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COSTA RICA PRAYER GUIDE

DAY 1 TRAVEL & TRAINING

Your missionary will begin early and spend the day traveling to San Jose, Costa Rica. Ask God to put men and women of favor in place at the airports, check in, security, and upon arrival in Costa Rica.

"For the LORD will go before you, And the God of Israel will be your rear guard." Isaiah 52:12

- **Focus** on the mission ahead and not distractions from home. *Matthew 6:33*
- Favor as the team travels, to make all their connections and arrive with all bags. Psalm 90:17
- Protection from any travelling issues with planes, other vehicles, weather, etc. 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5
- Connection with new team members as they travel.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- **Divine Encounters** with people on flights, airports, and upon arrival in Costa Rica. *Acts 8:26-39*

Lastly for **Tavel Mercies**.

Ask God to send His angel armies to surround the team as the travel the highways and interstates. That the drivers would have quick eyes and sharp minds to anticipate any movement.

"For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways" – Psalm 91:11

DAY 2 TRAINING

Your missionary will spend countless hours on this day learning counts, expressions, sword fights, and everything related to the 18- minute pantomime he or she will do on the streets, in market places, and other places around Costa Rica. Today they will be working with Iglesia Santidad Pentecostal, Santa Ana.

Begin by praying for your missionary to have a **Heart ready** to worship and learn.

As the group gathers for discipleship and training, ask that God would create a pure and clean heart within them. That they would be ready to do whatever is asked of them in the name of Jesus.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me" – Psalm 51:10

- Attentiveness to leadership as they teach and train the drama and other ministry skills. John 13:13-17
- **Spirit of Unity** over every team member and ministry partners. *Colossians 2:2-3*
- Boldness and confidence as your missionary is commissioned to be sent out. Matthew 28:18-20
- **Renewed Passion** for the local workers, church partners, and team as they minister to the lost of Costa Rica. *Isaiah 40:31*
- Fearlessness to step into the unknown, uncomfortable and unfamiliar to boldly proclaim the Gospel. 2 Timothy 1:7

Lastly for the **Spirit of Salvation.** Like the seeds that fell on fertile soil in the Parable of the Sower, ask the Lord to make fertile ground and prepare hearts to receive the gospel.

"I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart." – Jeremiah 24:7

DAY 3 MINISTRY /DISCIPLESHIP

Today the team will be in plazas and in San Isidro de Alajuela.

Begin by praying for **Divine Appointments.**

Ask God to set up divine appointments and open doors for ministry that only He can make possible. To prepare the hearts of the people on the street with dreams and visions of Jesus. That hearts would be softened and receptive to the gospel.

"Pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should." – Colossians 4:3-4

- **Anointing** that will break the yoke of darkness as team members boldly proclaim the gospel. *Luke 4:18*
- Boldness to confront darkness and overcome feelings of inadequacy. To step out in prophetic evangelism.
 Acts 28:31
- **Release of Control** and an embracing of God's power to direct steps. *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- **Spirit of Encouragement** to fill each team member as they walk the streets and break strongholds over the oppressed. *Psalm 112:6-7*
- **Spirit of Peace** over their family back at home while they are away. *1 Peter 5:7*

Lastly, Pray for a **Servant's heart.** Just as Christ humbled himself and took on the nature of a servant, so must each one of us. Pray for God to give the team the nature of a servant, learning to serve one another without agenda.

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."- Philippians 2:5-7

DAY 4 MINISTRY / DISCIPLESHIP

Today the team will be working in Barrio Los Angeles and going out in evangelism with the local church.

Begin by praying for a **Desire for Truth**.

Pray that the desire for truth would outweigh the desire for the things of this world. Ask God to help your missionary to lay down the distractions and "shiny things" this world has to offer in order to be completely sold out for Jesus.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." – Romans 12:2

- Increased Faith to match the movement of what God is doing in Costa Rica. Matthew 17:20
- **Open Doors** for gospel conversations and with people in authority in influential places. *Colossians 4:3*
- Favor with Authorities in places the team will be doing street worship, the drama, and other ministry sites. Proverbs 21:1
- **Compassion** for the homeless, the lost, the broken, the one held captive by the lies of the enemy. *Matthew 9:36*
- **Words Would Be Given** as They Proclaim the Gospel *Ephesians 6:19*

Lastly, Pray for Provision.

As you venture out to do God's work, you become increasing aware that your needs out weight your resources. Would you pray for God to supply translators, permits, favor with authorities and other city Gate-Keepers.

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:19

DAY 5 MINISTRY / DISCIPLESHIP

Today the team will be in parks and plazas and working with Pastor Manuel's church.

Begin praying for a Willing Spirit

Pray against a tired or lethargic spirit. Ask the Lord to strengthen their spirit to push through tiredness and give them a spirit that is willing and flesh to follow.

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit." - Psalms 51:12

- **Translators** Would Be Provided to freely share the gospel with all people. *Philippians 4:19*
- Barriers Would Be Broken & Strongholds Would Be Exposed and Crushed every place they put their feet. 2 Corinthians 10:4
- Clarity in Communication, direction, and listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. James 1:19
- **Spiritual pride would be broken** and Humility would cloth each team member. *Proverbs 16:18-19*
- Stand Firm Against the Opposition of the Enemy and stand in their Spiritual Authority. *Ephesians 6:11*

Lastly, Darkness Would Be Pushed Back.

Missionaries walk boldly into some of the darkest areas of the earth. They confront spiritual and physical oppression that we can't imagine. Pray that the light of God would shine through them, pushing back darkness and oppression as they share the Gospel.

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners." – Isaiah 61:1

DAY 6 MINISTRY /DISCIPLESHIP

Today the team will be in plazas and parks working with local churches in Moravia.

Begin by Praying for **Protection and Safety.**

Pray for your missionaries' safety and protection. Ask the Lord to protect them against illness, injury, distractions, and danger.

"The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." – Psalm 121:8

- Satan's Opposition Would Be Stopped and the darkness would disrupted. *Isaiah 54:17*
- Each Missionary Would Be Filled with The Holy Spirit and Power to be a witness. Acts 1:8
- **Sensitivity** to The Leading and Direction of Holy Spirit. *Acts 2:17*
- Fearlessness to boldly take the Gospel back home and continue living the Missionary Lifestyle. 2 Timothy 1:7

Lastly, pray for a **Thirst and Hunger** for the things of God.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. The more time your missionary spends in the presence of God, the more the things of this world fade away. Pray for God to fuel that thirst and hunger in them.

"Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands" - Psalm 63:3-4

DAY 7 MINISTRY /DISCIPLESHIP

Today the team will be in multiple areas of Los Guido and La Carpio sharing the love of Jesus.

Begin by praying for **Seeing the Unseen**

Pray for God to open the eyes of your missionary to see the unseen. When they feel surrounded, or defeated, pray God would reveal His mighty presence encamped around them. To walk with their Father's eyes and heart for the broken, hurting, marginalized, and forgotten.

"He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha"

- 2 Kings 6:16-17

- Words Would Be Given as They Proclaim the Gospel. Ephesians 6:19
- Right place/right time/right people as the team ministers to those on the street. Proverbs 3:5-6
- More Intimate Relationship with Jesus and the releasing of spiritual gifts. John 15:4
- Comfort in times of loneliness, that team members would find contentment and fellowship in Jesus. Isaiah 51:12-16
- Endurance as they labor the fields and embrace the harvest. Hebrews 12:1

Lastly, pray for **Vulnerability in Discipleship Groups** as they bring light to the dark places of their hearts. As the Holy Spirit convicts them through reading of the scriptures and spending time in His presence, that they would encourage one another and hold each other accountable.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

DAY 8 MINISTRY /DISCIPLESHIP

Today the team will be in multiple places around San Jose sharing Jesus in parks and plazas.

Begin by praying for a **Spirit of Boldness**.

After being on the field for a while, your missionary can start to feel defeated, weary, or homesick. Pray for God to fill them with boldness and courage as they share the Gospel.

"And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." - Acts 18:9-10

- Stand Firm Against the Opposition of the Enemy and stand in their Spiritual Authority. *Ephesians 6:11*
- **Tear down walls** in their heart (against a resistant spirit). 1 Peter 5:8-9
- **Salvation** (your missionary to lead someone to Jesus). *Revelation 3:20*
- **Behaviors of old to be changed** and each team member would walk renewed and transformed. *Romans 12:2*
- **Boldly Proclaim** and Focus on sharing the Great things God has done. *Psalms 66*

Lastly, Pray for Joy in Trials.

The joy of the Lord is our strength! Pray that the joy of the Lord will sustain your missionary in every trial and setback.

"Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them."

— Psalm 126:5-6

DAY 9 FREE DAY / DEBRIEF

Today the team will be taking a free day to visit volcanos and sloths, but Jesus ministry still happens on free days. Debriefing will also happen today.

Begin by Praying for Lasting Fruit.

That your missionary will grow in living the lifestyle of a missionary in every area of their life. Ask the Lord to show them how they can boldly share the gospel in their school, campus, work, friendships, and family members.

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit— fruit that will remain— so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you." – John 15:16

- Spiritual Growth and Knowledge would increase, deepen and enlarge in every area. Colossians 1:9-10
- Mind of Christ would be given to interpret every experience, encounter, and relationship. *Philippians 2:5*
- Each team member would become a Window to the World from this experience. Matthew 5:16
- God's strength for His servants after a long week of ministry to keep their focus on the Kingdom.
 Psalm 86:16-17
- Your missionary would **resist any temptation** from the enemy as they enjoy free time and explore Costa Rica. *James 4:7*

Lastly pray for **Bold Words & Continued Action**.

They have experienced a lot of things on this trip. Pray for God to help them articulate all the amazing things God did and to process all the pain they saw. Pray for the Holy Spirit to help your missionary boldly share all the ways they saw the Grace of Jesus and bring home continued bold obedience to their own city.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone" - Psalm 71:15-16

DAY 10 TRAVEL HOME

Your missionary will travel back to the USA!

Begin by praying for their **Return to The Mission Field**.

Students have more opportunity than any age group to go and use their time out of school for Gospel Advancement. Pray that God continues to call them to invest their school holiday breaks, summers, vacation and future in the furtherance of the gospel to all nations!

Then He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest."

– Matthew 9:37-38

- Favor as the team travels, to make all their connections and arrive with all bags. Psalms 5:12
- **Protection** from any travelling issues with transportation to/from the airport, planes, weather, covid-19, etc. *Psalms 91*
- Reminded of God's faithfulness to sustain them throughout the trip. Psalms 33:4
- **Divine Encounters** in shops, restaurants, airplanes and airports. *Psalms 37:24*

Lastly, pray for **Connections** to deepen with their team members as they come back changed.

You become family on the trip as you experience the AWE of God. Pray God would grow these new friendships into accountability partners.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" – Proverbs 27:17

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