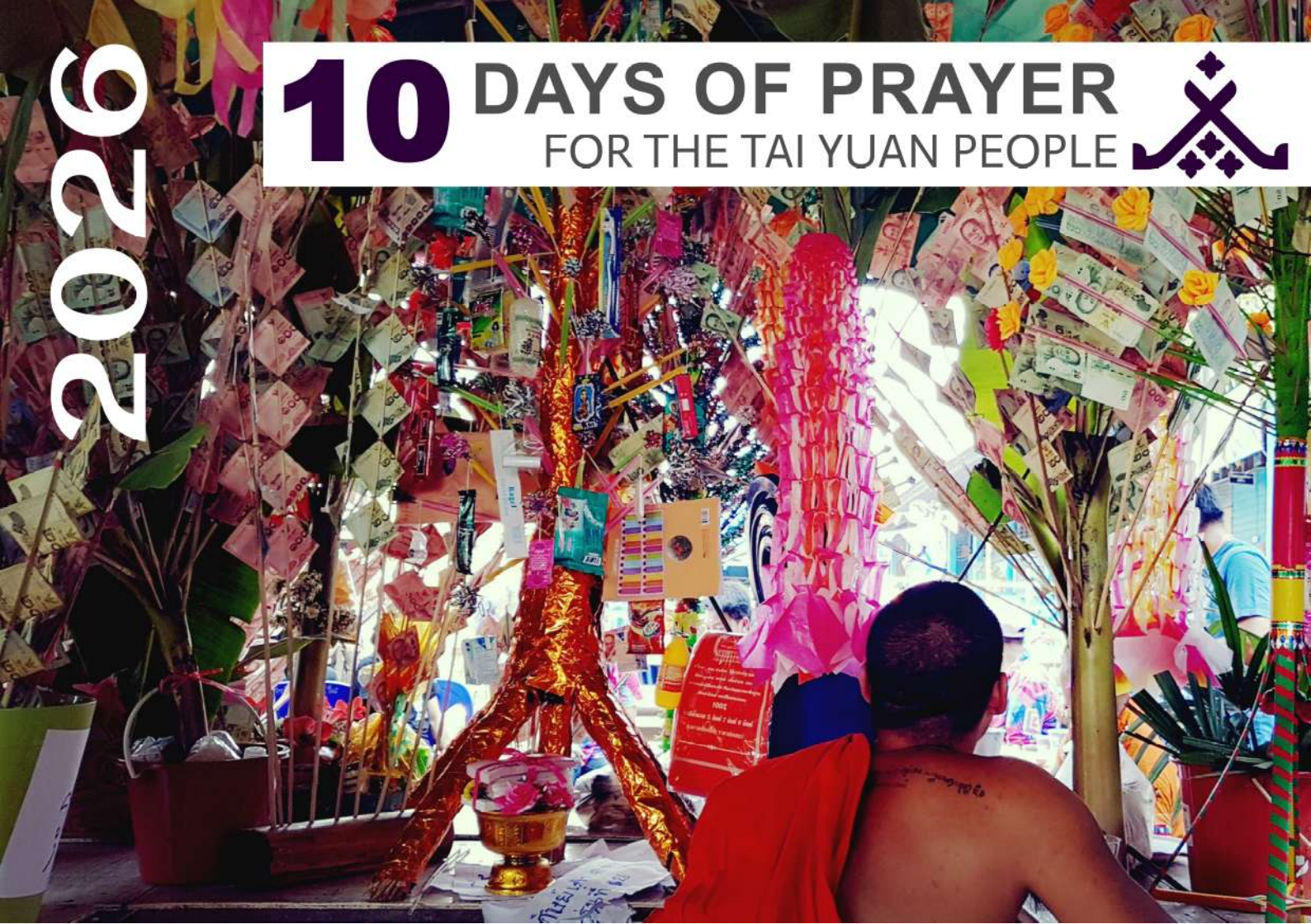


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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2026 edition of 10 Days of Prayer for the Tai Yuan, from March 21-30! We come in expectant anticipation of what the Lord is going to accomplish as we spend the next ten days focused on prayer for the Tai Yuan. Consisting of nearly 8 million people, the Tai Yuan are one of the largest unreached people groups in the world. This predominantly Buddhist people has stayed unreached for many generations. And yet, the Spirit of God who hovered over the chaos of the deep before creation is the same Spirit who is moving among this people speaking new life into being. As Jacob declared after his dream in Genesis 28:16-17: “Certainly the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it. How awe-inspiring is this place! This is nothing other than the house of God, and this is the gate to heaven.” In the ten stories that follow, we glimpse the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit at work among the Tai Yuan, as well as ways that we can join in praying to the Father, “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth among the Tai Yuan as in heaven!” May the Tai Yuan also come to perceive the presence of God, to worship Jesus as Lord, and to be a gateway to others to come into the life of heaven!



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Jacob in **Genesis 28:16-17** *EHV*

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HELP OF STRANGERS DAY 1

During the severe flooding in Chiangrai, a Christian foreigner saw her neighbor —an elderly Thai lady — trying to dig the mud out from the front yard of her house by herself. She went and asked whether she had people who would come and help her. “I live alone,” she said. Her family had said she could come and live with them, but that no one would come and help her clean her house in order for her to start living there again... “So I need to do it alone,” she concluded. The Christian neighbor was saddened by this and asked around to see if anyone could come and help this lady. The next day a group of Christians came and helped the lady get the mud out and started cleaning her house. She was so touched by the willingness of these Christians to come and help a complete stranger when her own family wouldn’t come, that she cried. The group shared the gospel with her and prayed for her. This led to an increased openness to hearing more, and the Christian neighbor is able to continue the relationship.

- Pray for Tai Yuan people who are lonely. Pray that they would search for and find God the Comforter and find joy and peace in Him.
- Pray that Christians would be salt and light to their neighbors, families and friends. Pray that they would see opportunities to tell them about God and let themselves be used by God in practical acts of service.



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REPARATIONS DAY 2

“If the dog didn’t belong to you, teacher, I would have shot it!” said one of our neighbors.

While we were away on Home Assignment over the summer, our large dog caused our neighbors to lose sleep almost every night. “Every night,” they told us, “your dog would bark from 1 am to 2 am.”

Learning this, we prepared some simple gifts and the next morning, we went from home to home to apologize.

Our neighbors were gracious and accepted our apologies, but God surprised us. How?

“We understand!” our neighbors said, “Your dog was barking at the spirits that live on your property...” As they began to explain, our relationships mended, but more importantly, God used our barking dog to give us an opportunity to share our faith, deepen our relationships, and understand the Tai Yuan people better.

- Pray for the many Tai Yuan who live in fear of spirits. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help them understand that our God is not distant but a God who loves and cares for their everyday lives, and that He has authority over all other spirits.
- Pray for spiritual protection and deepening of relationships between missionaries and their neighbors.



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A DREAM, PEACE AND HEALING DAY 3

“Please can you pray for my neighbor? She is worried: she has kidney cancer and needs surgery.”

Mrs. Mali had heard about Jesus once during a Christmas outreach. We reiterated briefly who Jesus is, then prayed for her. She felt peace and a warm sensation in her body — Jesus at work!

After her surgery, we visited Mrs. Mali in hospital. Excitedly, she said, “The night before my surgery, I had a dream. I saw someone in white standing at the top of a staircase with many others. He held out his hand inviting me to come to him. I know it was Jesus! I felt so much peace and I knew that God was looking after me.”

Some days later, we visited Mrs. Mali at home and found several of her neighbors visiting too. Suddenly our Thai Christian friend burst out, “Aren’t you going to pray for her?” Mrs. Mali willingly agreed, so we prayed for her continued healing while she lay surrounded by her Buddhist neighbors. Then, to our surprise, Mrs. Mali told them about her dream and how Jesus was helping her get well! Immediately, a neighbor lady asked if we could pray for her too!

- Pray for Tai Yuan to experience the power and compassion of Jesus in answers to prayer which would open their hearts to receive the gospel of salvation.
- Pray for testimonies of God’s goodness to spread along natural lines of relationship that would inspire others to seek Jesus too.



- Please pray that Kaew will experience God personally each day and choose to follow Christ.
- For her college future—that God will guide her and surround her with people who love Him.
- That Buddhist students will soften their hearts to the gospel.

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THE WORD MADE FLESH DAY 4

Kaew came to the Chiang Rai International Christian School in Grade 9, knowing Jesus only as “one of many religions.” Her family is more non-religious Buddhist, so faith was never discussed at home. During her first year, she often wondered why she needed to study the Bible so deeply. She learned about God, but it stayed mostly as head knowledge. Having a close Thai Buddhist friend who kept a strong wall up against the gospel also made her guard her own heart toward Jesus.

Yet God continued to pursue her. A gifted Bible teacher and caring mentor helped her see that Scripture is alive, practical, and deeply personal. A lesson on “True Love,” along with reading the novel, *The Shack*, became a turning point, sparking new thoughts about who God really is. At that time, she faced a situation where she desperately needed to understand forgiveness, and God spoke directly into her heart through His Word.

Her friends from the grade above her also walked alongside her, gently influencing her with their faith and authenticity.

Though she isn’t ready to call herself a follower of Jesus yet, now Kaew is applying God’s Word in her daily life and she is many steps closer to Him.



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A SURPRISING REPLY DAY 5

Mon grew up in a Christian family and went to church from childhood on. She knew many Bible stories, but she thought they were simply good moral lessons — similar to the Buddhist stories she had learned in school.

Years later, while studying in another city, she started attending a local church. A missionary was serving there at the time. One evening, after a youth meeting at the missionary's house, everyone was getting ready to head home. As they were saying goodbye, the missionary said, "See you next week — or at the latest, in heaven."

Mon replied, "I won't be in heaven. I'm a sinner, so I'll go to hell."

Surprised by her answer, the missionary invited her back inside and explained the gospel to her more clearly. For the first time, Mon understood that the Bible is true and trustworthy, and that through Jesus alone she can receive eternal life and have assurance about it (like in John 6:47).

- Pray for the many children growing up in Christian families and churches — that they would come to know Jesus personally.
- Pray for churches to teach the gospel to children in ways they can truly understand.
- Pray also for adults who consider themselves Christians but have not yet understood the gospel.

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SEEDS SOWN DAY 6

On an outreach trip to a remote province, we stayed with Christians who own a business, but who are not very open about their Christian faith because of the strong rejection of Christianity in that area. From there, we went to the market to share the gospel. We shared with a lady who had a shop next to the market, but she was not very welcoming. However, a man standing closeby overheard us and afterwards he came to us, asking to hear more. He turned out to be a family member of the shoplady. He said, "I heard this message when I was young, perhaps 40 years ago, and I would like to hear more." We have managed to stay in touch with him, and he wants to learn more about the gospel. Long ago, God planted the seeds in his heart, and now he is ready to hear more.

- Pray for believers in remote and gospel-resistant areas to be strengthened and encouraged in their faith and to be transformed into bold witnesses.
- Pray for those who heard the gospel long ago, but in whose hearts the gospel seed has lain dormant, that the Lord would stir up renewed interest and would bring them in contact with the gospel again, so that these seeds would grow into living faith.
- Pray for missionaries to persist in sharing the gospel widely, to find ways to nurture seekers in remote areas, and to pray in hope for those who have heard.



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DRIVING DEEPER ON THE COURT **DAY 7**

Over the past month, a simple rhythm formed — showing up regularly to play basketball with the same group of young men. What began as exercise and friendly competition, over time became something more: shared laughs, mutual respect, and real conversations.

One evening after playing, the conversation shifted. One young man asked sincere questions about the rhythms of church. As we talked, I asked if he had ever heard the gospel story. He said he had encountered it in school when different world religions were discussed. As I gently pressed a little more, it became clear that he had never heard about the resurrection.

As the full gospel story was shared, something changed. When we reached the moment of the resurrection, he spoke up and said, “I have goosebumps. I’ve never heard that part of the story before.”

So in that ordinary moment —sweaty, tired, and sitting near a basketball court— the good news of Jesus was shared plainly and simply. There was no pressure and no dramatic response, just a seed planted. It was a quiet recognition that this was the first time he had truly heard the whole gospel story.

- Pray for those who have only heard parts of the gospel story to hear the whole story.
- Pray more moments in the course of ordinary activities and connections to become deeper conversations and opportunities to share the gospel.
- Pray that interest and conversations would be ongoing so that gospel seeds would be watered into full faith.



- Pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of Tai Yuan people to receive and believe the gospel, through dreams and any other way.

- Pray that missionaries would be sensitive and obedient to the Spirit's promptings and bold to share the gospel.

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A TABLE SERVING TRUTH DAY 8

A missionary went to get a massage, and sensed the Lord whisper, "Be ready! Someone here needs to hear the gospel today." Her masseuse was a young Tai Yuan woman. She had heard about Jesus before, but hadn't really understood, and she was eager to hear more. She was so interested in Jesus that the missionary invited her to study the Bible in her home. One day, as they read about Philip baptizing the Ethiopian eunuch by the side of the road, the masseuse exclaimed eagerly, "I believe in Jesus! Can I be baptized too?" A few weeks later, she was baptized! After the baptism, sitting around the table in the missionaries' home, the masseuse said, "Months before I met you, I had a dream. I was in a dark cave, and the darkness was heavy in my heart. Then I walked into a room and sat down at a table. A voice said, 'What you learn at this table is the truth!' And suddenly in my dream the darkness and the heaviness were replaced by light. When I walked into your home that first day, I immediately recognized your table — it is the table from my dream! And here I have learned the truth about Jesus that has turned my darkness into light!"



- Pray for more Tai Yuan people to be transformed by the life of Jesus in them and to share their testimonies with those around them.
- Pray for Tai Yuan believers to read the Bible and to step out in obedience to the Word and the Spirit in their thoughts, their homes, their workplaces.

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TESTIMONY OF GOD AT WORK DAY 9

“I used to be quick-tempered, turned small issues into big ones, and was controlled by desires — love, greed, anger, jealousy, and endless cravings. After I came to know God, everything changed. I felt warmth and peace inside my heart — a peace that the world cannot give. I stopped being greedy, stopped clinging to worldly desires, and began to grow in my mindset and spirituality.

In the past, when I had troubles with my colleagues, like jealousy, competition, and tensions in the workplace, I would have gotten angry, lashed out or quarreled. But now, I pray, and God is also changing the hearts of my colleagues. Those who were hard and harsh are becoming more gentle. Those who were jealous are nice to me. God is making my workplace to be a place of peace. Everywhere I go, people are loving towards me because I radiate God’s love and peace. I am learning to forgive, to let go, and to be a person who gives without expecting anything in return. God is blessing every step I take as I follow Him.”

And when she shared her testimony and the gospel with two colleagues, they were open to hear more, and chose to give their lives to Jesus too!

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STORIES THAT BRING LIFE DAY 10

In 2022, I asked a Tai Yuan sister to be my Northern Thai language helper. My idea was for her to teach me Thai Gospel presentation stories in Northern Thai, then we would go visit our neighbors together. However, very often, during our visits, afraid that others couldn't understand my broken Northern Thai, she often told the stories herself.

In the early fall of 2024, she told me she was getting married the next February, and then would move to Northeast Thailand where her fiancé is a pastor. While I was losing my good friend and evangelism partner, I saw her potential. Leading up to her wedding, we did a three-month intensive evangelism training.

After she moved and settled, stories of outreaches and people coming to Christ started coming. In six months, 612 people heard the Gospel for the first time, 165 people came to faith, three small groups started, and her home is now a church!

- Pray for the Lord to raise up more Tai Yuan brothers and sisters to have a heart for evangelism and the willingness to be discipled and trained.

- Pray for spiritual breakthroughs, so we will soon hear stories of hundreds of Tai Yuan people coming to Christ.

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PRAYING ON

Thank you for your faithful prayer for the Tai Yuan people for the last ten days. If you want to pray for the work among the Tai Yuan on a regular basis, please join our **Faithful 500** prayer group. When you sign up, you will receive weekly prayer points from the Tai Yuan team. Also if you have any feedback or ideas to make things even better next time, please be in touch!

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