



VIRTUAL PRAYER WALK

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Preparation: Set up a room as a welcome centre with a large map of Asia projected on the wall using a data projector. Your map may be for a specific country if your church has an interest in a particular unreached people group or country.

Make each participant a "visa" with a square for each people group or country they will visit. At the top, write Psalm 130:7, leaving a blank where the word "Israel" appears. Also include a description of an intercessory missionary: "Someone who assumes the responsibility of advocating prayer on a daily and systematic basis for a specific people group through prayer, research, heightening awareness and mobilisation.

List Web sites where they may find future prayer requests. Also prepare a commitment card and lists of specific opportunities to serve and give. Participants may pick up the card and lists as they leave. Set up a number of stops, each focussing on a country or people group if praying for Asia as a whole. If focussing on one nation or people group, each stop will highlight a particular aspect of the needs of that nation or people group.

Ideas for each stop

- A map of Asia (or specific country map) highlighting the country (or region within) or the people group (or gender or aspect of).
- Specific prayer requests.
- A computer with an offline website for investigation, or Powerpoint slides operating on a loop.
- A host or hostess, perhaps in national costume or portraying a missionary, to greet people and answer questions.
- Ethnic foods.
- Photographs, artwork and souvenirs.
- Facts on population, government, environment, health status, economy and living conditions.
- Information on the dominant religion.
- Indigenous music.





Doing the Prayer Walk

As participants arrive, pass out “visas”. Watch a DVD the people group if focussing on one of the Global Interaction groups (request online or on (03) 9819 4944, info@globalinteraction.org.au).

Ask participants to fill in the blank in Psalm 130:7 with the nominated country, people group or Asia, if focussing by region. Suggest that they use this verse as a prayer while they walk. Then invite small groups to walk to stops throughout the room/building where they can pray for specific countries/country or people group(s) and the needs therein. Ask them to write one request from each stop in the appropriate square in their visa.

Send them on their walk by reading together Isaiah 35 as a prayer for Asia or their nominated country or people group.

At the conclusion of the visit to each stop, participants should be given time to pray for the needs they've learned about.

At the end of the Prayer Walk, ask participants to read the definition of an intercessory missionary and give them a commitment card to sign if they're willing to continue in prayer for Asia or the nominated country or people group. Ask them to post the signed cards on the Asia or country map as projected on the screen or wall.

Further action

If your church wishes to adopt a specific unreached people group to pray for, contact your Global Interaction State department or national office.

You will find many prayer requests in the Prayer Hotline on our website.

Web resources

For news and nation profiles

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/loc-asi.htm>

<http://www.abc.net.au/asiapacific/>

http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/asia-pacific/country_profiles/

http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/south_asia/country_profiles/

For people group information

www.peopleteams.org

www.bethany.com/profiles/home.html

www.calebproject.org/upgpray.htm

www.ad2000.org/peoples/index.htm

www.imb.org/missionaries/people_groups.htm



For maps

<http://www.graphicmaps.com/webimage/countrys/as.htm>
<http://www.cbel.com/Maps/>

For facts on health, welfare and the economy

www.unaids.org/
http://www.unaids.org/hivaidsinfo/statistics/june00/fact_sheets/index.html#h1

On flags:

www.fotw.ca/flags/

On recipes

http://www.cbel.com/South-East_Asian_Recipes/
http://www.cbel.com/chinese_recipes/
http://www.cbel.com/Central_Asian_Recipes/
http://www.cbel.com/South_Asian_Recipes/

