

Greetings,

Happy July 1st!

As we mark the anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, we praise God for the diversity, freedom, and growth in our country. Please pray that as a nation, Canada will continue to work towards reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples who first welcomed us on what is ancestrally known as Turtle Island.

We are grateful that our nation has welcomed thousands of refugees who can now call Canada home. We also acknowledge that for many Indigenous communities, July 1st serves as a solemn reminder of the tragic legacy of the Indian Residential School System, the devastating impact of the Sixties' Scoop, the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in Canada, the enduring effects of the Indian Act, and the continued lack of access to clean water in numerous Indigenous communities.

We encourage you to join us in prayer and reflection on our part in forwarding justice, reconciliation, and peace.

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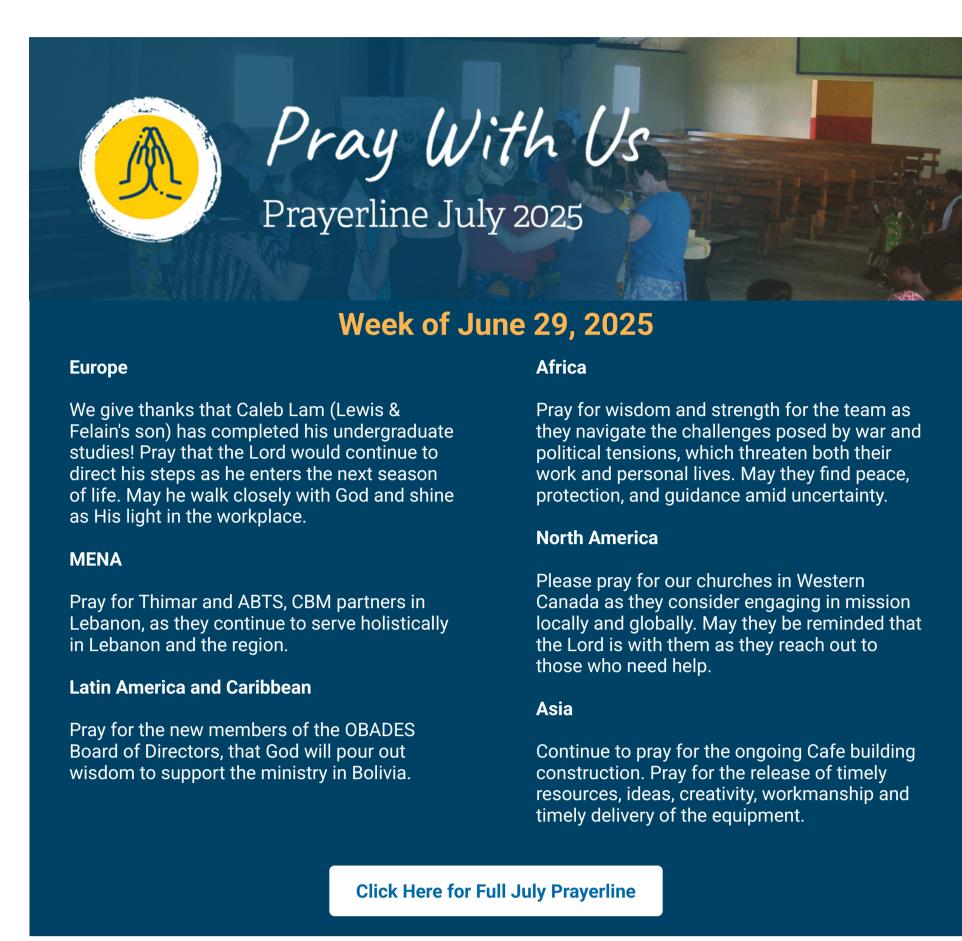
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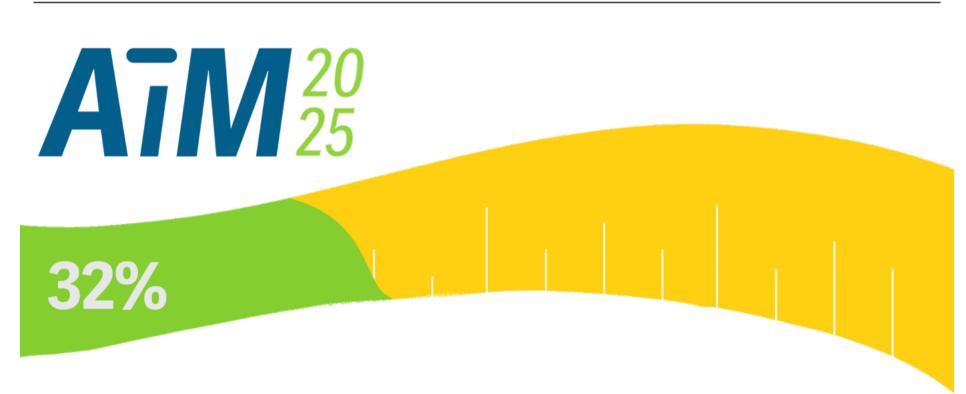
Lepta: A New Voice for Central Asian Theology



In the heart of Almaty, Kazakhstan, a shift in theological education is unfolding. The Almaty Bible Institute (ABI), a seminary with a clear mission to serve the churches of Central Asia, is challenging long-standing norms by nurturing a theology that speaks directly to the region's unique context. With support from CBM through a project named *Lepta*, this initiative is sowing seeds for a distinctly Central Asian theology—one rooted in local experience, expressed in local languages, and responsive to local needs.

Historically, the churches in Central Asia—spanning across a vast region with over 130 ethnic groups and a population of around 70 million—have relied on translated theological materials, often from the Englishspeaking West. These translations, while valuable, reflect cultural assumptions and religious contexts far removed from the everyday realities of pastors and believers living in predominantly Muslim societies. ABI, recognizing the limitations of these resources, is now pioneering a bold effort to fill this gap...

Keep Reading



We're 32% of the way to our goal!

Over 40 people have set their goals, and are in motion now to reach them! Are you one of them?

We've set our goal, too. We want to raise \$100,000 for food programming both here in Canada and around the world.

If you're ready to join and are looking for inspiration, you can see all the ways that people are

Teams That Inspire Us

Together We Sweep Vancouver, BC

participating here!

✓ Spend time with church friends ✓ Raise funds for food programs ✓ Improve local community ✓ Get active outdoors

This team is checking all the boxes, as they've committed to spending 10 minutes cleaning up in their community for each \$10 donated to Active in Mission.

Fishin' For A Cause

Halifax, NS

West End Baptist Church has organized a fishing tournament to raise funds for food programs!

We love spending time in nature, connecting with friends, and raising funds for a great cause, and this is such a great way to do all three!

5,000 smashes

Vancouver, BC

The WBC Table Tennis group is participating in Active in Mission, For every \$10 in donation, they will collectively perform 50 table tennis smashes as a team, up to a maximum of 5,000 smashes.

We love the creativity, and the way they are bringing a team together to accomplish their goal!

Join Now!



Labour Day Resources

Work, in all its forms, is a central part of daily life, and Labour Day is an excellent opportunity for any church to focus on the significance of work and living a seamless life where faith meets work. Vennture wants to help your church become more vocationally informed and will be sharing resources to use this Labour Day (or any day your church chooses). To stay up to date with Vennture's initiatives, including the release of these resources, subscribe to IN THE LOOP, Vennture's quarterly newsletter, or follow on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook at @vennture.ca.



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Germany - Please pray for Mississauga Chinese Baptist Church who will travel to Germany to serve with Lewis Lam.

for them as they begin their reading and this journey of growth. Pray also for Terry Smith and Josh Smith as they shepherd this group of students and help them in the work of theological reflection.

India - Pray for the Praxis team as they prepare to travel to India in August. Pray



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