

## **August 2017 | Africa | NWPT**

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**“I am praying to you because I know you will answer, O God. Bend down from heaven and listen as I pray. Show me your unfailing love in wonderful ways.”** Psalm 17:6-7a (NLT)

### **Love Côte d'Ivoire Yamoussoukro and San Pedro Festivals**

#### **Thanksgiving**

In July/August several significant things happened that we give thanks to God for:

- The committees worked hard to recruit members and make progress with their responsibilities.
- The pastor mobilization effort is going well with over 800 pastors and leaders from over 350 churches registering for zonal meetings. These meetings went well.
- There is much excitement amongst the staff, committees and churches about the festival.
- The committee meetings went well with much progress being made.
- The Palau team preached in four churches with many people committing their lives to Christ.
- Strong strategic relationships were formed and strengthened.

#### **General Needs**

All the local staff, Palau team, committee leaders and members need prayer for:

- Communication is a challenge, and we ask for prayer for good understanding.
- There isn't much time before the festival and many significant details still need to fall into place.
- Unity in the international team, local team and churches.
- Good health and protection as the work continues.

#### **Specific Needs**

The following needs are specific areas that we need prayer cover for in August and September:

- Raising all the necessary finances for the festival and events leading up to it.
- Mobilization of all churches in Yamoussoukro and San Pedro continue as we work towards the Pastor's Launches on 7 and 8 September. Please pray we will reach the goal of 500 churches in Yamoussoukro and the churches in San Pedro as well.
- Pastor's Launch in September – pray for the arrangements to fall in place for the launch and people to accept the invitation to attend the Launch.
- There will be four Friendship Evangelism Training seminars in September. Pray for the details and for good attendance. Pray also for training happening in churches following the seminars.
- Media & Publicity – pray for wisdom in finalizing advertising on radio, billboards, television and newspapers. Guidance as the committee mobilizes volunteers and implements the strategy.
- Technical Production – please continue to pray for the team as they try and source the needed technical equipment including generators, bouncy castles, tents etc.
- Interpreters – please pray for the right interpreters that can help the Palau team in their future visits, during the festival and particularly Andrew when he preaches during the festival.
- Children's Workers – please continue to pray as the committee recruits volunteers, contacts schools and works on logistics. Pray also for favour with the authorities.
- Prison Outreach – pray for approval from authorities and that the committee work goes well.
- Prayer Strategy – the committee hosts prayer every Saturday morning in each of the zones and is planning two prayer events at the festival ground. Please pray for good attendance of these prayer times and that the Lord will respond to the intercession.

- Women's and Business Leader's Dinners – pray for continued conversations with the committee, venue and caterers. Pray for 244 table hosts each committed to inviting 3 non-believing friends.
- Follow-up and Counseling Team – the committee is recruiting volunteers. Please pray for a strong core of leaders and volunteers to ensure the discipleship and follow-up of new believers.
- Arrangements – good prices for needed equipment and trustworthy companies to work with. Please pray for approvals from local authorities. Pray also for a food vendor coordinator.
- Passion for the lost – pray that God will prepare the hearts of the Christians in the cities with a passion to see their lost friends and family saved.
- Pray for Next Generation Alliance (NGA) evangelists Reid, Keith, Richard and Alan who will be doing the Love Côte d'Ivoire outreach in the city of San Pedro. Pray for the Lord to prepare the hearts of MANY to hear and respond to the Good News. Pray also for these evangelists and their wives, that God would prepare them for this time.

**“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”**

Philippians: 1:3-6 (NIV)

Standing in the gap on behalf of Love Côte d'Ivoire,  
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