

PRAYER FOCUS

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CHINA

From China to Cambodia: A Journey of Faith and Obedience

Sarah* has been serving as a missionary in Cambodia since 2016. Born in Henan, China, in 1972, her journey with Christ began at 7 years of age, during a period of profound family loss. When her father and sister-in-law died of illness in the same year, a Christian neighbor told them that Jesus could heal without cost. Out of desperation, her mother took all her children to church.

It was not until 1986, after years of attending church without a complete understanding, that Sarah encountered the Gospel in a life-changing way. At a youth service, she came to understand the need for repentance and the depth of Jesus' sacrifice. At just 15, she dedicated her life entirely to serving Him.

A year later, she enrolled at Bible school for three months. Due to a lack of Bibles, the students copied scripture from the board and memorized large sections, including the entire life of Jesus. After graduation, she went to Shanxi, where she learned about foreign missionaries who had given their lives to spread the gospel in China. She cried before their gravestones. "Lord, we are Chinese. How can we spread the gospel? How can we help? As Chinese, we must devote ourselves to the souls in China!" The missionaries' devotion deeply touched her. Later, she went to Shandong, where she spent eleven fruitful years preaching, training leaders, and helping to plant churches.

In 2012, Sarah briefly served in Thailand, but the language barrier led her back to China, where she continued praying for God's direction. Her prayers were answered in 2016 when a dream and a call from a pastor confirmed a new mission field, Cambodia.

Once in Cambodia, she began ministering to children through song, Bible study, and Chinese language teaching. Many of these children stayed in care for several years. Her daughter, Abigail, became a vital support, speaking fluent English, translating, and helping to teach. By 2019, their ministry had expanded to the provinces, where they helped build churches and an orphanage, continuing to bring the gospel to rural children.

Despite the growth, the road has not been easy. In late



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2018, a Chinese pastor withdrew support, and Sarah nearly gave up. Returning briefly to China for the New Year, she wrestled in prayer. God answered through John 14:1; "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." Shortly after, a pastor from Australia, moved by the Holy Spirit, unexpectedly contacted her with a financial provision that covered her daughter's school expenses and affirmed God's call. Today, Sarah continues her ministry in Cambodia, supporting herself through part-time teaching at an international school and trusting God for all things. Short-term mission teams from China now come under her guidance, sowing seeds across the region. "Many foreigners have come to share the gospel in China. As Chinese, it is our time to repay," she said, as she continued to dedicate her life to a journey of faith and obedience.

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**"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me."
John 14:1 (NIV)**

Prayer Calendar

JULY 2025

1 (TUE) CAMBODIA Today is the National Day of Prayer for Cambodia. Pray for unity among the Body of Christ as they intercede for their country.

2 (WED) BANGLADESH Pray for the training program, (July 1–5), for persecuted Bawm believers in Bandarban. May the Lord use this time to unite and strengthen the Bawm people.

3 (THU) BHUTAN Pray for the Bhutan Youth Conference (July 4–6). Ask for God's protection from any disruption by the enemy during the event.

4 (FRI) CHINA Pray for the Chinese Church to be courageous and faithful in times of crisis. Ask God to empower them to share the Gospel with neighboring countries and support the *Back to Jerusalem* movement.

5/6 (SAT/SUN) CHINA Pray for God's provision for the printing and distribution of Lao–Chinese Bibles.

7 (MON) NORTH KOREA Pray for Christians to persevere in their faith and not lose hope for revival in their nation.

8 (TUE) LAOS Pray for two upcoming Discipleship and Leadership trainings to be held in our Harvest Centers in Saiyaburi and in Vientiane.

9 (WED) LAOS Pray for wisdom at the forthcoming government conference on elections; and the new direction under the incoming Prime Minister.

10 (THU) BANGLADESH Pray for imprisoned Bawm believers. Two prisoners died in May. Pray for comfort for their families and for God's peace and strength for those still incarcerated.

11 (FRI) CAMBODIA Pray against the spread of false teachings - particularly the Hyper-Grace doctrine - within some churches.

12/13 (SAT/SUN) VIETNAM Pray for the July Youth Camp, with 150 expected attendees. Ask God for life-changing encounters and clarity of His purpose in their lives.

14 (MON) VIETNAM Pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit over the speakers and translators at the Youth Camp. Ask for God's protection over the gathering.

15 (TUE) PAKISTAN "Pray for the effective enforcement of the Child Marriage Restraint Act 2025, which raises the legal marriage age to 18 for girls and boys, imposes penalties on offenders and registrars, and classifies underage marital sex as statutory rape.

16 (WED) PAKISTAN Pray for lasting peace after the recent India–Pakistan ceasefire. Ask God to inspire both nations toward genuine dialogue and reconciliation.

17 (THU) AFGHANISTAN Pray urgently for cities like Kabul facing severe water contamination and shortages. Ask for breakthroughs in infrastructure eg the Panjshir pipeline, aid delivery, and sustainable solutions. Pray for hungry families and collapsing basic services.

18 (FRI) AFGHANISTAN Pray for Afghan women and girls facing increasing restrictions. Ask God to open doors, strengthen their hearts, and raise compassionate leaders. Pray for the Taliban - that God would restrain injustice and sow seeds of hope and transformation.

19/20 (SAT/SUN) MALDIVES Pray for trained believers who are faithfully sharing the Gospel despite high risks. Ask God to strengthen and protect them.

21 (MON) SRI LANKA Under the new communist-led government, pray for continued religious freedom and open doors for mission work.

22 (TUE) SRI LANKA The economic crisis has led to a 400% increase in food prices. Pray for God's provision for the poor and vulnerable who are struggling to survive.

23 (WED) NEPAL Pray for the coming Advanced School of Workers for the Harvest training in East Nepal and among Indo-Bhutan groups. Ask for fruitful outcomes and spiritual growth.

24 (THU) NEPAL Pray for wisdom for youth leaders as they disciple the next generation. May their lives be powerful testimonies that inspire young people to follow Christ.

25 (FRI) NORTHEAST INDIA Praise God for the success of the Himalayan Harvest Team Youth Leadership Consultation: 38 leaders from Nepal, Tibet, Northeast India and Bhutan. Pray for Gospel-sharing initiatives like youth groups, sports programs and Bible studies.

26/27 (SAT/SUN) NORTHEAST INDIA Many Bangladeshi Muslim and Muslim-background Christian refugees in West Bengal and Assam are facing mass deportation and persecution. Pray for their safety and that believers will reach these communities with God's love.

28 (MON) MYANMAR Pray for young people fleeing Myanmar's conscription law. As they seek refuge in Thailand, pray that they encounter Jesus and receive hope.

29 (TUE) MYANMAR Pray for the Body of Christ in Myanmar. May believers be strengthened and empowered to share the Gospel and fulfill the Great Commission.

30 (WED) KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES Pray for the young people along the border pursuing education while hiding in the jungle from conflict. Ask for God's protection and provision for them.

31 (THU) KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES Praise God for Kaw Thoo Lei Karen Baptist Bible School and College in Mae La Camp, which is discipling youth and shaping future leaders. This year, 725 students are enrolled, including 180 new students. Pray for God's guidance over the school's leadership and for continued provision.

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