



God's Glory in Central Asia:



"What we need more than anything else here is prayer, so we want to give you insight into the ways God is working here so that you can pray and equip others to pray for us too!"

These are the words of the country director where I (Jayne) got to recently serve in Central Asia. This life-altering opportunity to witness God's glorious work was so incredible and humbling. The people we met, the ways we saw Him softening the hardest soil in the midst of intense persecution and adversity, and the majesty of His creation were like nothing I have encountered before! Our team of 5 Americans joined up with an AIA American family who serves there long term and 25 nationals who trust God and persevere in the most intense battle for those that the Lord loves and is fighting for. For security reasons, we cannot share their pictures/ names, but we share these stories and ask for your prayers, that would fuel the work they are doing for God's Kingdom in Central Asia. Because this part of the world is so deeply entrenched in Islam, sowing the seeds of the Gospel often takes many years of laboring...tilling, planting & watering. So often we heard stories of people who came to faith many years after hearing the Gospel for the first time. What usually changed their minds/ hearts from doubt to trust was seeing the life change and love of those who were living out their Christian faith in front of them. The Fruit of the Spirit and the character of Christ in His followers is so powerful!

We went there to serve (and we did), but more than anything, we learned and were transformed & equipped to pray and do battle for those God knit our hearts to there! God did what only He can do in building connections despite a significant language barrier and we experienced His Spirit drawing our hearts to Him and each other. It was such a humbling privilege to help lead a staff retreat in the mountains for those that pour out and serve so faithfully, trusting God for the hearts of those in this country where it so often feels desperate and hopeless. A small way we had the opportunity to encourage the families who serve was surprising them with a gift that has been an instrument in our own family's faith, *The Jesus Storybook Bible*! We were able to find it in their language and take copies for the families there! Their faith and service taught me so much about trusting God for what feels impossible.

We had the opportunity to go to a refugee complex, taking resources and supplies to families in circumstances that, apart from Jesus, are hopeless and heartbreaking. We also went to rural villages that are impoverished and yet they hosted us with joy and hospitality. While we were there, they asked us questions like "What are your dreams or hopes for us?" (many of them are women who have been abandoned and treated terribly). To be able to look them in the eyes and share with them that the Lord treasures them, calls them beloved, has chosen them & wants to offer them hope (Isaiah 61:1-3) and in some situations to pray with them was something I hope I never forget. We met young people (mostly high schoolers) at a retreat hosted to build connections for the staff that are there long term. Meeting a sweet sister who was a new believer and hearing her faith story was a highlight of my time in Central Asia! We played sports and had a lesson with discussion groups on "Love". These sweet ones are searching for what love really is and longing for an encounter with a love that can be trusted. Pray with us for them to know the LORD as Love, growing their trust in Him.



God's Heart For The Nations: Olympic Prayer Opportunity

You can go to Paris (spiritually speaking) for the Summer Olympics by joining in AIA's Paris prayer effort! We are hoping that every participating athlete and coach, from every country, will be prayed for daily by at least one person. What a powerful way to influence people on the world stage through the power of prayer!

To sign up, go to <https://prayforfive.com> or click the QR Code. As we get closer to the games beginning on July 26, you will receive, via email, the names of 5 athletes to pray for. The rest is easy: Pray for God's blessing over their Olympic experience, His provision for their physical health and safety, and His

dominion over their spiritual lives as they encounter the various chaplains and ministry personnel who will be present in Paris. Please join us in using this opportunity to pray for all nations of the world and for all people to experience Jesus! **"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."** Revelation 7:9



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THANK YOU for partnering with us as we trust God to see Christ followers on **every** team, in **every** sport, and in **every** nation!

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