



## Prayer Letter of March & April of 2024

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Dear Prayer partners,

Greetings in hot sunny Bangkok! March and April in Thailand were too hot to go outside, and even swimming felt like being in too hot water. The words from the Gospel of Mark that I meditated on in March were moments that brought both awe and inspiration. The disciples who should have looked to the Lord hanging on the cross all fled, while those remembered by the Lord demonstrated faith—whether it was the Gentile centurion or the vulnerable women. As we live in this world, I aspire to live as people remembered by the Lord, beyond duty and the aging of faith.



**ILM (International Leaders Meeting)** From 3/15-21st, 350 OM leaders and board members gathered in Bali and Indonesia. Testimonies emerged from various countries: people seeking truth found the Lord and received baptism in bathtubs, children of families who faced persecution alongside the Lord's co-workers dedicated themselves to missionary work, and news of revival blossoming in Myanmar—the country suffering severe persecution, wars, and natural disasters—illuminated the dark world and brought glory to the Lord.

### Mekong Leaders

Every morning we joined with Mekong region leaders for prayer. This time was dedicated to praying for persecuted nations, poverty-stricken areas, drug-related issues, sexual crimes, and war-torn countries, igniting our hearts, and renewing our commitment to the Lord. **As we approach 2025, we earnestly pray that the Lord will appoint the right leaders for OM International Director and US Field Leader, according to His divine choice.**

In June, OM Vietnam, led by Barnabas Kim, will be officially established as the OM Vietnam entity. Along with staff and fellow workers, they will mobilize global missions in Vietnamese churches. Already, one sister dedicated herself serving in Doulos Hope and went to the Philippines, but the immigration process was not permitted, so she returned to her home country.

**Please, pray for the preparations as the sister plans to join the ship in July in Cambodia.**



Woody's mentor, Pastor Winit (Sr. Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church), lost his wife on April 1st after a 10-year battle with breast cancer, marked by periods of healing and recurrence. The night before she passed away, during a Sunday evening visit, she expressed her last wish to 'go home.' Not knowing she would leave us so soon, Woody mentioned to see her at church the following Sunday. Woody was tasked with delivering the message at her early funeral service, and having preached at three funeral services in just three months, We have come to see death as a blessing. **Pray for Pastor Winit, who remains alone, for his health, and ministry that he may receive God's comfort and strength during this time.**



**OM Thailand retreat (4/22-25)** by the Kanchanaburi River. 19 OM Thailand staff and missionaries had a time of rest together. Woody led the morning message, encouraging them to examine what we need to take out in our lives and to raise our voices in prayer to overcome difficulties and temptations, just like the beggar Bartimaeus who followed the path of the Lord's disciples. He urged us them live a life that turns around within the Lord's call, responding to prayers and becoming a conduit of blessings. **Please pray for the leadership of OM Thailand as they prepare**

**for missionary mobilization meetings for Thai churches and training for unreached people groups.**

Esther is nearing the end of the 18-month training at OM Coaching Academy, with only the final module remaining in May. As the Coaching Academy concludes in August, **please pray for wisdom, patience, and diligence so that she can consistently submit all assignments without laziness.**

May everyone on your journey of faith remain healthy, shine the light of Jesus to families, churches, and communities.

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