

WORLD SNIPPET

Who will you Follow? - Malawi

More than 20 years ago, Babba W was a talented young soccer player in Malawi. He grew up in a Muslim family, like all the people in his Yawo community, and while his faith was important to him, soccer was what he loved.

His father was a devout Muslim and encouraged Babba W to prioritise his faith and pursue knowledge of God, even telling him to join the weekly Bible storytelling group in the village. Babba W began attending the group sometimes and engaged with the stories, but remained focused on soccer.

In the Yawo, Muslim culture, dreams and visions are taken seriously and meaning is sought. God often uses dreams to reveal Himself and Jesus as His son to Muslim people. This was Babba W's experience when one night Jesus spoke to him in a dream. Jesus appeared before Babba W and told him that he had to choose between following his own path or following Him (Jesus).

Babba W chose to follow Jesus, but he was still grappling with what it all meant in his cultural context. Over years, Global Interaction cross-cultural workers journeyed with Babba W and he is now a key Yawo faith leader. He boldly shares his testimony, preaches and prays with the village groups. He invites people to meet and follow Jesus as the only way to God.

▶ Watch Babba W's story in our short film, *In Step*:
www.globalinteraction.org.au/MMMvideos



Global Interaction's Prayer Resources

We acknowledge our complete dependence on God, and the movement of His Spirit, for the continuation of this ministry. Incredibly, God invites us to partner with Him in mission and be part of His redemptive plan. Through prayer, we are aligning our hearts with His.

Hotline: A weekly e-newsletter that shares in-depth and up-to-date prayer points and stories from our ministry.

Pray Daily: Mailed and emailed quarterly with topical prayer points to empower ministry.

Just Prayer: A weekend (13 - 15 Nov) for individuals, small groups and churches to pray for the least-reached to hear the message of Jesus in a way that makes sense to them.

Newsletters: Direct updates, stories and prayer points from candidates and cross-cultural workers.

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PRAY DAILY

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Thank you again for your faithful partnership with Global Interaction's ministry through prayer.

World Snippets, found at the end of each month, are short stories of God at work among the people groups our teams serve. You are welcome to use these in your church bulletin.

Page numbers refer to the 2020 Global Interaction Guide.

Pray for May Mission Month

- 1 F **Give Thanks:** For the missional activity and partnership of churches all through the year.
- 2 S **Growth:** Pray that involvement in May Mission Month will grow the local outreach and partnership with global mission of many church communities.
- 3 S **Australian Churches:** For church communities to be growing a heart for the least-reached to hear and respond to the message of Jesus.

Pray for Local and Global Mission

- 4 M **Australian Churches:** For churches to be places of welcome and hope for all.
- 5 T **Local Communities:** That believers will look for opportunities to build trusting relationships within their local communities.
- 6 W **Faith Sharing:** For cross-cultural workers and believers in Australia to share the Gospel in ways that make sense in their context.
- 7 T **Cross-Cultural Teams:** That our teams all over the world are sustained by God's strength and presence as they serve Him in challenging places.
- 8 F **The Least-Reached:** For God to be placing seekers in the lives of cross-cultural workers and local believers and opening safe spaces for them to explore Jesus.
- 9 S **The Least-Reached:** For linguistic, cultural or political barriers hindering people hearing and accepting the Good News to be overcome.
- 10 S **Local Leaders:** That local faith leaders will be empowered and equipped to lead their own people.
- 11 M **Local Faith Communities:** For God's continued guidance as Global Interaction discerns how to best partner with established faith communities.

- 12 T **Candidates:** Praise God for the 18 candidates who are preparing to serve long-term with Global Interaction.
- 13 W **Partnerships:** Pray for church communities to catch the vision and partner with these candidates, enabling them to live and serve among a least-reached community.
- 14 T **Churches:** For church leaders to invest in mission teaching and building up those with a particular heart for mission.
- 15 F **Partnership:** That active partnership with global mission will transform Australian church communities and their own local outreach.
- 16 S **Hearts for Mission:** For ministry stories from our cross-cultural teams to grow hearts for mission in all contexts.

Pray for Global Interaction Projects

- 17 S **God's Leading:** For cross-cultural teams to discern God's leading as they determine future community involvement and projects.
- 18 M **Relationships:** That projects will open doors for cross-cultural workers to build authentic relationships with local people in which Jesus can be shared.
- 19 T **Faithful Partners:** For project partners to faithfully pray for the effectiveness and impact of projects.
- 20 W **Outcomes:** That projects positively impact communities with sustainable, long-term outcomes.
- 21 T **Ministry:** For projects to build and support the broader ministry of our cross-cultural teams.
- 22 F **Partners:** That individuals and churches will generously sow into Global Interaction's ministry through supporting projects.
- 23 S **Partners:** For prayer and financial partners to be encouraged as they hear stories of God at work through projects.

Pray for May Mission Month Resources

- 24 S ***In Step* Short Film:** Praise God for His work in the lives of the three Yawo believers featured in the film.
- 25 M ***In Step* Short Film:** Pray that viewers will be encouraged, challenged and inspired as they engage with the film and witness how God is at work through the Global Interaction team.
- 26 T **Themes:** For the key themes of May Mission Month, drawn from *In Step*, to speak to Australian churches.
- 27 W **Passage:** That the May Mission Month passage, Acts 15:1-29, will lead churches to consider if they are either complicating or compromising the Gospel.
- 28 T **Worker Videos:** For the cross-cultural worker update videos to encourage and excite their partners as they see the ministry they are partnering with.
- 29 F **Speakers:** That God will speak through Global Interaction speakers and stir in the hearts of those listening, even if online due to COVID-19.
- 30 S **Podcast:** For ministry stories shared through the new Global Interaction podcast to impact listeners and grow their heart for mission.
- 31 S **Children's Resources:** That the May Mission Month children's resource will sow seeds that will grow and bear fruit.

