

Keep Swimming

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If you have seen the children's animated movie Finding Nemo, you may remember the blue fish that was disoriented but was the main encourager for Nemo's father. Dorri was always ready for the next adventure and loved to sing. One time, when Nemo's father was ready to quit, Dorri simply started singing, "Keep swimming... Keep swimming... Keep swimming!"

As the new year is almost 25% gone and soon it will be summer, we do exactly what Dorri was singing - we've started yet a new year and we will keep on swimming and doing the best we can to see more pastors and church leaders trained and equipped for ministry. I remember the advice a friend gave me when it comes to perseverance. "Nasko, sometime all you have to do is just show up for one more meeting. Don't quit. Never quit." If you felt last year like quitting but you've made it so far, keep going. Keep swimming. Don't give up and don't give in. That's what our enemy, the devil, would like to see us do but the Holy Spirit comes along and reminds us that He's with us, that He will never forsake us, that He will never abandon us, that he will accomplish the good work that He had started in us.

So, this is no time for quitting but it's time to keep on swimming! Whatever challenges you face, I pray that you will hear God's gentle voice, telling you to keep on going, keep on swimming, keep on trusting, and keep on following Him wherever He leads you!

More Than Just Prayers

Prayer is more than a list of requests

Have you ever heard the expression, "Oh, just pray, that's all. Just pray!" We all have heard that and probably at all kinds of occasions. It is almost like someone is telling you that they've tried everything else and since nothing worked, now prayer is their last resort and last attempt. The final throw of the life safety rope.

When the apostle Paul tells us to "...not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Phil.4:6) he is not using words for "last resort" nor "last chance." Instead, he tells us "in every situation" - and this means before, during, and after every situation. In the same way, when we ask for your prayers, we are really asking for your ongoing prayers, whenever the Lord reminds you of us, Global Action, and Global Action's ministry around the world. We could give you a list of prayer points but our request for joining us in prayer is more than prayer points. It's an appeal, an invitation, and summons.

- It's an appeal because no one can make another person pray. It has to be based on our own desire and willingness to pray. We can't force anyone to pray, we can only appeal.
- It's an invitation to join in, there is no forcing it on anyone. When you invite people to your house for dinner, you do it because there is a connection already in place, a mutual attraction, a friendship. That's why our prayer requests are an invitation, they come from our hearts and are shared with friends and family.
- Last but not least, our prayer requests are like summons, they are like the trumpet call to join in the ranks and stand in a battle formation. It's a distress call, if you will, that goes out and the cry is shared as a "Mayday, mayday!" It also means admitting that we can't do it alone but we can only do it with partners and friends like you.

As we are already into the whirlwind of ministry and just started several new training GLOMOS classes, we do need your continued prayers. Please pray for all our leaders and staff members around the world. Pray for the safety and health of their family members. Pray for God's protection whenever any of us travel for ministry. Pray God's provisions and so that He will open new doors and hearts of people, businesses, and churches that will be ready to partner and join hands with us to see more pastors and church leaders trained well.

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