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Ramadan Prayers

Here is a prayer project for you.

Ramadan begins on May 15th this year. Because Ramadan follows the lunar calendar, the dates vary from year to year. Ramadan is a month of fasting during the daylight hours. Starting on May 15th, 1.3 billion Muslims will get up before dawn and eat a meal. Then they won't eat or drink all day long. As the sun sets, they will eat again. They will do this for the next 30 days (until June 14th).

During Ramadan, Muslims are thinking about God and are trying hard to please Him by following burdensome rules. They are uncomfortable from not eating. Fasting is hard. Have you tried not eating for a day? In more radical Islamic countries it is punishable not to fast – so there is no option. Their hearts are tender. Here in America some seven million Muslims will be fasting—men, women, and children from the age of seven.

What can we do? During these 30 days of Ramadan, millions of Christians will be praying as well. Praying for Muslims. They will ask God to work through his Holy Spirit in the lives of Muslims to show them their need for Him. They will ask God to bring believers alongside these Muslims to share the gospel with them.

Every year as Christians pray coinciding with Ramadan, many people in Islamic countries have, in different ways, heard and entrusted their lives to Jesus. Would you join us in prayer during Ramadan this year?



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You can by searching the web at 30 Days of Prayer to find more details.

<https://www.30daysprayer.com/>

Share the informational video with your church or Bible Study. There are colorful, illustrated prayer guide booklets that you can order and give away, as well as daily prayer ideas.

Muslims are searching for the truth. Many are looking for a way out of the spiritual oppression that they are facing. Your prayers will make a difference for some Muslims who have prepared hearts as they hear the gospel. Pray expectantly ... because when we pray, God works! God is going to do something in response to our prayers. I am sure of that!

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Our Foundation has worked with The Heartland National Christian Foundation for the past 6 years. We want to let you know that they have formed their own organization, The Signatry. God has poured out His favor on this work and we are excited to see what the coming months bring. From now on, you will receive receipts – not from NCF, but from The Signatry. Their website address is: thesignatry.com. If we can answer any questions about The Signatry, we would be glad to do that.



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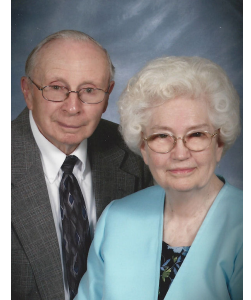


Paul and Oreta Burnham (Martin's Mom and Dad) recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They both grew up in Quaker ("Friends") homes in Rose Hill, Kansas.

They felt the call of God to missions when Martin was a young boy and packed up 4 little children and headed for the Philippines ... on a freighter ship across the Pacific Ocean. They moved into a little village amongst a primitive tribal group called the Ibaloi where they began almost 40 years of serving, hiking, living simply, loving, and teaching.

Progress has changed Ibaloi villages these days: roads, electricity, cell phones, 13 churches and almost 50 outreaches! Paul and Oreta have 5 children, 23 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

My Dad turned 94 years old in March. How thankful I am for the heritage that he has passed on to our family. Norvin grew up the son of a rice farmer in Arkansas. He was a C-47 pilot in the Mediterranean Theatre during WW II.



After the war, he married my Mom and attended Dallas Theological Seminary where he prepared to become a pastor. Mom and Dad ministered together in churches, on the mission field, and at Christian colleges for over 50 years.

Norvin and Betty Jo have 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. They describe themselves as "rich in friends" and quickly credit God's grace when looking back on all the good things in their lives.

Both sets of parents gave themselves wholeheartedly to ministry. "They first gave themselves to the Lord." (II Cor. 8:5) Both have made a difference in the world. We are so thankful for them!

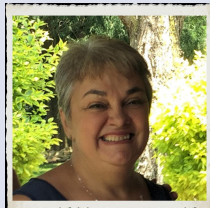
Definition of the word "team" –

1. Two or more draft animals that work together to pull something
2. A cooperative unit

For 15 years, this is the "team" that has kept our ministry going. I am amazed at the unique, God-given gifts that make things happen here in the office. If there were an "Employee of the Year" Award, these gals would get it! Lynette is my administrative assistant and Joyce coordinates events and keeps the books!



Lynette Pretorius



Joyce Middleton



This is also the 15th year of The Martin and Gracia Burnham Foundation. **Because of your part on "our team" collectively, I believe we have been a part of something that will bear fruit that lasts forever. Thank you for walking alongside us.**

I Peter 4:10 (NLT) God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Gracia