



TWO MISSION TEAM ACTION POINTS FEBRUARY 2018

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Dear Pastor and Mission Leaders,

Greetings in Christ. From time to time it is important to share time sensitive information for mission leaders and their mission teams. There are two items that are important to highlight this month. Please read on.

SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY: Seek God for the City is a 40-day prayer booklet from February 14 to March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday. Over 150,000 believers will be using this booklet to pray.

- Week One focuses on Revival of God's People.
- Week Two focuses on Awakening of Lost and Broken People
- Week Three focuses on Transformation of our Communities
- Week Four focuses on Evangelization of Every People
- Week Five focuses on Reconciliation among the Peoples
- It ends on Palm Sunday, Seeking God to Visit with Christ's presence and saving power.

I especially like this booklet for it causes me to remember people in my city that I would often not think of in my daily prayers. Here are the ten first days focuses: the poor, marriages, educators, gangs, refugees, fathers, homeless people, laborers, university students, law enforcement and judges. Each week also focuses on a region of the world to pray for. It also has prayer walking ideas for your city.

This material is published by WayMakers. They have Spanish translations, a children's version, and "Pray as you go companion app." You can find them all at www.waymakers.org or call 1-800-264-5214. Quantity discounts are also available. You can see sample pages at www.waymakers.org. Order a sample booklet at \$3.00 today.

MC2: Midwest Conference on Missionary Care: This is the 12th Midwest Conference on Missionary Care. The theme this year is "*The Promise and Peril of Team Life*." Here are topics that will be covered this year:

- God's missional purposes in using teams to spread the Good News about Himself.
- The various benefits and challenges missionaries experience in serving on teams.
- The sensitive theological, cultural and generational issues that affect mission teams.
- What dysfunctional and healthy teams look like.
- What can we do here at home to encourage our missionaries in their team experiences.
- How can we work well together as teammates with other supporters here at home.

This conference is sponsored by Minnesota Renewal Center. It is considered the premier event for missionary care. Mission pastors, mission teams are some of the 300 in attendance. Special speakers are from Wycliffe Bible Translators and Barnabas International. Dates are February 23-24, 2018. Costs are \$75 including lunch and snacks. Registration deadline is *February 12th*. Go to www.mc2.global to register. The conference will be at Berean Baptist Church in Burnsville, MN this year.

Blessings,
Steve Austvold