

# ACSI International Services prayer guide

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## PRAISE

**Ethiopia** Dr. Minas Hiruy, president of Hope University College, writes, "We praise the Lord for making us a part of ACSI, which has given us a lot of ideas on how to improve our schools all throughout Ethiopia. With strength drawn from our educational and skill training outlets for the needy, we are thankful for the Lord to have helped us to start building a university college whose construction is halfway done in our nation's capital in Addis Ababa. Now we need prayer for the Lord to have us finish this great complex in His honor. Classes are to start in September 2010."

**Brazil** "We had a great teacher convention here in São Paulo, May 1 and 2, with almost 400 attending. It was a long holiday weekend, and we were encouraged that so many teachers were willing to give up this rest day to come to the convention.... We are so grateful for all the volunteers who helped us put this event together," writes the executive secretary of the ACSI Brasil Office.

**South Africa** Dr. Alan McIlhenny, ACSI international director for the Open Schools Worldwide program, is giving thanks for the expanding work of that program in the Cape Town area, for new volunteers who have been trained, for the greatly improved literacy and numeracy standards that have resulted from the program, and for a large ACSI member school's commitment to working with the vulnerable children in the school's area.

**Indonesia** Dr. Janet Nason, ACSI regional director for Asia, is praising the Lord for a team of eight students from Cedarville College in Ohio who will assist the ACSI Indonesian staff with the student leadership conferences this fall.

## PRAYER

**1 Honduras** An eighth-grade student from Sunshine Bilingual Christian School in La Lima died when his home collapsed during an earthquake. Pray for his family members, classmates, and teachers as they walk through this catastrophe.

**2 USA** Pray for Lisa Luff as she transitions into the role of executive secretary for ACSI International Services. Pray that she will learn her new responsibilities quickly and adjust to her new working environment. She will be replacing Lacey Miller, who has faithfully served in this position for the past four years.

**3 Poland** The Szkoly ETE staff will be moving the primary school to a new location this month. Pray for blessing and provision from God regarding all the changes and the practicalities of the move, as well as for an increase in enrollment.

**4 South Africa** Please pray for Vivian Subramoney, Open Schools Worldwide training manager, as he leads the Master Training Course to develop leaders who can train others for the Open Schools Worldwide program.

**5 Bulgaria** The daughter of the Bulgarian language teacher at the American English Academy in Sofia died in March. Pray that the Lord will encourage and comfort the teacher at this time.

**6 Kazakhstan** Tien Shan International School in Almaty has a desperate need for three more teachers to arrive by August 1. Pray that the school can find these teachers soon and that God will help the teachers raise their support quickly.

**7 Belgium** Pray for the staff members at Alliance School in Monceau-sur-Sambre as they pray about adding the next level of high school next year. They want to do all things according to God's leading, and they want to help bring each of their students closer to Christ.

**8 Romania** Pray that the staff at Agape Kindergarten in Pascani will have a good influence on the children and their families and that all the school's needs will be met.

**9 Asia** Dr. Janet Nason, ACSI regional director for Asia, asks us to pray that she will have wisdom in knowing God's priorities for the many needs in that region. She writes, "Touching the children of Asia through their leaders is what I want to continue to do."

**10 Paraguay** Pray for the staff, students, and families of the Colegio Bautista de Villa Morra, a school that works with the less-advantaged children in Asunción. Pray that God will bless them in this new school year and that the students will not be influenced by the many outside forces that are negatively affecting the youth of that country.

**11 Côte d'Ivoire** For the first time, the Timothy Course, which is a six-week teachers' training program, will be held in Dabou. Daniel Neuhaus, ACSI area director for Francophone Europe/Africa, will be one of the trainers. Pray that God will bless him and all who participate.

**12 USA** Pray for Dr. Philip Renicks as he speaks in South Carolina for the next three days at the ACSI International Institute for Christian School Educators. Pray that God will grant him wisdom and a clear presentation and that the participants will be challenged and blessed.

**13 Mali** A six-week teachers' training program called the Timothy Course begins today in Bamako. Please pray for the participants who will arrive from 10 countries in West Africa. Please pray for the logistics and for Anne-Marie Mayer and Noe Kamate, the two who will be in charge of this training program.

**14 Guatemala** A student mission team from Calvary Baptist School in California will be ministering to the students at Escuela Biblica Infantil Amar es Servir this week. The team will help with some renovations to the roof and will paint the desks as well as the classrooms. Pray for their safety and health and pray that they will be blessed.

**15 Philippines** The director of Barner Learning Center in Davao City is asking that we pray for wisdom regarding whether to extend the center's school day to two sessions daily so that the teachers can teach in a more beneficial, less-crowded environment and so that the schedule can be more conducive to transporting 500 students to and from school each day.

**16 Kyrgyzstan** The director for Hope Academy of Bishkek is asking for prayer that the faculty and staff will be able to receive one-year visas. Currently they all have three-month visas, except the director, who was able to receive only a one-month visa. Please pray that God will intervene before the new school year starts in August.

**17 Hungary** Pray that God will give wisdom and guidance to the ACSI Europe consultant staff as they begin preparing the second series of lectures for a Hungarian institute. The staff will seek the Hungarian Ministry of Education's recognition of the series as an approved teacher training series.

**18 Tanzania** Pray for several teams of volunteers who will be going this month to help at the Foundation of Hope School. Pray that the teams will stay in good health, raise the needed finances, and obtain the necessary visas and that they will be a blessing to all with whom they work.

**19 USA** More than 250 adults and 100 children recently completed Third Culture Kid Pre-Field Orientation in preparation to serve at schools around the world. Please pray that their transition to cross-cultural living will be smooth and that they will begin their new ministry and adjustments well.

**20 Uganda** Pray for Vivian Subramoney, Open Schools Worldwide training manager, as he trains ACSI teachers who are committed to starting the Open Schools Worldwide program in Uganda. Pray for travel safety and good health for all who attend.

**21 South Africa** The administrator at El Shaddai Christian Academy requests prayer as the school deals with a curriculum problem. She writes, "All prayer would be most appreciated as we tackle this new opportunity to grow our school."

**22 Puerto Rico** Colegio Evangelico Capitan Correa is the first school from Puerto Rico to join the ACSI Florida/Caribbean Region. Please pray that ACSI's services will bless the school and that more Caribbean Christian schools will become part of ACSI.

**23 USA** The ACSI Leadership Academy begins today in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Pray that God will bless those in attendance and that the delegates will leave with a renewed passion and desire to see God move in and through their schools.

**24 Ecuador** Pray that the Centro Educativo Amor Y Esperanza in Quito will have enough funds to operate for this school year and that God will bless the teachers as they strive to be examples for the students.

**25 Bolivia** Julie Wilcke assumes the role of director at the Santa Cruz Christian Learning Center in Santa Cruz this month. Pray that God will give her strength and wisdom as she makes the adjustments to her new duties.

**26 India** A new principal, Mark Noonan, and his wife will be arriving this month at the Hebron School in Ootacamund. Please pray that they will adjust quickly and that he will successfully assume his responsibilities.

**27 Colombia** Today is the first day of new-teacher orientation at El Camino Academy in Bogota. Pray that the teachers will learn quickly and adjust well. The present staff is thankful for each new staff member that God has brought their way.

**28 Philippines** Local authorities forbade Cornerstone Christian Academy of Quezon City to open at the beginning of the school year in June. Please pray for the school officials and lawyers as they process the papers to prove the legality of the school's existence.

**29 Hungary** The Reformed School of Pecs needs a larger building to accept more students. Please pray about the building need and for the spiritual growth of all the students as well as for the salvation of all those associated with the school who need to give their lives to Christ.

**30 Germany** The staff members at Freie Evangelical School in Lorrach ask that we pray with them as they evaluate their program and system to ensure a solid foundation for cooperation and as they make decisions for their rapidly growing school.

**31 World** International Christian schools all around the world will begin the new school year next month. There is a dire need for many more teachers at these schools. Pray that many Christian teachers will sense the need to follow God's call to teach in one of these schools.