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Missionaries Among Us

As many of you know, most of our clients are very active in various churches across America. Not only are they active but they have come to know God in a very personal way and live to bring Him glory and praise.

We have many families who serve in a full-time vocational ministry either in their local church or on a foreign field. Our missionary clients span the globe spreading the light and seeing individuals come to saving faith in the Messiah, Jesus the Christ.

This month, I want to have you pray for the safety and success of two missionaries, a brother and sister who serve in two very dangerous areas of the world. Since these are restricted countries missionary activity is strictly forbidden. We are intentionally withholding their names for their security.



Their parents and grandparents faithfully served the Lord in Africa and here in the States for countless years. They joyfully carry on the family tradition knowing that their reward is not here but in heaven.

They press on knowing the Father and their mission and responsibility to make Him known.

The first missionary is serving in Sudan Africa while her brother serves in Afghanistan along with his young wife and their two children. For security reasons I cannot tell much more. While living and working in a hostile land they recognize their security is in the Lord. We are honored to include them in our financial support. She recently wrote,

“Emptiness in the religious mainstream here gives rise to a variety of sects as well as unauthorized, yet very popular, occultist societies and practices. Yesterday, I observed a small sect performing their particular rituals of chanting, dancing, and incense-burning. This sight provided a sobering reminder of why I'm here - to tell empty people that there is One, and there is **only One**, who can fill and make them whole. Thank you for sending me here. I wouldn't want to be here without you and am mindful that you are a tremendous channel of God's goodness towards me.”

Her brother wrote from Afghanistan saying,
“Unless you've not seen the news for a few months, you know that **history is unfolding in the Muslim world**. It started with a series of non-violent protests against high unemployment and rising food prices in Tunisia - a rather run-of-the-mill occurrence. It has turned into a costly revolution which has spread like wildfire to Egypt, Libya, Bahrain, and to a lesser degree other places in the Muslim world. Our own host country seems distant from this kind of populous-driven political revolution, but we definitely feel winds of discontent, even if people feel powerless to effect change.

He reflected on four items we should pray for the people of Africa and the Middle East.

First, we should intercede for the **sovereign hand of God** in raising up rulers and taking them down. Truly all authority is his and he gives it to whomever he chooses for as long as he chooses.

Second, pray for the Muslim people who long to enjoy more of the liberties and opportunities that exist in other parts of the world and are working for exactly that. Perhaps they are going through similar political changes as what the West experienced 300-400 years ago.

Third, pray that the new or reformed governments emerging from these situations would truly work for the interests of their people.

Fourth, ask God to place us in **strategic positions to minister** when these opportunities emerge and to be prepared with words on our tongues. Last week a co-worker expressed: "**There is something different about you guys** that I have never seen before. I am going to figure out what it is." That is what being out here is all about, and the events the world has seen over these past few months only increase the opportunities for conversation.