

Fully 30% of the world's geography and 40% of the earth's population; home to more than 8,000 unreached people groups whom are part of more than 2.8 Billion People.

Stretching from the nations of Australia and New Zealand in the South to the far borders of Japan and China in the North, from the Pacific islands of Micronesia in the East to the Western borders of Myanmar, SE Asia; **this is the Asia Pacific Region!**

Home to more than 100 cities with populations over 1 million people, 4 out of 5 of the world's largest mega cities, more than 2,000 languages and 600 distinct ethnic groups, It is an interwoven tapestry of religion, culture, politics and language, surpassed by no other region in the world.

It is into this incredible land that you, as the collective Church of the Nazarene are marching forward in making disciples for Christ. What an honor and privilege it has been for me to have been entrusted with the responsibility and opportunity to be your servant leader on this great region.

As we enter tonight into a time of worship and praise, I would like to draw your hearts and minds to thinking of and praying for the literally billions of souls who are experiencing life without the transforming grace and power of our Lord and Savior. Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit is moved, anointing falls, and the transforming power of our Lord arrives on the scene in response to the prayers of His people. We are entering a time like no other in history. God is on the move and we firmly believe that He is calling us, His children, to be sensitive to His leading and to rise up as champions in prayer for the lost of these nations.

On the **Philippine-Micronesia Field**, pray for our national leadership and missionaries as they currently minister to more than 339 churches spread across 11 districts. There is a spirit of enthusiasm and joy as we develop strategy and conduct training in reaching the lost. Church planting and discipleship making has become the charge!

On the **Melanesia-South Pacific field**, our church in Tonga is reaching out to more than 90 families with disabled children through the Mango Tree Compassionate Ministries Center.

Our medical team at Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea is annually touching the lives of more than 60,000 nationals not just through physical healing, but through sharing of the life transforming change that comes through knowledge of the one true physician. In just four years, we have seen 48 churches planted in the island nation of Fiji, and we believe that we are just on the brink of an incredible church planting explosion.

On our **Southeast Asia Field**, in the face of incredible opposition and persecution, the church continues to grow. One of our districts on the field now has 10 organized churches and presently 3 new starts. These are areas where openly sharing the Gospel can lead to an unintentional “prison ministry” conducted from the “inside!” In Cambodia, we are seeing many new church plants. God is on the move.

On our **Sealands Field**, once again, in the face of persecution and opposition, the church is advancing. We are experiencing a revitalization of our youth programs as NYI is taking traction in our churches.

Our **Australia and New Zealand** field alone is home to more than 205 people groups. 30% of our congregations are multi-ethnic churches. Pray, as we have seen 9 new organic church plants across 4 districts. Pray as we are presently experiencing a desperate need for the development of additional national leaders. Pray, that the Spirit of God will descend on this field and on our leaders as we reach out to the youth of New Zealand – a country that currently has the highest rate of teen suicide in the world.

Continue to pray for our **Chinese Ministries** as we strategically place missionaries and start church plants in areas opposed to the free presentation of the Gospel.

Lift up our **Korea Nazarene University**, our largest Nazarene University in the World and the Korean National Church as they continue to see themselves as a “sending church” to impact the nations of their world.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5 The fields of the Asia Pacific Region are truly ripe unto harvest, but yet apart from our Lord, we can do nothing.

Will you partner with us in earnestly praying for our national leaders, missionary personnel, pastors, and lay persons as they develop strategy, disciple new leaders and seek direction and guidance from our Lord? Will you commit to crying out to God to release the Holy Spirit in such a way that we will see millions won to Christ across the Asia Pacific Region?

Let’s worship our Lord tonight and give Him praise for how He is empowering His church and making a way for us to go beyond the walls to reach the lost.