



August Prayer Bulletin

Day 1 - ICAN, Nagoya, JAPAN

Please pray for our recent Spiritual Emphasis Week have a lasting effect. Pray for our staff during the summer break, that they will experience rest and times of refreshment. Pray for continued good health for the staff. Pray for continued interest and increase in numbers as we enroll new students. Praise for the new staff that have been hired for this next school year.

Day 2 - Wisdom & Funding Needed for New Projects/Expansion

Possible like-minded investors are being sought; potential new projects are being explored. Presently, opportunities are being explored in Nepal (Pokhara), Malaysia (Melaka), Mexico, possible new campus in Lima, Peru, and India (Delhi); pray for clear direction regarding these and other possibilities. Pray about a lead for a potential new project in Kurdistan, Iraq.

Day 3 - Network Home Office

Pray that the Home Office will serve all of our schools and staff members well. The heart of our HO staff is to support and assist our schools in any way possible. This includes many functions, including: staff recruitment, screening, placement, pastoral/member care coordination & support, financial services, academic resources, school development

expertise, network expansion, leadership development & oversight, child protection support, member services (insurance, etc.), and member services.

Day 4 - Oasis KL, Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA

Praise: enrollment continues to increase! Praise: we received CIS (accreditation agency) membership after the initial visit went very well. Also, ask Dad for continued growth as the school has the capacity for 600+ students. Recruiting additional staff for Year Two is almost complete! Pray for our school to be a great blessing to our host nation and help our students be good, positive residents during their time here, serving and blessing others.

Day 5 - Network Leadership: Board, President, Executive Team, School Directors

Wisdom; discernment; good judgment; clear direction from the Lord. Executive Team: Wisdom in adopting new financial models for building schools in the future; Wisdom in finding and developing leaders & working together well to oversee our schools. God's protection for all leaders in the network. Pray for each school's leadership team in regard to school growth or decline, wisdom in dealing with staff, parents, and students. Pray for the pastoral role of school leadership in team development. Believing that "everything rises or falls on leadership," let's commit to prayer for all network leaders.

Day 6 - ICS, Lima, PERU

Enrollment for next year looks promising, so please pray for continued interest and increase as the school will reach capacity soon at the present location. Pray for wisdom in regard to growth, possible new campus, extension campus, etc. Pray for a smooth transition of leadership taking place at this time. Praise God that Eric Alfrey is now in Lima as our new director.

Day 7 - Network Finance Teams - CFO, Comptroller, Business Managers, Home Office Finance Team

These men and women carry the blessing/burden of being good stewards of our network financial resources along with their school leaders. Pray for wisdom & encouragement to these men & women. Pray for recruitment efforts to find qualified candidates for these positions. Pray that our financial systems will be built in such a way so as to protect God's resources as well as use them wisely. Pray for good, strong teamwork between directors, business managers, and the Home Office.

Day 8 - YISS, Seoul, KOREA

Praise God for continued interest in enrollment! We are almost at capacity with 1000+ students. Please pray for the few remaining open positions to be filled for the upcoming school year. Pray for a great year of team-building as there are many staff transitions taking place with the leadership team.

Day 9 - BIS, Brasilia, BRAZIL

Praise God that we have filled our entire staff for the 2019-20 school year! Praise God we have signed a 10-year lease! We are praying for a school full of children, praying He sends all those He wants here! Please pray for our witness in the community of Asa Sul and the city of Brasilia. We pray God's will be done in and through us at BIS. Pray the school's enrollment increases, which will help greatly with budgetary challenges.

Day 10 - Students & Parents - to seek & know Truth

Our desire is that all our staff present a Godly presentation of our faith, both in what we teach and how we live; may this impact our students and school families. Pray that He will draw all men unto Himself! Pray for welcoming and open hearts to hear and know His Truth. Pray that relational-based communications will give opportunity to share Truth with our school families.

Day 11 - BAIS, Bandung, INDONESIA

Praise for strong continuity in staff - very little turnover this year. Prayer request is there is reduction in administrative positions, so please pray for smooth transition to new structure and different workloads for present administration. Pray also for great communication throughout the next school year, including important issues regarding campus development, enrollment, and marketing.

Day 12 - Mobilization Department: Director, Marketing, Recruiting & Placement, IT support (effective website, etc.)

Successful recruiting and placing around 230 new teachers this year (191 filled so far); wisdom & direction in recruiting and marketing strategies. Pray for our East Coast recruiter, Dwayne Spearman, in Lynchburg, VA., and our Central Regional recruiter Gari Smith, as well as our volunteer recruiters. Pray that we will soon find the right person to fill our Western Region recruiting position.

Day 13 - "Sister" Christian International Schools & Networks

Specifically, pray for the broad transformational education ministry of Teach Beyond; pray for the work of LDI/ISC as they expand their work beyond the Far East; pray for the many independent "solo" Christian international schools that are spread all over the globe. We thank God for these schools and the fine folks who make up their leadership and staff.

Day 14 - ICS, Uijeongbu, KOREA

Praise for the salvation of many students this past school year. Pray for those overseeing the school sustainability process. Enrollment for next year has begun and looks promising; please pray for continued interest and enrollment increase. Pray that we find highly qualified, mission-minded teachers for the remaining open positions for the 19-20 school year; specifically pray for a much-needed science teacher.

Day 15 - Broader Awareness of our Network for Potential Teachers/Staff

Pray for effective recruiting strategies in places/groups that are not aware of our network; we need to further develop strategies for Canada, Australia, New Zealand, UK, etc., as well as through social media, universities, etc.

Day 16 - OIS, Ankara, TURKEY

Praising Him for tremendous growth; we have a host of new students & staff; pray for continued growth as the facility can accommodate over 700 students. Pray for us as we transition from a small school to a larger school (almost 50% student growth last year to 400 students); pray that, as our school competes in sports, we will represent Him well; pray for a smooth transition for several students who moved away recently; pray for the staff--that they will model their faith as they invest in the lives of our students. Pray for smooth transitions as the school grows and normal staff changes occur.

Day 17 - Network Schools That Struggle Financially

La Paz (Bolivia), Brasilia (Brazil), Uijeongbu (Korea), Bandung (Indonesia); Pray for His provision and for dedication & patience of staff involved in these schools. Jehovah Jirah!

Day 18 - Int'l School, FAR EAST

The new campus is under construction; a new school for locals will likely open in 2020 under our supervision; ask Dad for freedom and opportunity to share Truth in a restrictive environment. Wisdom and discernment are needed. Praise for tremendous support from our host country local government. Pray for protection from the constant opposition of darkness. Pray for school families that have recently been expelled from the country and the trauma related to sudden changes of this nature.

Day 19 - Governments, National Leaders, Host Rulers

Pray that those chosen by God to rule nations will be guided by God's hand, that they will seek to rule justly, without corruption, and see their office as a place of service and care for their nation. Pray that laws will be favorable for agencies such as ours to operate and be effective. Pray for all those sent to share His glory among the nations, and for protection of nationals who claim His name. Pray that our influence will reach the highest levels of government for His namesake.

Day 20 - Member Care Leadership, Local MC Associates, School MC teams, health and welfare of all staff

Pastoral care of our staff is critical to our mission; we pray that all our communities will be grace-filled and abound in His love and care for one another. Pray for our ongoing training of MC groups network wide, and for Missy Parks as she coordinates our MC efforts with those on the field. Pray that our staff will find comfort, contentment and fulfillment in their mission.

Day 21 - WNS, Nairobi, KENYA

We offer praises for strong enrollment- the highest ever for our school last school year, exceeding 320! Pray for health of staff; our emphasis this past year was on "Teaching Truth." Praise God for recent campus expansion/building. Pray we are able to fill the remaining teaching positions for the upcoming school year.

Day 22 - PHS, Prishtina, KOSOVO

The new elementary program is growing; pray for managed growth; we are the newest school to the Network; pray for our transition; major praise for the selection of our new director, Dr. Dave Baniszewski. Praise for the highest enrollment in our history. Pray that the transition to a fully-operational network school will take place quickly. Pray for effective local relationships that are critical to opening doors to ministry in this Oasis setting.

Day 23 - ICS, Pyeongtaek, KOREA

Praise God for the seeming upward trend in student enrollment. Prayers for continued interest and increased enrollment. Pray for funds for needed building upgrades/repairs, and speedy retirement of all debt.

Day 24 - Resources for Developing Headquarters Training/Conference Facilities

Long-range plans are to build a training facility that will house our IMPACT, Annual Leadership Conference and other training events. This will meet a clear need for our foreseeable future; the conference/training facility will be available to non-network groups when we are not using it.

Day 25 - NorthStar Academy - HQ, Southaven, MS, USA

Praise: Our first graduation ceremony was well attended and went extremely well; this will likely become a new NSA tradition.

Praise: The 18-19 school year ended up with an enrollment growth of 20%+ which is a huge praise. Also, while very early, 19-20 enrollments are looking good so far.

Prayer: We have added many new teachers for 19-20. Pray for each of them as they learn to teach and connect to their students online. Also pray that they will have a heart for the ministry and that it will be so much more than just a job for

them. We are thankful for so many great teachers that have come our way!

Prayer: Pray for all of our affiliate school partners that their students would be able to successfully complete their work in their online courses by the end of the school year.

Day 26 - Wisdom for All Involved Regarding Existing Schools Considering Joining the Network

Our office is constantly being contacted by schools considering joining our network; pray for His direction and wisdom regarding these dialogues. We presently are in dialogue with a school in India

Day 27 - HIS, La Paz, BOLIVIA

Our network leadership has been working on a plan for long-term sustainability of the school in this challenging environment. Much has been accomplished and there are some structural changes being implemented. Please pray that we continue to see strong growth in enrollment and that the financial challenges the school faces can be resolved. Praises for the awesome ministry and spiritual impact on the students.

Day 28 - Office of School Operations: Administrative Oversight, Academic Development, School (institutional) Development

Pray for the network leaders who are responsible for the oversight of our school directors and Field Leadership Teams. They desire to help, advise, and bless those leading. Dr. Duane Jobe (oversees this office), Mr. Ray Johnson (Institutional development), and Ms. Lydia Zuidema (academic development).

Day 29 - ICS, Singapore, SINGAPORE

Pray for continued increased enrolment as well as a better facility that is greatly needed for the school to grow. Pray that the Singapore government will facilitate a school relocation for us. Praise for our new Director, JP Rader, as well as other staff transitioning into our school community. Praise God for providing the staff for the 2019-2020 school year!

Day 30 - Discernment for all Staff in Presenting Truth, especially in sensitive environments

Many of our schools are in regions where there is great sensitivity regarding issues of religion; it is our desire to be respectful to our host countries, while also having influence that lasts for eternity. Pray for all staff to have keen sensitivity on these matters, as they seek His heart in sharing Good News.

Day 31 - ICS, Batam, INDONESIA (New Project) & The Nation of Venezuela

Batam: Paperwork is now being processed with the government in hopes of a 2020 opening; pray for success in this effort. Batam is a 45-minute ferry ride from Singapore.

Venezuela: Pray for her people who are suffering so; pray for God's will regarding the future of the nation; pray for a possible future reopening of ICS, Caracas.