

News from the Prayer Path

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Prayer...it's vital to every step in the life-cycle of a missionary...

As Director of Intercessory Prayer, I'm a **part of every step in our missionaries' GOI life-cycle...** from on-boarding at Missionary Orientation and Training (MOT) sessions (below, left) to on-field service to furloughs (both brief and extended) to retirement and beyond. In addition, I coordinate our daily Home Office prayer outreach to our missionaries. (below, right)



Although outreach is the more visible part of this ministry, **the work of prayer is the most far-reaching and likely has the greatest impact** because it allows us (you and me) to literally participate in the work of all our missionaries around the globe.

Teaching, daily emails (which usually includes a brief devotional thought), praying with teammates and missionaries via zoom/FaceTime/WhatsApp/in-person, advocating for prayer here in Home Office, and actual prayer make up a huge part of every day. **It's not what most people think of as "mission work" but it's critical to the work of missions.**

It's a treat for me to teach our new missionaries about the importance of prayer as a bedrock of ministry, the great value of a repentant heart, and how to stay connected to our prayer support. **Praying fledgling missionaries through the process of MOT, as they build partnerships and grow support in the "pre-launch" period, as they launch to the field, then praying and encouraging them as they serve...** It's all a part of the work of intercessory prayer and allows me to participate in the work of God around the world.



The Power of Blessing...

Everything about our first virtual MOT was different. Technology. Distance. Lack of in-person interaction. It wasn't easy but our team did an amazing job of making this MOT even more special than we thought possible. One special addition was the gift of blessing at the end-of-training appointment service. **It was a great honor to prayerfully write personalized blessings based on Scripture for each of the seven new missionaries.** It felt a little like the early church described in Acts when these powerful blessings were read over each person as they were appointed and sent.

3-days/wk Whisper Connection Zoom sessions prepare us to pray with insight as we study God's Word and seek to apply it in life-changing, prayer-deepening ways. Hosting these sessions keeps me busy with Bible study, lesson preparation, and sweet engagement with the amazing women in our group. God has built a strong and loving community of ladies who reach out to engage their communities for Christ. (If it looks like a non-stop zoom session, it's because it's felt that way some days! I do still interact with people in person, but not often due to social distancing guidelines.)

Thank you so much for your prayers, your financial gifts, and your hands-on assistance. Thank you for all the ways you make this ministry possible. May God bless you for your faithfulness. Leanna



Partner with Leanna:

1. Pray for God's plan for Whisper Gathering 2020 (likely virtual)
2. **I've been asked to attend and help with upcoming Missionary Retreat in Europe in Oct 2020. Pray for provision for this trip.**
3. Consider volunteering with community outreach, digital outreach, and/or prayer.
4. Prayerfully consider financial support for the ongoing work of community outreach and missionary support through prayer.

Leanna joined Global Outreach as a peer-to-peer funded missionary in 2016. She's raising her own support and needs your help to make ministry projects like the Transforming Tupelo/ Feeding students program, homeless outreach, missionary prayer support, and women's outreach possible. Contact her at: lhollis@globaloutreach.org

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