

Week One – Prayer for Students & Pastors (Acts 1.8) – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

YOU, Christian, are on an adventure, an epic journey that will span the course of your life. Your journey is not and never has been limited to your days on this planet, but is encompassed in eternity, forever past and forever future. You can't even wrap your mind around the scope of this journey that you are on.

And yet, you've been given a brief amount of time on this earth. As a believer, your time here is to be spent having fun, loving Jesus, making memories, sharing the gospel, talking to people, being loved and loving others, studying well and playing hard, respecting others...*and all of it for the glory of God.* That's right, all of these things are great, but they are meant for magnifying the glory of our God in the lives of his people.

We are empowered by God to do all of the above. We are given power that, through every area of our lives, Jesus might be lifted up and worshiped. You are beginning to prepare to be part of an incredible experience in going to serve the body of Christ in what may be a new context. From your hometown to the far reaches of the globe, you will have an impact for the kingdom of God! Praise God that each of us carries this calling!

This week, pray for:

- Students involved in this trip
 - For the excitement that comes with being a part of a trip like this to begin to take hold of their hearts
 - For pre-trip training and other preparations to begin to go smoothly
 - For a firmer grasp of the gospel and a new passion for the sweetness that is God's work and our lives
- Pastors who are taking their kids with NEXT Worldwide
 - For clear vision and training
 - For their passions for Christ and his kingdom to be stirred
 - For their own personal walks to be strengthened in preparing for this trip

Week Two – Prayer for People Group (Matthew 18.10-14) – *“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”*

We live in a vast world...one that we can't really wrap our minds around. Sure, we have our hometowns and the usual places we hang out – all places that make up our small little “worlds,” yet, we lose sight of the world around us. The hundreds of hurting people in our towns who are just out of our periphery, the thousands of people groups around the globe with no known access to the gospel, the specific people group (or groups) who you will encounter on your trip!

How the Lord rejoices when his gospel goes forward and new believers come to worship him! Theologian and pastor John Piper very basically said that it would be absolute megalomania (or, complete self-absorption) for someone to think that everyone on the planet should worship them...*someone except God.*

Our mission is to take the gospel to the nations. In this, we see new peoples won to Christ and brought into the family of God. And there is great rejoicing! YOU are a part of that happening; a small but vital part in the unfolding story of eternity. Prayer for the people you are going to be encountering in just a few short weeks!

This week, pray for:

- The specific people group you will encounter
 - Pray for many to hear and submit to the Word of God
 - Pray for people of peace within the larger culture
 - Pray for leaders to be raised up to continue to make disciples among the people
- Clear communication of the gospel
 - May no language barrier hold back the gospel!
 - May your words and actions already (and always) be pointing towards Christ Jesus
- For that same gospel to be crystal-clear to you, in your walk
 - That your heart and mind might be affected continually, by preaching the gospel to yourself
 - That you might grow in boldness for the sake of Jesus' Name

Week Three – Prayer for Pastors of the People (Acts 20.28) – *Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.*

It is a struggle to be a pastor. On top of the responsibility one has to watch over and lead one's own home, pastors face the reality of doing the same for the people who the Lord has given them to watch over. Like a good shepherd watching over his sheep, a pastor must continually stay alert to all of the schemes of the enemy. Even when there seem to be no predators near, the pastor must stay vigilant in case one of his sheep wanders off from the rest of the flock, only to be devoured on their own.

The pastors who you encounter on the field have forsaken much to proclaim the gospel, make disciples, and to teach the Word of God in advancing his kingdom. They have moved their families, their wives and children, directly into the crosshairs of the Enemy...all for the glory of God to be magnified in and through their earthly ministry!

Pastors can be and are hammered, repeatedly, by the devil and his army. There are no bounds to how the Enemy attacks pastors throughout the world: financially, within their families, physically...you name it and pastors can tell you how they've seen Satan working against them

This week, pray for:

- The pastor (or pastors) whom you will be working with
 - Many pastors are dealing with a great deal, even when they seem like they're doing really well
 - Pray that they might continue to lead their people out of a heart that worship Christ
 - May they be uplifted by our time with them in the coming weeks!
- Your own pastors
 - Pray for the men who lead you spiritually
 - Ask how you might pray for them, specifically, over the coming weeks
- A pastoral heart in your own life
 - Pray that God might teach you how to truly keep watch over your own life and heart
 - May you watch over other people in your life with love and grace
 - Ask God to continually show you how to be a good shepherd of others (friends, younger siblings, etc.)

Week Four – Prayer for the City & Area (Jonah 3.6-10) – *The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.” When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.*

The LORD is doing incredible things among the nations. From the urban areas of Asia to the pasturelands of South America...every continent is experiencing the movement of the gospel in huge ways! How beautiful it is to see those who God calls go and share the gospel around the globe.

Even today, entire villages, towns and cities are being affected by this gospel of Christ Jesus. As more and more churches are planted and disciples are made, the environment around them is directly affected by this new love for the Lord. We may bemoan how bad and godless certain cities are, but the truth is that God moves when and how he wants – even bringing entire cities to their knees.

This was the story with one prophet of God’s, Jonah. We almost always limit our knowledge of Jonah to his disobedience and resulting three days in the belly of a great fish, missing the grand tale of how God brought an ancient megacity to repentance. Nineveh – a major player in ancient Middle East politics, trade and war, is laid low by the words of the LORD spoken by a reluctant prophet...*the entire city!*

This week, pray for:

- The specific area you will be heading to
 - For the people groups of the area
 - For the leadership of the area
- The city or cities where you will be sharing the gospel
 - For specific people of peace who will be receptive to the gospel
 - For a movement of church planting and disciple-making to take hold
 - For the pastors and leaders of the city to love and lead the people well
- The LORD to deem it fit to bring people to repentance
 - It is only by God the Holy Spirit’s movement that people come to know Christ
 - May he use you and your team in huge ways over the course of these coming weeks!

Week Five – Prayer for CPPs (II Thes. 3.1) – *For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy. Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone...*

Church planting, internationally or domestically, can be a lonely place to find oneself. In the midst of unrepentant people, plowing fields that may seemingly be made of stone, often with little help, church planters can often be wear of the great task they've been given.

And yet, Christ sustains them! The glory of the LORD is the fuel for missions...that thousands upon thousands might continually come to know the saving power of Jesus Christ. There is great joy in seeing our God move and bring others to follow him, leaving these people in our loving and patient care in shepherding and discipling them. Paul speaks about this great joy in his second letter to the church at Thessalonica.

Paul reminds the believers in Thessalonica that they are his “glory and joy.” The work that he and his team carried out in this Greek city was incredible, as they planted a church and saw the Holy Spirit do incredible works in bringing people to be part of the fledgling plant. And then they went on to Athens that they might promote Christ there, as well!

In the same way, the church planter or planters you will be working with are particularly gifted to reach the people in their area with the Word of God.

This week, pray for:

- The particular church planter or planters you will be working with
 - That they might be greatly encouraged and lifted up
 - That they might continually grow in their love of the gospel and their love for people
- The families of these men and women
 - Church planting is extremely hard, not only on the pastor, but on his family, as well
 - Pray for the pastor to continue to lead their home well
 - Pray for the spouse of your pastor or pastors to be encouraged and lifted up
 - Pray that the pastor you will be working with continues to lead his home well in loving and discipling his children
- The churches that they, Lord willing, are planting and building
 - That they might be healthy and rooted in the gospel
 - That many new disciples might be made through their work
 - That they will be a church that continues to plant churches on into the future!

Week Six – Prayer for NEXT Staff & Families (Isaiah 58.10-11) – *[Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer...] if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.*

Christian, your life is meant to be poured out. Not held back in some sort of cistern or dammed behind a wall that no one can penetrate – the whole point of life is giving it away for the glory of God. Regardless if you're the shyest person in any room or the most outgoing and vivacious personality in any circle of your friends, you are meant to love Christ and make disciples.

The NEXT staffers who lead your trip believe this fully. That's why they've committed their lives to serving church planters around the globe, as well as pastors and students and parents here in the States. Not only with NEXT, but your leaders also give their lives away within the local body as members and leaders of their churches. Through hardship and struggle, great gains and incredible joys, your leaders tirelessly serve Christ and the church, striving to see disciples made and people come to worship the Savior.

Your leaders have a family, as well. A family they've committed to love and serve. A family that will remain at home, worshiping and serving as your leader is on the field with you. Remember this as you prepare for your trip – NEXT staff members are husbands, daughters, fathers, brothers and sisters and wives – their role is not limited to the time that they will spend with you on the field in the coming weeks.

This week, pray for:

- Your trip leaders
 - Pray for them as they continue to prepare
 - Pray for their own walks with Jesus – that they might be surrounded with encouragement
 - Pray for encouragement for them in whatever they may be going through or working on, in particular
- Your trip leaders' families
 - Pray for their spouses who will send them on the field
 - Pray for their children to know the great calling of taking the gospel to the nations

Week Seven – Prayer for Students’ Hearts (Matthew 16.24-25) – *Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”*

“He is no fool who gives up that which he can never keep, for that which he can never lose.” The missionary Jim Elliot famously said these words, not knowing that he would be martyred in serving the Lord in South America. Those words are no less true now for every believer than they were in the mid-1900s for a specific missionary. It is incredible that we have been shown this amount of grace – we can never keep the lives we have, as we all die. Yet, we can never lose our salvation, because the Lord alone brings it to completion!

We are a people called to “take up [our] cross and follow...” This may lose some meaning on us, as we’re constantly shaded from the realities of death, especially in such a brutal way; yet, Christ’s followers knew what this meant – that there may be brutal things coming in this world, but that Christ was infinitely more important and worthy of worship and sacrifice. Though we may not understand it to these depths, our lives are still to be laid down for the worship of our Redeemer and King.

The trip that you are a part of is not your “next step” in giving your life away, nor an open door to finally doing that. No, it’s one more piece of sacrificial living that you get to participate in. Going on a mission trip does not make you a super-Christian or mark you as having “arrived” at some new depth of faith, it is an avenue through which the Lord will move to affect your heart for the nations, and to make his Name continually great in the life he has given you!

This week, pray for:

- Your heart
 - For a growing passion to see Christ magnified in your life
 - For your life to be poured out, even among the nations, for the sake of the gospel
 - To come to deeper and deeper understandings of the gospel and Christ’s love for you and for his own glory
- The hearts of those who are on your team
 - We are almost all struggling with something – pray for those around you who you know are carrying specific burdens
 - Pray for hearts that come together under the banner of the gospel...not just on going on a mission trip to a new place
- That the gospel might influence everything you do, as you grow in your faith

Week Eight – Prayer for Families of Students (Psalm 127.3-4) – Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of th womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth.

We’ve all heard that sappy line to an even sappier movie, “If you love someone, you have to let them go...” Usually, this comes at the tail-end of a breakup and means that, somewhere in this (fairly unrealistic) movie or story, the main characters are going to get back together and live happily-ever-after. At least, that’s what we like to think, anyway.

Yet, as sappy as that saying is, look at it in light of Psalm 127 – children are given to parents as rewards. The LORD finds it fit to reward parents with children – little ones to be led and disciple closer and closer to God. But, it doesn’t end there, as though kids are trophies for their parent, to be put up on shelves or to have goofy bumper stickers created for their “Honor Roll” or being a cub scout or completing a half-marathon before they turn 15.

Children are weapons to be send forth. That’s right, YOU are a weapon to be sent into the world to strike at darkness and illuminate the night. Parents must let go of their children as they send them out, hitting their mark for the LORD and striking for the glory of God.

Going on your trip is part of you being sent out from the hands of your parents. Your trip is just one part of you hitting your mark for your King, Jesus.

This week, pray for:

- Families sending their students with NEXT
 - Anxiety, fear, etc. over the safety of their kids
 - For some families, this may be the first time they send their student out – pray that it might be incredibly joyful
 - Protection as their student is abroad
- Families who will be impacted by you
 - May the gospel impact entire families through the work you and your team will be carrying out!
 - May dads, moms, brothers and sisters come to know the saving grace of Christ Jesus
- For Christian families to continue to be primary ways in which disciples are made

Week Nine – Prayer for God’s Glory to be Magnified (John 1.1-5) – *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Have you ever been amazed by something, but then become used to it? Perhaps it’s the last iPhone or PS3. Maybe it was a band you discovered, a relationship you were in, a movie you saw or a place you’ve traveled to. There are plenty of things in this life that we become “used to” and our amazement with that particular thing becomes less and less. Many times, this happens for us, as believers. We lose our amazement of the Holy God who sought us out and called us to himself by offering his Son, Jesus, in our place.

Yet, when we read scripture, there is little room left for anything but absolute amazement at who the LORD is and what he does. We’re blown away by his covenant love for his people, generation to generation. We are often awe-struck at how he fights not only for his people, but for his glory. We can be baffled by his holiness and touched by his love. We serve, love and live for such an amazing God!

The God whom we serve gives life and light. In this light, his people are provided with an ability and a promise: an ability to shine even in the darkest night and a promise that the darkness of sin and the world has not overcome it. The world and its darkness will not overcome our Christ Jesus and we rest eternally secure in that fact. It frees us to magnify the glory of God in our lives, regardless where we find ourselves and what circumstances we may be in the middle of. Whether we’re at home or on a mission trip on the other side of the planet, in the middle of an incredibly sweet season or just barely scraping by, we live that the glory of God might be magnified in these lives he has given us!

This week, pray for:

- God’s glory to be magnified in your life
 - In every avenue (work, school, home, play, etc.) – may you desire for the glory of God to be seen
- For opportunities to share the gospel *right now*, not just on your trip in a week
 - There are plenty of hurting, broken and lost people around you, right now...share the gospel with them!
- For deeper communion with God

Travel Week – Prayer for Ministry & Travel (II Chronicles 15.7) – “But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.”

The week that we have been working toward and praying for has finally come! All of the excitement and anxiety in preparing for this short expanse of time that will, without a doubt, have eternal impact...it's here!

What an exciting thought! And yet, for some people, there can be a sense of weariness as these weeks have led to this point. “Will I know what to say or how to express the gospel?” “What if things don't go smoothly at all?” “Will God really use me to impact the nations and move his kingdom forward?” “What if NO ONE is receptive to what I have to share?” “What if I get tongue-tied and distracted?” “What if I'm nervous?” “Will I have jet-lag forever?!” “Why am I so TIRED?!” Just a few of the questions that can weigh on all of us, as we hit the ground running on each of our trips.

But, we know that our God is infinitely greater than any momentary afflictions that we might feel, of any sort. Our weariness will pass. Our anxiety is fleeting. And when it comes to the gospel – the LORD is the one who begins his good works and carries them through to completion. We are simple vessels, called to be broken among the nations, that his glory might be seen and heard!

This week, continue to pray II Chronicles 15.7 for the students on this trip. May each of the students and participants take courage in the LORD. There is no wall the Enemy has constructed that will forever hold against the power of Christ and his gospel. There is no fear of man that will continue in the light of the glory of Jesus. There is no anxiety that cannot be calmed by the healing balm of the Word.

Pray that our hands might be made strong! May we continue to push through things we encounter on this trip in order to see the glory of the gospel made great among these people. May our work lead to a great harvest of new worshipers of Jesus Christ. May our minds be clear in order to see and feel how the LORD is continuing to work both in us and through us.

And may we continually trust in God's provision, even his reward. Our reward is not feeling better about ourselves or taking fun pictures for others to see how much we did on this trip – our reward is knowing we had a part in making the name of Jesus Christ known among a people who might not have ever heard it before. Our reward is the fame and renown of our King Jesus.

Praise God that we have such a great reward, and that he is the one who strengthens us to make this happen! Pray that this would be the case, and that our team might look back in wonder and amazement on the things that they saw the LORD do through the course of this trip!

Week One – Prayer for New Believers (I Timothy 6.12) – *Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

This past week you have no doubt gotten home and gotten back into somewhat of a rhythm...work, friends, family, and probably a little bit of leisure time. However, may you continue to praise God for the work that he did both in and through you. Especially in how you got to touch lives, firsthand, with the glory of the gospel of our King, Jesus.

Take time over these next weeks to think back to the people you got to share the gospel with. Many of them probably heard it for the very first time (at least, heard it *clearly* for the first time) and had their spiritual eyes opened to the reality of relationship with Jesus Christ.

Just as a gardener carefully watches over the seedlings they've planted, the pastors we've entrusted these people to are working tirelessly to disciple them well. Continue to lift up these new believers throughout the next weeks!

This week, pray for:

- New believers to be discipled well
 - Growth in faith never happens in a vacuum – pray that new believers might be surrounded by those who would lift them up
 - Pray that these new believers might be disciple in knowing more about faith and already beginning to grow in their worship of Jesus
 - Pray for strong connections and relationships within the local church to already begin to be fruitful
- For these new believers to already sense the changes that the Holy Spirit is working in them
 - It is an exciting thing to see how the LORD begins new works in our lives
 - May they praise Jesus for the eternal life they have and may that worship flow out of them in every facet of their lives
- For their passion and love for Jesus Christ and his Word to continue to grow and grow

Week Two – Prayer for Pastors of the People (I Timothy 4.16) – *Keep a close watch on yourself and teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

Watching over the flock is hard work. For those who watch over sheep, their hours rarely stop as they are with their flocks by day and by night, going through life with the animals they have been entrusted with, protecting them from the dangers of the wild and leading them towards healthy food and water.

It is little different for pastors. There really aren't "business hours" for pastors, as they are constantly called on to watch over the flock and both protect those who have been entrusted to them, as well as give them nourishment that only comes with the healthy teaching of God's Word and discipleship.

Not only this, but in order to do this very well, pastors must constantly be watching over their own hearts, as they are sinners, too. One can just as easily fall into patterns of sin or even false doctrine as the newest believer. That is why pastors must be vigilant on all fronts, especially over their own hearts and walks with God.

But, what a wonderful promise! That in watching over themselves and the church they've been given, they constantly lead others to worship Jesus!

This week, pray for:

- The pastor or pastors you worked with directly
 - May the LORD increase their passion for the gospel to go forward
 - May they walk above reproach in every area of their personal and family lives
 - That God might increase their strength and encourage them as they go about the daily tasks of being overseers in their churches
- The Church Planting Partner on your trip
 - Pray for continued encouragement as these men not only oversee the congregations under their care and teaching, but also the pastors who are planting
 - Ask God to protect their hearts and minds as they continue the work of developing pastors and leaders to share the gospel and to plant even more new works!

Week Three – Prayer for Churches Planted & Strengthened (Romans 15.20-21) - *...I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, but as it is written, "Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will hear."*

The LORD has used you in incredible ways! There is no denying this and, as a believer, he will continue to use you in ways to advance his kingdom and make his gospel known among the nations...even right in your own backyard!

What a great way to give your life away! We get to be part of planting churches and strengthening others around the globe. Do you find the joy in getting to be a small part of this? The gospel moves forward, disciples are made, communities are born and the worship of Jesus is carried on, generation to generation. What a faithful God we serve and what wonderful things he does through the lives of his people.

It is a beautiful thing to see the creation of something new and the birth of a new church. May you continue to ask our God to grow his Church and, specifically, the churches that you were a part of helping plant and strengthen. Whether a small house church of just a few families or a huge megachurch in a city, God's people come together to magnify the name of Jesus Christ when they are part of a local body.

Continue to lift up those churches and pastors who are looking to continue this movement and plant even more churches, raise up even more disciples and leaders and to continue to see the domain of darkness pushed back as the Kingdom of Light moves forward!

This week, pray for:

- The churches you were part of helping plant and strengthen
 - Pray for strong leaders to rise up and lead the church well
 - Ask God to continue to graciously give the churches healthy relationships within the body
 - May these churches continue to share the gospel and preach the gospel!
- Passion for this work to continue
 - Church planting *never* stops
- The church that you are a part of now
 - Be a catalyst for seeing churches planted from your own church!
 - Pray for those churches that your local body is already a part of helping establish, domestically and internationally
 - Pray for church planters to continue this movement around you

Week Four – Prayer for Students’ Hearts (James 1.2-4) – *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

Back home for several weeks, now, there is little doubt that you have already gotten to face some pushback on the things that you experienced and saw on your trip. The Enemy wastes very little time in attempting to kill and destroy momentum in the life of the believer, especially after something as potentially catalytic as being part of a church plant and sharing the gospel! It is no surprise that you have probably already felt the excitement of your trip ebb slightly. But what a glorious thing to be reminded of the role that you have played, are playing, and will continue to play in making Christ’s name great among the nations!

These times of weariness, feeling oppressed, or feeling lower than a few weeks ago are perfect examples of times where we, as believers, should press into our Lord and God. This is part of what James is getting at when he calls us to steadfastness. He’s not saying that we should be steadfast in constantly pursuing an emotional even or even feeling, but that we should remain steadfastness in the hope of the glory of Jesus to be seen in our lives through our words and our actions.

When we continually put this before the Lord, remaining steadfast in his gospel and what he has called us to, James tells us that we are “...perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” May that truth ring clearly in our hearts, as we find ourselves back on familiar battlefields and feel the weight of an Enemy who hates what we have been part of.

Take heart, Christian! Your Savior, the God who you belong to and you serve in every facet of life, has overcome all of our enemies! We are victorious. We remain steadfast not because of what *we* do or are capable of doing, but because of what Christ Jesus has already done!

This week, pray for:

- Your own heart
 - Without a doubt, you have been hit with certain elements of spiritual attack in the amount of time that we’ve been home
 - The Lord is the one who carries you through these times...praise him!
- Your friends and teammates from your trip
 - You are not alone in what you feel! Pray for those who, no doubt, feel similarly
- Those who you were able to work with on your trip
 - Pray for the hearts of the pastors, church members and even new believers
 - Pray for continued healthy growth!

Week Five – Prayer for Lives Lived on Mission (I Peter 1.3-5) – *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

Our lives are meant to be lived for one constant thing – the glory of Jesus Christ. This means understanding, in deeper and deeper contexts, what it is to live a life that is truly on mission.

Think about what Peter says in the first chapter of his first letter...we are born again. We have a living hope because our Savior has overcome and completely, eternally, defeated death. We have an inheritance that is imperishable and will never fade away. Our God protects the salvation of his people, which will come to completion according to his will.

Do you know the joy that comes with all of that knowledge? May we be a people who continually pray for lives that are lived on further mission for the glory of our Redeemer and Savior, Jesus Christ! May the love of Christ influence and affect every single thing we do or say!

Not only this, but may these lives that he has given us be freely given over for the nations to come and worship the glory of the Living LORD! Be broken for further glory of the King!

This week, pray for:

- Pray that you might be joyful in the gospel
 - We never “graduate” from the gospel – it is our constant bedrock of assurance and joy
 - May this joy infect everything about your person
 - May others truly see this as being a defining “marker” for who you are
- Praise God for his mercy and goodness in Christ Jesus
 - There is nothing we can ever or have ever done to somehow deserve the love of God and the sacrificial work of Christ
- Worship God for the fact that he is the one who brings the work of your salvation to perfect completion
 - You can rest assured in the fact that the Lord is the one who brings your salvation to perfect completion

Week Six – Prayer for Churches to Continue to Grow & Plant (John 4.35) – “...I tell you, lift up your eyes and see that the fields are white for harvest.”

What are we waiting on? So many of us believe that we have to clear a certain level of holiness or confidence in order to be part of the harvest that is happening around the world. Yet, there is no time to wait, for the people of God. From the moment of our spiritual rebirth, we have one clear mandate: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” May we continue to grow in our desire to see the incredible harvest that we are a part of bringing in, and truly see how worthy our Lord Jesus is worthy of this harvest!

Look around you...there are disciples to be made, people who have never heard the gospel, churches to be planted and bodies to be ministered to. There is a coming Savior who is to continually be worshiped and praised. There are millions who have still not heard the gospel of our King.

May these past weeks be a catalyst for you to continue to desire to see churches planted and new believers come to know Christ. And may you have direct roles to play in those things continuing to happen!

Look up at the Lord of the harvest – he is worth everything you could ever offer him in worship...and infinitely more! How incredible that he involves his people, generation to generation, at expanding his kingdom and sharing the gospel.

Grow. Share. Go.

This week, pray for:

- The pastors and fellow believers you helped on your trip
 - May they minister to the body in ways that magnify the glory of Jesus
 - Pray for the unity of these men and women as they continue to share the gospel where the Lord has placed them
 - Ask that they might continue to have everything they need in the Lord
- The disciples you saw come to know Christ
 - Pray for their walks to only continue to grow in strength of faith and commitment to Christ
- Your own church
 - We are a people called not only to worship Christ, but to do so in community
 - Pray for your pastor and pastoral staff to continue to live out the gospel, preach and teach the gospel, and disciple your church well
 - Beg the Lord to continue to use you in any and every way that he deems fit...may your life continually and wholly be about the glory of Jesus Christ