

PRAYER FOCUS

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KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES

USEFUL IN OLD AGE

In 2020, Pu Pago was led by God to visit some Christian workers at Maela Akee, Karen State, which was about 2 hours drive from the refugee camp where he stayed. Upon his visit, he developed a good relationship with the villagers. Here is his testimony:

"I am known in this camp as Pu Pago. I am 67 years old, and I thank the Lord for giving me good health so I can live to glorify His name. I came here in 2020 just for a visit. But I fell in love with the people, especially the youth. After a few visits, I decided to stay longer and built a house here.

People in this camp are mostly Buddhists and Animists. The gospel has been shared, but there are only a few Christians, but at first, they did not have regular Sunday worship. I started to build a good relationship with the villagers. They accepted my friendship and respected me. I noticed that young people love music. I have a guitar, keyboard and a violin, which I could use to teach them. So I gave them music lessons and taught them Christian worship songs. Even though they have not accepted Christ, they love to sing those worship songs and would do the "Don" traditional dance as we sang. They came and practiced the songs every evening, and we just sang together. Through this, I was able to share the gospel with them. Some young people wanted to become believers in God, but when they asked permission from their parents, they would not allow them to follow Jesus, but others did and brought their families to Christ. Praise God!

I thank God that the Lord allowed me to serve in this place even at my age. He used



Pu Pago with the children and youth that he is teaching.

me to be a blessing to these young people. Now we have about 20 to 30 people gathering every Sunday evening to worship the Lord. The children love to come, so their parents had to accompany them to the school where we worship. Five to six families have already been water baptized. I believe that there will be more families who will come to the Lord. The children are very open to the gospel. They are just waiting to be old enough to follow Christ freely.

Revival is coming to this place. I know that Satan is not happy about it. I fast once a



week. It helps me to overcome the powers of darkness. I thank the Lord for the favor that He has given me. The people here love and respect me. Parents allow their children to come to my house. They feel secure to let their children visit me. Sometimes I had to tell them to go home when they stayed late at my house.

I am getting older now. Sometimes these young people ask me to accompany them to other places of worship, which can be up to an hour's walk. Sometimes I feel tired, but I am strengthened when I see these young people eager to hear the gospel. I know that, as the seed of God's Word is planted in their hearts, it will bear fruit one day. Please pray for these young people and me as I lead them to Christ. I would love to see them bring their families to Christ and be used by God to make Christ known to others."

Let us pray for strength upon Pu Pago as he labors for God's Kingdom. Pray for these young people to remain hungry for God. May the Lord touch their parents to allow them to become Christians. May they influence other young people in their village to follow Christ. Pray also that God will send someone to pastor the fellowship that Pu Pago has started.

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase." 1 Cor. 3:6-7 (NKJV)

Prayer Calendar April 2023

1/2 (SAT/SUN) KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES

Pray for the young generation of refugees to focus on their God-given vision and joyfully work toward its fulfillment.

3 (MON) KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES

Pray as a team of translators works on the Karen English New Testament (KENT). They hope to finish this year and make it available early next year.

4 (TUE) MYANMAR Pray for the safe printing of the initial 50,000 copies of the Myanmar English New Testament. Pray also as connections are made for its delivery and distribution.

5 (WED) MYANMAR Pray for God's protection of women in Myanmar. The military junta killed nearly 500 since the coup in February 2021; more than 3,125 were arrested, and 11 were sentenced to death, according to the National Unity Government.

6 (THU) CAMBODIA Pray for our FEC students not to be affected by the challenges their families face due to the government's directives to move out of their village in the coming months.

7 (FRI) CAMBODIA Pray for wisdom as key Christian leaders maintain good relationship with Prime Minister Hun Sen and government leaders to push the agenda of Christians.

8/9 (SAT/SUN) NEPAL Pray for the health of our country working team. They have been stricken with illness in the past months. May God's protection be upon them also as they travel the Himalayas to spread the Gospel.

10 (MON) NEPAL Our country team reports that many nomads are coming to the Lord. Pray that they will fully understand their new faith and be a strong witness to the gospel among their people.

11 (TUE) AFGHANISTAN Pray as our country team secretly encourages the Christian remnant with God's Word and relief goods in this nation.

12 (WED) AFGHANISTAN Pray for our relief work to continue as our country team build a good relationship with the Taliban government.

13 (THU) NE INDIA Pray for boldness for those who want to convert to Christianity yet fear the repercussions of their decision.

14 (FRI) NE INDIA Pray for church growth as leaders from our network conduct discipleship training using the Sow for the Harvest resources this year.

15/16 (SAT/SUN) BHUTAN Pray as our country team prepares to celebrate their 25 years in the ministry next month. May they remain faithful to the heavenly vision entrusted to them.

17 (MON) BHUTAN Pray for the growth of the new church fellowship consisting of five families, which started in Paro last year.

18 (TUE) PAKISTAN Pray as this nation battles its economic crisis. May the leaders find ways to solve this problem.

19 (WED) PAKISTAN Pray for 50 new churches planted in 2021 and 2022 to be a strong witness to their communities.

20 (THU) BANGLADESH Rohingya refugees say they are struggling to survive after the United

Nations slashed their food aid due to a massive funding gap. Pray for God's provision upon them.

21 (FRI) BANGLADESH Pray for wisdom upon our workers among the Bawm tribe as they minister to the growing church and community needs

22/23 (SAT/SUN) LAOS The Lao Ministry of Public Security reported that the number of crime cases rose 28% in 2022, two-thirds drug-related. Pray that authorities will address this problem with integrity.

24 (MON) LAOS Pray as local church leaders are mobilized to promote prayer and intercession

25 (TUE) SRI LANKA Pray for a peaceful election today. This will be the first election since President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was ousted in July 2022.

26 (WED) SRI LANKA Pray for the planned gathering of 700 SowH graduates; to strengthen and encourage them in the field.

27 (THU) CHINA Xi Jinping has been re-elected to a third five-year term as China's president. Pray that God will change his heart; and that he will rule with justice and compassion.

28 (FRI) NORTH KOREA Pray for supernatural provision to come upon this nation that has been experiencing chronic food shortages.

29/30 (SAT/SUN) VIETNAM Praise God for the 4,500 souls harvested from last month's Franklin Graham evangelistic outreach in Ho Chi Minh city. Pray for these converts to be channeled to churches.