

A ministry prayer update from Prayer Current

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"They lifted their voices together to God... when they had prayed, the place they were gathered was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:24,31



Discern and Engage: Essentials of Spiritual Warfare

John Smed and his team at Prayer Current have been sowing seeds of hope for nearly 25 years. In this timely book, John shares biblical insights and testimonies from his past experiences as an urban church planter, coordinator of home missions, and now as the director of an international prayer and evangelism ministry.

There is an urgent need to equip ministers, missionaries and every believer in spiritual warfare. John has just completed a 3-year writing project entitled *Discern and Engage: Essentials of Spiritual Warfare*.

Included are chapters on a Christian cosmology:

"Know your Enemy"; "The Powers Behind the Powers that Be"; "Withstanding Fiery Darts" and "Military Prayer in the Age of Grace".

We praise God for his guidance, wisdom, and stewardship through John's often strenuous, labour for this essential book.

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8



Discipling in a Persecuted and Economically Challenged Country

"After that, many people had an awakening" Melody, a Chinese Pastor's wife shares...

"I think a very important event occurred before the 20th National Congress in Beijing. Someone hung a sensational (protest) banner from the Sitong Bridge. The situation was quickly resolved by the government, but many people heard that man's cries for a better life. He gave voice to many people's thoughts and expectations for their lives. After that, many people had an awakening."



"The dreams of many people in Beijing have been shattered. Many of the normal people have become more awake. They no longer dream of making a lot of money here, of realizing the China Dream."

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Thank you for your partnership in the gospel and prayer! Read on and be encouraged by the Lord as he continues to bless us with multiple opportunities to teach prayer and evangelism globally in 2024.

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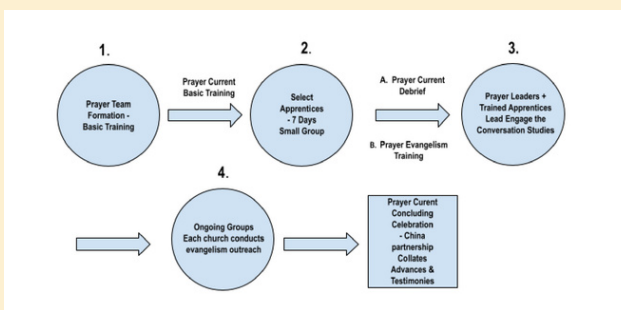
Slowly, a lot of people, including non-Christians, are realizing there is something wrong with this kind of life and this kind of management. Although they never thought about these issues before, people are beginning to think that freedom is very important."



"Before, people just thought about earning money and buying an apartment. Now, people are thinking about the meaning of life, about their spiritual lives. For instance, taxi drivers will bring these things up. They are thinking more about what they want to live for, and the topics of faith and love are being mentioned more often."

For the third consecutive year, Prayer Current has been invited to continue our training with over 1000 House Church leaders in China providing a robust 4-semester program which will help to build on the foundation of previous workshops and multiply the momentum created over the past 2 years starting in the spring of 2024. The harvest fields are ripe, particularly in the midst of an economic crisis where many have lost all hope.

Phase 1 - Multiplying Prayer Leaders in Asia



Building Foundations for the Next Generation

We are blessed to be invited by Edgewood Ministries to teach prayer and evangelism to 60 key African leaders in Uganda this June. Africa's population is expected to grow to 2.5 billion by 2050 which will account for more than a quarter of the global population and with a median age of below 20 years and we are excited to have the opportunity to work in this harvest field.



Kyriandango - South Sudanese refugee settlement

"Jesus tells us, 'The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes'".

"Clearly, one cannot see the wind but whether it gently sways the tree tops or is seen in the power of a hurricane... it is visible. It is not difficult to see that the Holy Spirit is at work mightily in Northern Uganda, South Sudan and all of East Africa. After several years of training hundreds of pastors, and now campus ministers, it is obvious God is working in this area of the world in extraordinary ways."

"This work must be undergirded with prayer if it is to be sustained for generations to come."



"This June, John Smed will be our keynote speaker in Lire, Uganda. He will be training 50 to 60 strategic leaders from several districts in northern Uganda, South Sudan and a Congolese refugee camp. These pastors, made up of at least five denominations, are presently training hundreds of pastors in the Edgewood network. It is Edgewood's belief that theologically trained pastors empowered through a vibrant prayer life will have an impact throughout East Africa. We are well aware of Prayer Current's strategic work throughout the world and are excited East Africa will now be part of their network."

Hal Farnsworth, Founder,
Edgewood Ministries



Notice Something New?

We're excited to share the inspiration behind our new logo, which offers multiple symbolic representations:



Prayer Current



Seeking the presence of God at the prayer mountain



A praying person with hands folded upward in hopeful prayer



A church steeple standing for the dawn of the kingdom of Jesus



A praying church as a force of good, praying to transform the world with Christ

In the North American evangelical church, the majority of the strong prayer ministries focus on devotional, private prayer. Our vision and voice is bold, prophetic, and hopeful, calling the church to rise up to an expansive robust kingdom vision of corporate prayer.

The new colors reflect this tone: yellow communicates light, hope, and a call to wake up to the power of prayer in a complex world. Blue is a stable color eliciting trust, yet the brighter hue is bold and shows depth, like deep waters.

As we trust God to open more doors for international partnerships leading to more translations, we have redesigned our logo and visuals to be based on simple geometric shapes in order to make them clearly reproduced in places with more limited technology.

The basic geometric shapes also reflect going back to the basics, calling the church back to the power of the gospel, prayer, discipleship and evangelism.

Even as simple as circles and triangles are, they are distinct from each other. And when combined, they create dynamic new images, representing growth and movement. The individual shapes, together, offer a foundation for future adaptations, just as we pray to remain sensitive to the leading of the Spirit.



Bringing Hope Through Prayer to an Abandoned Country

We recently returned from a reconnaissance mission to Cuba where we met with over 90 church planting leaders to lay the foundation for training there in November of this year. Cuba, and her capital Havana, is a tale of beauty among the ruins where breathtaking art is combined with extreme poverty.



Abandoned by the world 60 years ago to fend for themselves, Cuba's people convey a desperate need and hunger for prayer and evangelism. The church takes on a very visible and material form. One Havana church plant offers space for the pastor to live with his family, a bible study space, offices, a sanctuary, and a wonderful gallery space where artists from the community can display their craft.

While we were there, people lined the streets hoping to see opticians from Cross Eyed Missions for a 20 second test for correction after receiving eye drops, and to receive one of the 4000 pairs of glasses they were distributing out of the church basement.



We will be returning to Cuba this November, Deo Volente, with Mission teams from churches and Mission organizations for a World Street Experience - to pray, multiply leaders in prayer, and go into the streets with prayer walking and prayer evangelism while building on the momentum from previous Prayer Current workshops.

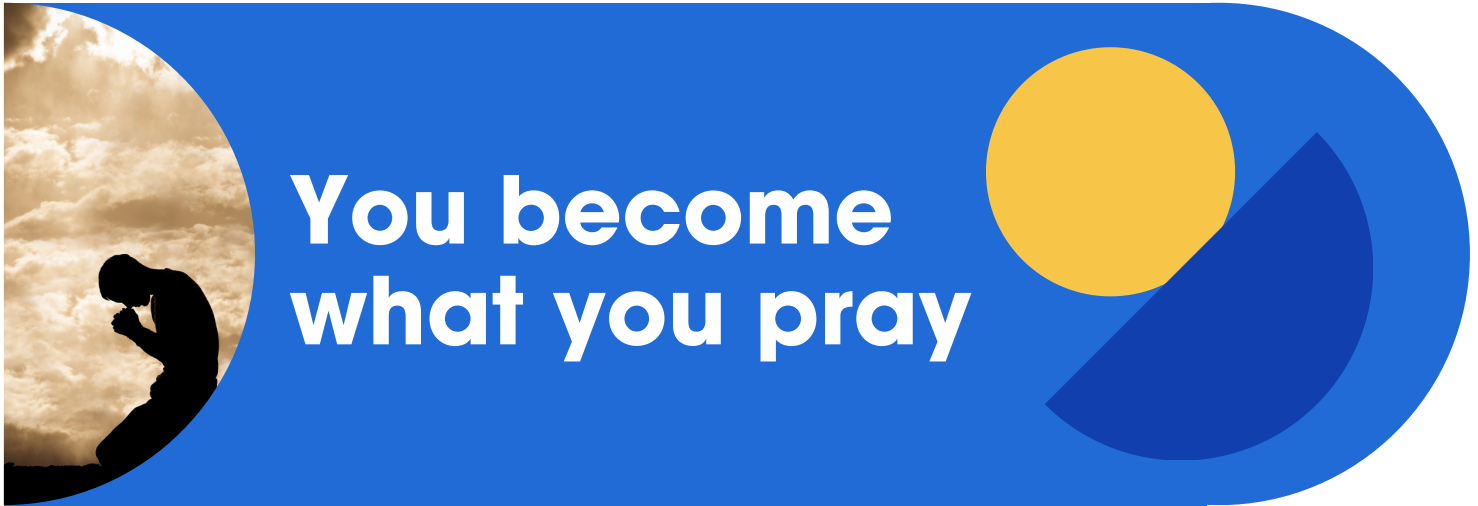
"There is no sustainable church planting process if a prayer movement is not generated. That's why we invited John Smed. The intention is to get many church planting leaders to join in a prayer movement for the city to achieve transformation of all the structures that bind the provisions that belong to the enemy of the church." Pache Norbetto, President, Cuba los Pinos Church Planting Network

Continuing to Bring Kingdom Prayer to Students in Theological Education

We are humbled to be asked to bring our curriculum and resources to the students at **Covenant Theological Seminary**; the second theological institution with a desire to return prayer to the forefront of their teaching. Our curriculum and resources have been a part of the accredited course offering at Reformed Theological Seminary in Atlanta for over 3 years. Covenant Theology Seminary serves students in over 100 countries.



"My house shall be called a house of prayer"
Matthew 21:13



You become what you pray

Please join us in prayer and help us by giving to fulfill our calling from God:

To multiply prayer leaders to equip the church to bring the good news to all cities!

We invite you to partner with us by considering a one-time gift to one of the projects below or a Monthly Gift of \$25, \$50 or \$100 to provide a sustainable foundation for our work.

Discipling the North American Church as a Minority Culture

North America

Invest in desperately needed revival for church and renewal for our nation.

Invest in training for mission teams in prayer leadership.

6 Teams \$8000

Bringing Hope to an Abandoned Country:

Cuba

Help to fund our mission trip to Cuba in November 2024, to multiply new prayer leaders to renew and fuel the prayer movement.

Los Pinos Network is training leaders and planting praying churches and house churches in six cities. Your gift supports a one-week intensive training with 60 leaders from six cities in Havana for a five day World Street Experience- teaching prayer walking, prayer evangelism and prayer discipleship.

Cover costs for preparation, travel and follow-up \$8000

Help to build on the momentum in the fastest-growing continent in the world:

Uganda

Edgewood Ministries has invited us to train 60 key African Leaders from Uganda and South Sudan in June of 2024 where we will provide a 4-day World Street Experience teaching prayer walking and evangelism.

Cover costs for preparation, travel and follow-up \$9500

Transform Persecuted Cities:

China - Phase One

"We have a great need to develop more prayer leaders. We don't know how. Will you please teach us?" ~ Chinese Pastor
Costs to train multiple House Church leaders over 2 years (4 semesters) in prayer evangelism, discipleship and prayer walking

Cover costs for labour to prepare, teach and follow up over 2 years \$15,000

Prayer Current Program Redesign Project:

We are so encouraged to see God taking our little fish and loaves and multiplying them way beyond us, in Vancouver, Canada, and the world. With the aim of greater multiplication, we are working hard behind the scenes on a project that will allow us to better serve our global partners and prayer leaders through a more efficient delivery of our training, featuring online curriculum and resources.

Ongoing

Total Funds needed to answer God's calling for these projects. \$40,500

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