

Greetings,

Here at CBM, we are preparing ourselves for Easter with an observation of lent in our weekly chapel. Lent is a newer practice for many in Baptist circles, though many other denominations have long embraced this season of reflection. As we journey together, we are discovering its depth—not as mere tradition, but as a sacred space to listen, repent, and prepare our hearts for Easter.

This year, we are centring our reflections on the *Seven Last Words* of *Jesus*—his final statements from the cross. Three weeks in, these words are already speaking profoundly into our lives. Through small group conversations and global chapel gatherings, we are hearing Jesus' voice afresh: calling us to forgiveness, offering salvation, and redefining relationships.

Lent is teaching us to slow down, to listen, and to walk this road together. As we continue, may we remain open to what Christ is saying to us—and through us—together.



Gordon Brew, Creative Strategist

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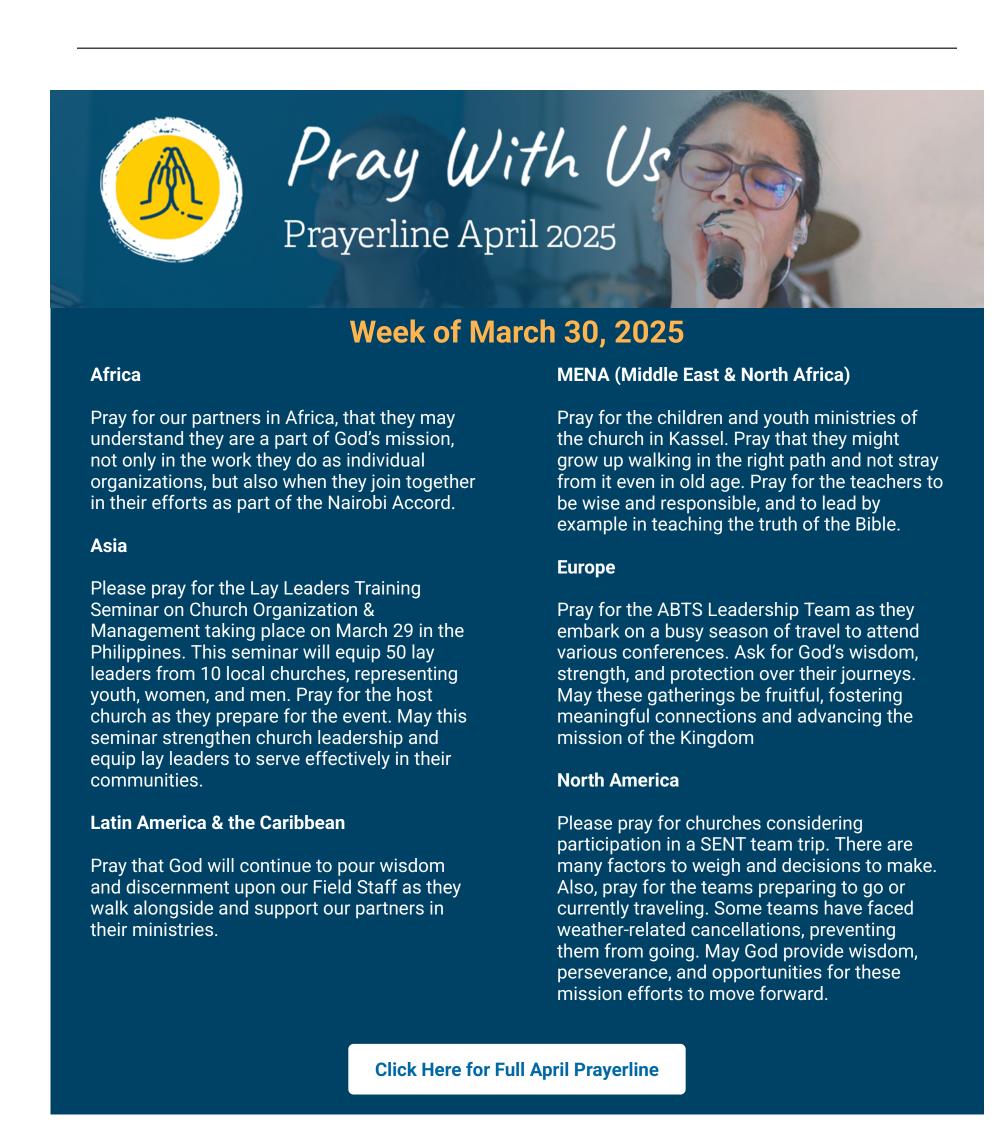
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- Read about our partnership model in "Siblings on the Journey" from Wordeed Magazine
- Save The Date for Solidarity Sunday May 25th!
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- Being "The First" a conversation celebrating International Women's Day from March 8



In this conversation about CBM's food programming, Polisi discusses food assistance and food security programs, conservation agriculture and climate change, the relationship between food and the gospel, and where he finds hope in an insecure world.

Learn More About Food Programming



Participant Story Highlight: Part of the Family

was an emptiness in the world.

George is a young man, brought up in a traditional Orthodox Christian family. But as a university student studying architecture, he didn't take his faith seriously.

Coming from a country in the Middle East marked by over a decade of conflict, he faces significant challenges as he looks toward the future. Though he dedicated himself to his studies, he felt that there

George recently participated in a discipleship retreat run by a partner of CBM, and though it was challenging to him, he began to see his decisions in a new way. After seeing how the retreat leaders found joy in their faith in Jesus, he fully committed to reading the Bible. Prayer became essential to him and his **time with the Lord became his source of power and hope**.

For George, church used to be just the place where his parents go on Sundays. Now he sees himself as part of the church.

We praise God for his work in George's life.

Will you join us in praying for those that participate in programming through our partners?











We're gearing up for another summer of running, cycling, kayaking, and more to raise funds for food programming both locally and globally. Will you get active with us and *Feed Hope* into our communities?

Mark Your Calendar!



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