and a copy of Journey in Prayer.*

*The next time I visited him in jail, he was joyful. Leaning in close to the vent in the glass to hear each other, he told me how **he was sharing Journey in Prayer with five more men. As a result, they gathered to pray through the Lord's prayer. They saw answered prayer** on the first day when violent men were removed from their pod. Just before my friend transferred to another unit, I spoke with two of the other men and got them copies of Journey in Prayer. **These hungry men were overjoyed to begin their journey in prayer with their Father in heaven.**"*

In our work with leaders, a strong sign that the training is truly fruitful is when leaders of organizations and churches **integrate and multiply prayer deeply into the fabric of their culture.** Our partners at the Edmiston Center for the Study of the Bible and Ethnicity are dedicated to serving God's people on the margins.

Since our initial prayer training with the Edmiston leaders, they have placed prayer as their top priority in their values. They teach our prayer training as one of their core courses. And they are multiplying prayer training in the Bahamas, independent of us! Be encouraged by the fruit Jesus is bearing through students like Jahill Richards, a pastor in Louisiana.

*"On July 11th, 2022, I arrived in Atlanta to attend a prayer intensive that God used to revolutionize my prayer life. Little did I know, I would walk away from this five-day class/prayer intensive with a **heart ignited by and for prayer like never before – from an encounter with the living God** that was divinely and providentially appointed for my good and the good of others. This spiritual encounter ignited two things within me: (1) A deep desire to commune with God in humble dependence upon Him for everything I do, and (2) a passion to see His kingdom advanced by a movement ignited and sustained by earnest and united prayer.*

*When I arrived back home to Louisiana, God not only **gave me a vision for how to implement a plan of united prayer** in the church that I'm pastoring,*

*but also started **opening doors in my local community** to advance His kingdom through prayer. Within less than a week, I received a phone call from the principal of a local elementary school in one of the most distressed neighborhoods in my community, asking if I would come to their back-to-school event and publicly pray over all the staff, children, and parents.*

*I knew it was an open door from the Lord. Up until that point, **I had never stepped foot onto that school ground, but when I did, it was in front of a full crowd of people to pray over them!** The community of people were so thankful that I came, and some even asked what church I pastored so they could come visit. It was clear that God was and is moving and advancing His kingdom, and **I believe this is only the beginning of what we will see God do as we commit ourselves to prayer.**"*

*Father, we thank you for how you are awakening people to the powerful gift of prayer. We praise you for how your kingdom ways are opposite of ours, and that your people are finding courage and strength through prayer for all the trials and triumphs they are experiencing. We pray that you would raise up more prayer labourers and leaders for the harvest. Multiply movements of prayer in North America and around the world, so that more men, women, and children may come to know you through prayer. May your kingdom come, your will be done, and may all the glory go to you, Amen*



# Igniting Leaders to Build a Prayer Path Forward

Through nearly two decades of ministry, we have met thousands of people passionate about prayer. Many have caught the vision for prayer evangelism and discipleship. Some have read our books or met our team, and are eager to implement what they've learned. But back in their home churches, **they feel alone in their passion for corporate prayer, or feel under equipped to ignite a culture-shift toward prayer.**

We feel called to equip these leaders from around the world by building a robust network **community of prayer leaders to learn from each other and support each others' prayer leadership efforts.**

We are launching iGNITE! and Catalytic, a new series of prayer training workshops and leadership coaching designed to **equip prayer leaders with vision and practical steps to start prayer discipleship movements in their churches.**

Our first two cohorts welcomed 84 leaders representing 18 churches in 17 cities!



Initial feedback has been encouraging. One pastor said, *“Our church meetings went from being purely ‘business meetings,’ to implanting prayer into the meetings, so that we prayed for matters of concern. The sense of God’s presence was strong!”*

Even seasoned prayer warriors’ passions are reignited. One Prayer Current veteran of 10 years said, *“I still found iGNITE! to be a great motivator for my own personal prayer journey, as well as being inspired that*

*it doesn’t just stop with me having a fruitful personal prayer life. Just like we all need to share Jesus with unbelievers, likewise we also need to share the importance of praying earnestly for Kingdom advancement with our fellow believers and churches. The world’s future depends on it. After we signed off from iGNITE!, my prayer partners and I spent another two hours together talking and sharing what we had learned. We continue to have amazing prayer times every week asking God to speak his desires for us for next steps.*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUILDING PRAYER MOVEMENTS

As you read the stories of transformation, you can see **God is bearing fruit as he multiplies prayer cells and community**, often in marginalized places and in challenging environments. He continues to lead us, step by step to **make and multiply disciples through prayer.**

Our current platform is outdated and limited in capacity, especially for places where extensive travel is not an option. This includes **building deeper partnerships and creating a coaching community and better resourced online hub for prayer leaders.**

*We are grateful for you and cannot do this work without you.*

We invite you, with humble gratitude, to help us **reach our God-willing faith goal of \$59,500 raised or pledged by Dec. 31 to fulfill this next season in Prayer Current’s ministry.**

Will you prayerfully consider how God calls you to join us in this work of reaching people for Jesus through prayer? **Will you partner with us to multiply prayer globally?**

- \$50 => Single **1:1 coaching** session for 1 leader
- \$100 => iGNITE! / Catalytic **Workshop** for 1 leader
- \$150 => iGNITE! / Catalytic **Workshop** for a church cohort of 3
- \$250 => **Translation** of 1 training video
- \$500 => **Creation** of 1 training video
- \$600 => **Monthly Coaching** Circle for 1 leader for 12 months
- \$1000 => Installation of **online coaching community platform**
- \$1200 => **Training** for 1 new Trainer of Trainers
- \$2500 => Launch a **prayer movement** in a new city
- \$5000 => Three-day **Intensive Training** Workshop for 1 church

Every gift makes a difference today and eternally. Your gift today enables us to effectively serve the leaders in the growth of the global prayer movement.

*If you are already supporting us, thank you! We hope you are encouraged by how God is working through your partnership! We are so thankful for your prayers and partnership.*

Will you join us?

**GIVE ONLINE:** [www.prayercurrent.com/donate](http://www.prayercurrent.com/donate)

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