

The Lenten Season



March 5th - April 20th

2025 Lenten Theme: Perceive It!

Key verse:

“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” - Isaiah 43:19 ESV

A Letter from the Heart

Calling all Four Corners International Mission (FCIM) members and supporters to "Perceive It"! We have been called by God to stand with Him as He does a new thing in Uganda, Kenya, Pakistan, Guyana, St. Vincent, and in our lives. Through His guidance, we will see more souls saved through the preaching of the Gospel. Shelters for orphans will continue to be built, additional classrooms for schools in Uganda will be constructed, and efforts will be made to build a church and medical clinic there. In Kenya, we aim to support the Katani Hospital, while in Guyana, we will further programs to help children advance their education.

March 5th - April 20th:

The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, spiritual discipline, and self-denial. Our hope during this sacred time is to experience Jesus Christ in a mighty way and to perceive all that God desires to accomplish through us.

March 10th - 26th, 2025:

Mission trips to St. Vincent and Guyana, South America, will focus on preaching Evangelistic Crusades, teaching in schools, and ministering in prisons.

July 16th - 31st, 2025:

Mission trips to Uganda and Kenya, East Africa, will include ministering to orphans, hosting pastor's conferences, men's and women's conferences, AWANA programs for children, preaching in various churches, and feeding many in need.

We are trusting God to fulfill His promise in Isaiah 43:19 through us:

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

Therefore, we are asking you to join us over the next 46 days by setting aside one dollar per day to support these vital causes.

With gratitude and faith,

**Bishop Charles E. Cato Sr.
Executive Director of FCIM**

March 5, Day 1: Devotion Meditation

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

God's grace, and comfort is active, it is a powerful gift not just for us to receive but actively share with others.

Prayer Request:

Pray that each child who attends the Four Corners Uganda Glory School will have everything they need to be successful!

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Students and orphans Welcoming the mission team on arrival in Uganda

March 6, Day 2: Devotion Meditation

Matthew 19:13-15

¹³ Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ Jesus said, Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

When we instruct our children and raise them in the admonishing of God, we are preparing them for the future, and the challenging times ahead. Each one teaches on!

Prayer Request:

As we continue this journey, we pray for provision for those lacking food and educational opportunities.

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Outdoor classroom in Uganda

March 7, Day 3: Devotion Meditation

Mathew 19:26

But Jesus beheld them, and said to them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Nothing is too hard for God, we may not be able to navigate the demanding situations that we encounter by ourselves but if we stay connected to God, the true vine, he makes the impossible possible.

Prayer Request:

Pray for the nation of Uganda, that the eyes of their understanding will be flooded with light so that they will know how to convert their resources into wealth.

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“A source of Food” for the families of Uganda (Corn)



Cornfield behind the dormitories in Uganda

March 8. Day 4: Devotion Meditation

1 John 3:17-18

¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

We are our brother's keeper, and when we feed and clothe just one of God's children, we are picking up the baton that Jesus started 2,000-plus years ago.

Prayer Request:

Pray for the citizens of Uganda to realize that God wants the best for them and He can bring them out of the poverty and diseases which have been holding them in bondage long before now.

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Sharing devotion with the Women of Uganda. What an awesome experience!



Women's ministry in Uganda

March 9, Day 5: Devotion Meditation

Isaiah 30:21

²¹ And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

As we walk this spiritual journey, we are not alone; Each day, we should seek God’s face for guidance and direction because he is our compass.

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Over one hundred children in Uganda were baptized that day! To God be the Glory!



Baptismal in the Victoria Nile

March 10, Day 6: Devotion Meditation

1 Corinthian 2:9

⁹ But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for
those who love Him.

Spiritual Wisdom can only come from God, and as we continue to study his word,
and seek his face, he will reveal the truth to us, no good thing will HE withhold
from the ones that are called by his name and believe.

Prayer Request:

Pray for Uganda and its people for God to shower them with his grace, love, and
prosperity, so Uganda continues to shine as a beacon of hope, a land where faith,
resilience, and compassion prevail.

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Crowd gathered awaiting to be baptized

March 11, Day 7: Devotion Meditation

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The mission team helping to rehabilitate homes in Guyana

March 12, Day 8: Devotion Meditation

2 Peter 3:9

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Above all, many Guyana citizens need salvation of the soul. The country is ripe for the gospel message to be preached. The Lord is calling the body of Christ to be His vehicle to reap the harvest.

Prayer Request:

Please continue to pray for the people of Mississippi, The Carolinas and Florida recovery from the storm disasters.

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MISSISSIPPI CRISIS

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Church Wide Services Committee

The mission team gathering and delivering materials to the people affected by tornado devastation

March 13, Day 9: Devotion Meditation

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

The people of Guyana are hungry for the knowledge of God. We, the body of Christ, are called to nourish the born-again believer by teaching and demonstrating God's Word to them that they may have a growing and healthy relationship with Jesus Christ.

Prayer Request:

Please pray for the Christian growth of the Guyana communities.

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The mission team at a conference in Guyana 2023

March 14, Day 10: Devotion Meditation

Ephesians 4:11-12

¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. ¹² For the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

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Prayer Request:

Please pray for the leadership in Guyana , Pastor Gomes, Williams, and their staff.

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March 15, Day 11: Devotion Meditation

Deuteronomy 11:14-15

¹⁴ Then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil. ¹⁵ And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock that you may eat and be filled.

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March 16, Day 12: Devotion Meditation

Matthew 16:18

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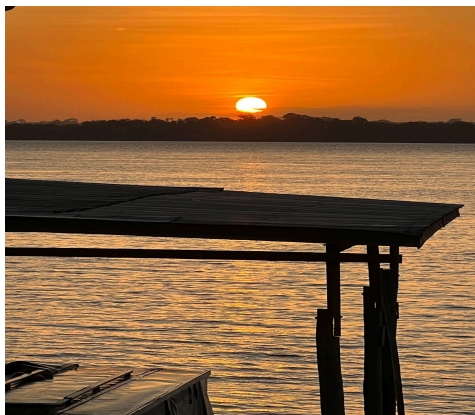
Prayer Request:

Please pray for the College Adoption program in Guyana.

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The sun setting in River's View, Guyana

March 17, Day 13: Devotion Meditation

1 Peter 5:6-7

⁶ Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Let us be humble that we may not be humbled. We are to cast our care, which is folly, upon the Lord, for He exercises wisdom. We are excited and humbled to serve the children of Uganda.

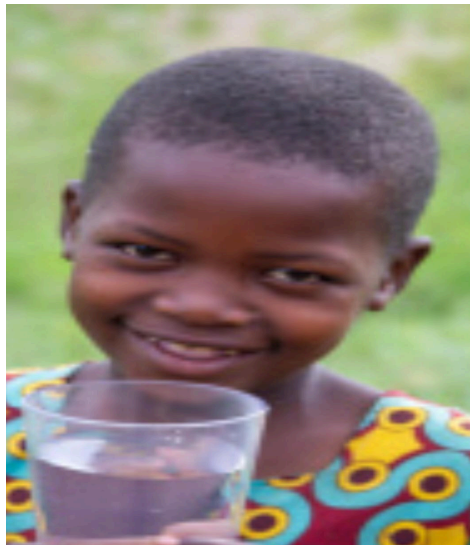
Prayer Request:

As you pray and meditate on these verses, pray for the children of Uganda.

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March 18, Day 14: Devotion Meditation

Psalms 42:1-2

¹ As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for you, O God. ² My soul thirsts for God, or the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

This is a sign of a need for more grace and the loss of a privilege that we should always strive to have. His soul had only One longing, One thirst, and One desire, and that is, communion with his God.

Prayer Request:

Pray for the Souls of the people of Uganda; Safe water saves lives; Living water saves souls, Pray God gives to Uganda.

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March 19, Day 15: Devotion Meditation

John 10:10

¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Those who belong to the Good Shepherd have an abundant life, He supplies all their needs. He guides them in the right way. He is their strength, their wisdom, their righteousness, their All.

Prayer Request:

Pray God continues to provide for the needs of the Uganda people.

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March 20, Day 16: Devotion Meditation

Matthew 28:19

¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

His plan was for us to make disciples and to baptize them and to teach them. He has all Authority and tells us to GO and spread His Love.

Prayer Request:

Pray for safe journey to serve the people of Uganda

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The school building at Glory FCIM Uganda

March 21, Day 17: Devotion Meditation

Isaiah 40:31

³¹ But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like Eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint.

Like eagles GOD gives us Hope, he renews our strength to soar above our circumstances.

Prayer Request:

Pray that the LORD give us strength to soar like eagles, not to grow weary in well-doing, bringing hope and excitement to the Children of Uganda.

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March 22, Day 18: Devotion Meditation

Matthew 6:21

²¹ For where your Treasure is There your Heart will be Also.

The things we give our time, money, and attention to are the things our hearts will care about. Focus on eternal value. Jesus is challenging us to evaluate what we prioritize and whether it's temporary or has eternal value.

Prayer Request:

Pray the we give sacrificial offerings from the heart of the people of Uganda

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March 23, Day 19: Devotion Meditation

Acts 2: 44-47

⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

It's amazing how the early church came together and took care of the needs of others. If people were hungry, they fed them. If they had limited shelter, they housed them. Imagine what happens as we, who are thousands of miles away, give to others with gladness. Not only do we have the chance to move in one unified Spirit, but the Lord may save someone's soul through our daily generosity.

Prayer Request:

Please pray for the continued food and shelter for those in Kenya.

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Orphans of Bama in Kenya

March 24, Day 20: Devotion Meditation

Jeremiah 16:21

²¹ Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might; And they shall know that My name is the LORD.

God is active in humankind. God uses our actions to cause people to know Him and His mighty works. To know our creator is powerful in our lives.

Prayer Request:

Pray that the people we encounter will understand from the heart that God is all powerful, and He gives blessings.

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Fresh Water Project in Kenya

March 25, Day 21: Devotion Meditation

Romans 10:9-10

⁹ That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Look how God is working in the life of these children who are anxious to learn about the good news of Jesus with boldness. They were unashamed of the gospel.

Prayer Request:

Pray that God will exceed our expectations as we watch God move in the hearts of people of all ages.

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Joanna Reynolds teaching the children.

March 26, Day 22: Devotion Meditation

Luke 18:16-17

¹⁶ But Jesus called them to Him and said, Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.

Look at the trust and anticipation in these children's eyes. We must also come to God trusting and anticipating God's great work through our efforts for Kingdom building purposes.

Prayer Request:

Pray God will use us to be a blessing, and God will use children to be a blessing to us.

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The children of Kenya

March 27, Day 23: Devotion Meditation

1 Corinthians 13:13

¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Faith, hope, and love abide together to do miraculous things. We enter this work to keep hope alive. We enter this work walking by faith and not by sight. We enter this work to love with action.

Prayer Request:

Pray God uses genuine faith, hope, and love to speak to others through our actions and words.

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March 28, Day 24: Devotion Meditation

Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed. ¹⁹to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Look at the mighty work Jesus did in the short time he was here on earth walking among humankind. His heart poured out just like our hearts will pour out to reach people where they are.

Prayer Request:

Pray God's Spirit will be upon us because we are anointed to preach the gospel, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

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Womens ministry in Uganda

March 29, Day 25: Devotion Meditation

Matthew 9:37-38

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Pastor Roger Balikoowa, Director of Lkumbya

March 31, Day 27: Devotion Meditation

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Bartica, Guyana

April 1, Day 28: Devotion Meditation

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Summer camp in Goshen, Guyana

April 2, Day 29: Devotion Meditation

Deuteronomy 11:14-15

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April 3, Day 30: Devotion Meditation

Matthew 16:18

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The Four Corners International Mission has made great strides in revitalization of local churches in Guyana through educating and training pastors and Christian leaders. Next steps are to plant new churches in communities that need spiritual development.

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Please pray for the people's health in Guyana.

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April 4, Day 31: Devotion Meditation

Galatians 2:10

¹⁰ They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.

Acts 13:47

⁴⁷ For this is what the Lord has commanded us: I have appointed you to be a light for the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the ends of the earth.

We have been called by God to be a beacon (The LightHouse) to lost souls and poverty stricken communities. How can you help?

Prayer Request:

Pray for a burden and a caring heart for the poor and lost souls. We need deeper and stronger devoted Christians serving in their God given assignments .

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FCIM was able to bless the children in Pakistan for Christmas with food.

April 5, Day 32: Devotion Meditation

Romans 12:4-8

⁴ For just as in one body we have many members, and not all the members serve the same function. ⁵ So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually we are members who belong to one another. ⁶ And we have different gifts according to the grace given to us. If the gift is prophecy, that individual must use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷ If it is service, he must serve; if it is teaching, he must teach. ⁸ if it is exhortation, he must exhort; if it is contributing, he must do so with sincerity; if it is leadership, he must do so with diligence; if it is showing mercy, he must do so with cheerfulness.

Prayer Request:

Pray for all Christians to know and serve in their gifts. Pray for one another's strength in their commitment . Ask God right now to breathe Refreshing on you. Also, please pray for the children of Pakistan.

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The children of Pakistan

April 6, Day 33: Devotion Meditation

Romans 12:9-12, 14-18

⁹ Love must be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil, cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another with mutual love, showing eagerness in honoring one another. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be enthusiastic in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, endure in suffering, persist in prayer.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil; consider what is good before all people.

¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all people.

We need a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit to enable us for every God given assignment that we undertake. It is God's enablement that allows us to carry out the previous verses.

Prayer Request:

Pray for all leaders today in our circle, that we exhibit Roman 12:9-18. Also, please pray that God raises more missionaries to go out into the field.

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Guyana Conference team

April 7, Day 34: Devotion Meditation

Isaiah 43:19 ESV

¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

This Lenten season is an opportunity to witness God making roads in our deserts. Expect God to move, and pray that you don't miss the glory of God as it passes by.

Prayer Request:

Pray for boldness to serve in your gifts. Pray and ask God to prepare you spiritually and physically for your destiny.

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Shower in Uganda

April 8, Day 35: Devotion Meditation

II Corinthians 8:1-5, 8-9

¹ Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: ² that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

³ For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing. ⁴ Imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. ⁵ And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.

⁸ I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

You can gauge the spiritual maturity of a church or an individual, by their giving. One thing the Macedonia Churches did was to keep their Giving on display. Their joy showed up in their affliction and their riches, showed up in their Poverty.

Prayer Request:

Beloved, pray for the Body of Christ to be faithful and cheerful givers to their church and to this Ministry.

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Gail Turner teaching at the FCIM Glory School

April 9, Day 36: Devotion Meditation

Psalms 92:1-2, 10-15

¹ It is good to give thanks to the Lord, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High. ²To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night,

¹⁰ But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.

¹¹ My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies, My ears hear my desire on the wicked Who rise up against me. ¹² The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. ¹³ Those who are planted in the house of the Lord Shall flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, ¹⁵ To declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.”

There is a reason to give thanks to the Lord! What if you only had today, what would you have thanked God for last night.

Prayer Request:

Pray that God will always bear fruit through your life. Ask God is He leading you to travel on a mission trip?

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FCIM Young Adult Director
Marion Amis got married last
year.



April 10, Day 37: Devotion Meditation

Matthew 28: 18-20 NLT

¹⁸ Jesus came and told His disciples; I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

The Word of the Lord says go. Jesus is Lord of the earth, and He died for the sins of people from all nations. As believers we likewise are to go, whether it is next door or to another country, and make disciples. This is not an option but a command to all who call Jesus Lord. We may not all be evangelists in the professional sense, but we have all received gifts that we can use to help fulfill the great commission.

Prayer Request:

Pray that God will touch more Christians hearts to become involved in mission work home and abroad. Uganda, just like every country in the world right now, really needs prayer. The pandemic has hit them hard and like every other country have not fully recovered. There is also political unrest, torture, ambushes, and more. One of the best ways to lift the Ugandan people up is to use God's Word to guide our prayers.

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Food for a gentleman in Uganda



April 11, Day 38: Devotion Meditation

Zephaniah 3:17 NLT

¹⁷ For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty Savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.

Keep your mind focused on the Lord. Even in the midst of unrest and hardships, God is the only one who can make us truly happy during difficult times.

Prayer Request:

Pray that the Lord will stay in the midst of the Ugandan people. Let them know that You are their victorious warrior, the mighty one who will save. We ask that You save them from their fears, from the lasting effects of the pandemic, and from the dangers of political unrest. Be their joy, quiet their hearts with Your love. May they hear Your voice of truth loud and clear.

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Giving out corn in Uganda

April 12, Day 39: Devotion Meditation

Psalm 112: 6b - 8 NLT

^{6b} Those who are righteous will be long remembered. ⁷ They do not fear bad news, they confidently trust the Lord to care for them. ⁸ They are confident and fearless and can face their foes triumphantly.

Prayer Request:

The Ugandan people have had to endure hardship after hardship. Pray that God will be their hope and their Protector. Take their fear and replace it with steadfast trust in God. Pray that God will keep them safe in the palm of His hand and bring peace to their country.

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Passing out reading glasses in Uganda

April 13, Day 40: Devotion Meditation

Acts 3: 19-21 NLT

¹⁹ Now repent of you sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. ²⁰ Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and He will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah. ²¹ For He must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through His Holy Prophets.

When we repent, God promises not only to cleanse us of our sins but also to bring spiritual refreshment. Repentance may at first seem painful because it's hard to give up certain sins. But God will provide something better.

Prayer Request:

That people will acknowledge and repent of their sins and turn away from them. As David said in Psalms 51:3, I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. The key to receiving forgiveness is confessing your sin and turning for it.

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April 14, Day 41: Devotion Meditation

Colossians 1: 9-14 NLT

⁹ So, we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of His Will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.¹⁰ Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.¹¹ We also pray that you will be strengthened with all His glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy.¹² Always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to His people, who live in the light.¹³ For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son.¹⁴ Who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

In these passages, Paul teaches how to pray for pastors, missionaries and other leaders even if you don't know or haven't ever met them, you should pray for them.

Prayer Request:

Pray for the faithfulness of pastors and missionaries in Uganda. Lord, continue to grow the Ugandan Christians in their faith so that they can live it out and bear fruit in their communities. Give them endurance, patience, and joy in their walk with You. Help them to be bold in their witness. Rescue the lost from darkness and sin.

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April 15, Day 42: Devotion Meditation

Psalms 10: 17-18 NLT

¹⁷ Lord, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them. ¹⁸ You will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed, so mere people can no longer terrify them.

Prayer Request:

Pray that God will rescue the Ugandan orphans and bring them into stable homes with parents that will love them and want to raise them up to love the Lord and serve Him. And that He will touch the hearts of more people globally and that they will adhere to the touch and reach out and help. Remove any fear or loneliness from their hearts, Lord, and draw them closer to You. I ask that You will be their Father, for they have none.

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Dr. Modesta Vesonder's hospital in Kenya

April 16, Day 43: Devotion Meditation

Psalms 91:14-16 NKJV

¹⁴ Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. ¹⁵ He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation.

I am not just safe here on God's high place, but He is refueling me, redirecting my steps. He is refreshing me from the point that if I had not refocused I would have fainted. But because of His amazing power at work in my life, I knew this was not a time to quit!

Prayer Request:

Pray for perseverance today, ask God to do something awesome in our circle today. Also the children of Pakistan.

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Snacks for children in Pakistan



April 17, Day 44: Devotion Meditation

II Corinthians 10:3-6

³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds. ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. ⁶and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

What are Strongholds ?

They are lies about God, about yourself and lies about how God sees you. Lies that the devil has been whispering over and over in your mind for years. Which strongholds have you unfortunately chosen to believe; that you are a failure, you can not overcome evil, you will always be weak, and God doesn't love you? Having no faith is like posting a vacancy sign on your life for evil spirits to control you. Unforgiveness is also a major stronghold. When we harbor bitterness against others the devil takes advantage by keeping us in bondage. We forgive because it sets us free from bondage produced by bitterness. Unforgiveness is like you eating the rat poison and waiting on the rat to die.

Prayer Request:

Pray for God to remove all strongholds of bitterness in your life, and that you love all people.

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April 18, Day 45: Devotion Meditation

Acts 2: 44-47 NKJV

⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ And sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

⁴⁷ Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Unity is not synonymous with sameness. We look different, sound different, and may even have different personalities, but Christians are unified through the purpose and power of God. It's amazing how the early church came together and took care of the needs of others. If people were hungry, they fed them. If they had limited shelter, they housed them. On every occasion, this ministry served others in gladness with the blessed opportunity to help one another. Imagine what happens as we, who are thousands of miles away, give to others with gladness. Not only do we have the chance to move in one unified Spirit, but the Lord may save someone's soul through our daily generosity.

Prayer Request:

Please pray for the continued food and shelter for those in Kenya.

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Three faithful men



April 19, Day 46: Devotion Meditation

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

¹²Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free; we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Prayer Request:

Please pray for oneness and unity within our circle of ministry.

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From the heart of Bishop Charles E. Cato Sr., Executive Director of FCIM and Bishop of Mount Calvary Baptist Church:

Thank you so much for your partnership during this Lenten Season. I pray that the meditation on scriptures was edifying and that the unity of prayer moved the hand of God. I am looking forward to working in Uganda, Kenya, Guyana, Pakistan, the Philippines, and the Caribbean Islands. I also want to thank you for your financial support—it means so much!

Thank you for all that you do for this ministry. I would love for you to be more involved with FCIM. You may travel with us, attend our monthly meetings, support the work financially, participate hands-on, and uphold us in prayer.

Lastly, I am deeply grateful to the core group who helped edit and prepare copies of the Lenten booklet.



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