



Prayer Letter of January & February 2023

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"If a ruler's anger rises against you, do not leave your post; calmness can lay great offenses to rest." Eccl 10:4

Dear Prayer Partners,

We give you the first greeting of 2023 through our prayer letter. In God's faithfulness, what we want to confess everyday is that we love the Lord and want to please God through trusting and following Him. However, there are many situations in everyday life where things don't go as we planned. Woody was recently very discouraged by challenges and difficulties as a director of Financial Development in OM EastAsia Area leadership team. Yet, on December 15th QT, he was encouraged by reading Ecclesiastes ch.10 and hearing from God in verse 4, "You shall not leave your post." That Sunday, our home church pastor shared, "It is not over yet. Don't put a period before it's over" in his sermon. God wants him to move on. He decided to trust and obey Him in 2023. We pray for all of you to move forward with trust and by His grace despite the challenges and difficulties ahead of us.

2023 OM EastAsia ministry projects and fundraising Woody had time to discuss the 2023 projects with each developing country leadership for the approval of the ministry project and budget. The 480 missionaries who serve OM EastAsia (16countries) do not raise ministry finances individually. A project is made by a team with the approval of the field leadership and upload the ministry plan and budget to the internal OM Int'l system. Woody reviews and approves with the final decision with the EA Area Leader. Once the project is LIVE, OM resourcing fields and fundraisers raise and support finance for all projects. **Please pray for patience and wisdom to Woody who works together with the leaders of OM developing countries for all projects.**

2023 OM EastAsia National Leadership Development project OM EastAsia has a vision to train and establish local leadership in 15 countries. Foreign missionaries are currently serving as a field leader in some countries in Asia. By 2027, we would like to appoint local/national missionaries who know the language, culture, and context of the own country as a field leader with ownership and passion for his or her own people and nation. For this purpose, we plan to train local members at the Asian branch level, and we want to nurture 140-160 leaders every year through spirituality, self-development, counseling, coaching, and leadership training. **Please pray for the funding needed for this project.**

Sri Lanka M Summit & Field visit (1/28-2/4) OM EastAsia Area Leadership team hosted for the 1st time 45 M workers from 18 countries together to study a new paradigm of church planting and cell group and hear their testimonies- revival in Iran and among M refugees in Europe. We were truly blessed by their passion and unquenched spirit despite persecution and challenges. The time of prayer and worship refreshed us to carry on the task God has given to us. We met OM Sri Lanka Field Leader, Tilini and the board of directors. They shared about the fruits of ministry: growing numbers of congregations after food distribution via local churches. **Please, pray for M workers and the Sri Lanka leadership team.**



Praying for M workers

EAA leaders with New OM Sri Lanka board members

EAA Leaders Silent retreat

Pray for the travel mercies and safety as Woody & Esther have ministry meetings overseas.

2/14-19 OM EastAsia Area Leaders' Silent Retreat, Chiangmai

3/8-15 OM Korea board meeting and donors' meeting

3/17-22 OM International Leaders Meeting(ILM), Cyprus, Turkey

3/27-4/3 Esther to Antalya, Turkey for OM Int'l Coaching Academy

The Covid situation is improving, but the world is concerned by the earthquake in Turkey & Syria, increasing war in Ukraine, the food shortage in Sri Lanka, and the refugee issue in Europe. We are asking God for His mercy and forgiveness of the nations. If you are interested to know more about our work, please, visit www.om.org for more details. Blessings for you all of the Lord's family who work together with us; always be healthy and victorious in Christ.

Blessings

Woody, Esther, Irene, Nathan, Diane Kim

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