

## **A Look at The Prayer Task Force**

**John 15:16** *"You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you. I have appointed you to go and produce fruit that will last, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you."*  
*International Standard Version*

### **What is the Prayer Task Force?**

The Prayer Task Force is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions. It enlists people to support the outreach ministry of World Missions by going and committing to fasting and prayer for a specific need on the missions field.

### **Why would one have to go overseas to pray?**

You don't, but you probably would not pray at least 6 hours a day at home, because of all the obvious reasons...responsibilities, interruptions, etc. Let's look further at...

### **The Purpose**

The purpose of the *Prayer Task Force* is to touch people and the World by prayer and fasting. It offers a genuine and practical experience that actually takes place on the Mission Field, and it also mobilizes a continual prayer team that intercedes for missionaries, national churches and unreached frontiers, from the home base. It is a ministry tool that gives believers of the US Church a personal experience in fulfilling Christ's command for world evangelization.

### **The Plan** Here's how it works...

A group of dedicated people, called *A Prayer Task Force Team*, leaves the U.S. together and arrives on the field to participate in fasting and prayer for a specific need. A team may consist of individuals from various districts, one district, or one church. Teams are made up ideally of 10-15 members. The specific purpose for a team may be supporting the planting of a new church, breaking spiritual bondage, supporting a crusade or other specific event. Ideally the *Prayer Task Force* will become a growing team of inspired prayer warriors who pray for missions continually by being part of *The Prayer Guard* as "watchers on the wall".

### **Team Activities on a normal day...**

A normal day starts with prayer sessions from 6:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. The afternoons are often spent doing "prayer-walks", handing out invitations to nightly crusade meetings, tracts, and other literature. Time for special prayer is scheduled to receive national leaders, missionary families and others. Generally, one meal a day is shared around 4:00 or 5:00 PM. The evening is spent participating in crusade meetings, or other special services or time may be designated as free time and relaxation. However each situation could call for adjustments that are always made according to circumstances and needs.

### **And finally, let me give you the process...**

The regional director, area director, or a missionary request a team for a specific place and purpose. The request is made through our office of the US Relations Office of Assemblies of God World Missions. (AGWM) When approval is complete, a team is recruited. Applicants interested must be at least 16 yrs. of age, show evidence of a born again experience and a consistent Christian testimony, and have the written endorsement of their pastor. Each participant must agree to abide by all regulations of AGWM and bear all expenses for his or her participation.

**John Piper said,** "Prayer is the communication by which the weapons of warfare are deployed according to the will of God. Prayer is for war." This is what we do! Go into battle against the enemy.