

# South Asia Partnership Prayer News



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## General Prayer Requests

You'll find general prayer requests from each country in South Asia on the South Asia Field website: [www.southasiafield.org](http://www.southasiafield.org). If you haven't received these prayer news by email, we'll be happy to add you to our mailing list. Please contact **Field Strategy Coordinator** Dr. Hermann at ([drhermann@eurasia-help.org](mailto:drhermann@eurasia-help.org)).



## Dear Prayer Partners and Friends,

What a month this has been! During visits to Sri Lanka and India we had the privilege to discuss with various leaders the question how we can serve holistically and see lasting fruit. Initially you may think, isn't it enough to preach the Good News? – Jesus obviously didn't think so. He was teaching, preaching and healing people (Matthew 9:35). In this way his ministry had a threefold focus, preaching the Good News, serving those that were hurting, and finally teaching his disciples to live and act as his followers and leaders of a new movement. A movement he called, the Church.

That was, however, not all he did. Just before he died on the cross, rose again and went to heaven he reminded his disciples: "I have chosen you to bring fruit, fruit that shall last" (John 15:16). It seems that Jesus didn't just want us to "give a testimony and leave the results to God"! He expected us to be part of a transformation process that is to happen in the lives of those that have started to follow him. I am grateful that we see this in our ministry every day.

But without your prayers and support that would hardly be possible. There are so many obstacles on the way. Some are internal, but many are external. Just a few weeks ago one of our district superintendents was threatened by extremists, JESUS Film teams have been hindered in showing the film, and new believers have been kicked out of their families. Actually, this is nothing new. It has been happening for many years. And this is why I am so grateful for your prayers. Without them we might not have the courage and the battle might not be won.

During the second part of the month we met with most of the Eurasia district leaders for a special training session. One day we were standing on Mt. Nebo, the place from which Moses looked over the Jordan into the Promised Land. Tens of thousands visit the place every year. They stand, watch, remember,

maybe speak a prayer and return home. Many people enjoy that and feel close to Moses and his story. Fine, but to be honest I'm not that kind of person. Why? Because I don't believe we are people of the past; we are stalwarts of the future! Yes, we are grateful for what has happened in the salvation history over the last 4,000 years. But we concentrate on "lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God" (2 Peter 3:11-12). What a glorious challenge!

Thanks so much for being part in making this vision a reality!

Yours in Christ's love,  
*Dr. Hermann Gschwandtner*  
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PS. In another seven weeks we celebrate our General Assembly in Indianapolis (June 19-28). Many of our leaders will be there and look forward to seeing you and thanking you for your prayers and support. Don't forget to contact us at the Eurasia booth in the exhibition hall!



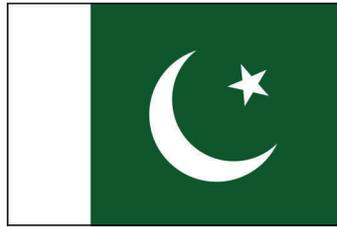
On Mount Nebo: the cross and the bronze snake

## Prayer & Praise Items

Many of our delegates have already received their visas for **General Assembly**—a lot more than in previous years. Thanks so much for praying and please continue to pray for those who are still preparing for their interviews.

As our funds are very limited, each delegate needs to raise at least \$1,000 on his/her own. Please pray for miracles so that many can participate.

The PLNU LoveWorks and NNU **student teams** had to be relocated from Bangladesh to Sri Lanka. We are very grateful that the teams were able to change their schedules at such a short notice. They will primarily be ministering to children at several of our child development centers (CDC) and churches. Please pray for safety and a blessed time both for the team members and local participants.

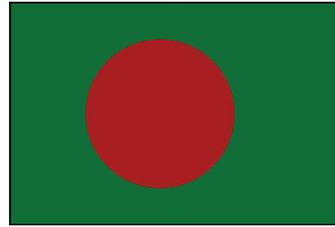


### Pakistan:

Please pray for the new board to be registered soon.

Please pray for the General Assembly and Convention delegates as they go for their visa interviews.

Please pray for JESUS Film teams and leaders as they are working on the field; for God's protection but also that the Holy Spirit may make opportunities in areas for them to visit and plant seeds.



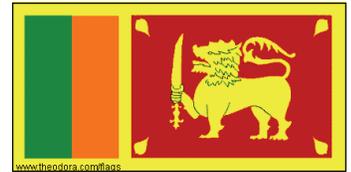
### Bangladesh:

In the light of recent events, please pray for peace and an improvement of the political situation, protection of our churches, pastors and staff, JF teams and team members.

Please also pray for the new mission churches and preaching points and pastors in training (SANBC students and faculty) as well as all CDC staff and caregivers.

Please pray especially for the Bangladesh North District and new DS Rev. Manik Roy.

Please continue to pray for visa interviews and funds for travel to General Assembly. Rev. Nathan's younger son, Shawon, has his final exams in June; please lift him up in prayer.



### Sri Lanka:

DS Rev. V.K. Daniel reports: "We praise the Lord for new SANBC students.



We praise the Lord for newly organized churches.

Please pray for all ministries in Sri Lanka as the political situation is likely to turn against Christians and church ministries. Pray for the pastors, their families and their safety, as well as all the NCM ministries and staff.

Please pray for all churches, especially for spiritual growth.

Please pray that we may get official approval for the ministry center in Hali-Ela and all other ministry center needs.

Please pray for all preparations for the Nazarene Youth Congress 2013 (August 2-4) and for the people who are responsible for preparing this event.

Thank you for praying for our ministry!"



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### Don't miss this opportunity!

We will have no official partnership meeting at General Assembly. But we are offering the opportunity to meet delegates from South Asia personally and hear first-hand about the great things God is doing in their countries!

If you would like to meet 2 or 3 of our delegates or host them for dinner, please let us know by email which day and

meal you want to meet. If you'd like to meet with specific persons, we'll try to arrange that; otherwise we will choose your partners.

### Prepare for a great experience you don't wanna miss!

You can also meet us at the Eurasia booth in the exhibition hall during the Convention and the first couple of days of Assembly.

For information about the South Asia Partnership please visit our website ([www.southasiafield.org/opportunities/partnership.html](http://www.southasiafield.org/opportunities/partnership.html)) or contact **Field Strategy Coordinator** Dr. Hermann Gschwandtner ([drhermann@eurasia-help.org](mailto:drhermann@eurasia-help.org)). Donations for the South Asia Partnership need to be designated **APT 1017** and sent to the General Treasurer at the Global Treasury Services, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66200.