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30 DAYS ON MISSION

Welcome to **30 Days on Mission**. It is our hope that the next 30 days will challenge to you wrestle with what it means to be a follower who is making followers of Jesus. As Christians, we are all called to be on mission. Each day, we will look at different aspects of being on mission, whether across the globe or right here in our community. Before you begin the **30 Days on Mission** journey, take the survey at yourcalvary.info/missionsurvey. Take the survey again after you have finished all 30 days to see how your answers may have changed.

Every day, there will be a missional devotion and a prayer focus for one of the missionaries or organizations that we support at Calvary. There are also stories from people at Calvary who are living on mission in their everyday lives.

Notes:

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DAY 1

30 DAYS ON MISSION

FOLLOWERS MAKING FOLLOWERS

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

At Calvary, we are followers who make followers of Jesus. In other words, as we are striving to look, act, think, sound, and love like Jesus, we should also be bringing others with us. As we walk through life, we are looking ahead to Jesus and to other Christians who are leading us to spiritual maturity. We should also be looking behind us to those we are leading. Who are you leading? What disciples are you making? Where are you intentionally living on mission and pointing people to Jesus? How are you obeying The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)?

If you are having trouble answering these questions, don't fret! This is the first day of a 30 day journey designed to help you know how to live on mission. So for today, start by asking God to help you to become a follower who is making followers of Jesus. It's the best mission of all!

PRAY FOR YUGO MINISTRIES

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Pray for lives to be transformed in Ensenada, Mexico through the work of Yugo and the local church. Pray that the homes that are built become households of faith and shine as a light to the community.



DAY 2

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AM I CALLED TO BE A MISSIONARY?

“As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.” John 17:18

When you hear the word “missionary,” often images of Africa or Haiti spring to mind. Maybe you remember missionaries coming to visit your church when you were young, bringing interesting trinkets and foreign money. For many, being a missionary means going far away to a place where people have never heard of Jesus and spreading the Gospel. That is definitely one kind of missionary. But if our idea of a missionary means picking up and moving to another country, that leaves the majority of us out of the equation.

On the other hand, if our definition of a missionary is “someone who is sent by Jesus to proclaim the Gospel to the lost,” then we are all called to be missionaries. No Christian is exempt from being a missionary. If you are a person who has decided to follow Jesus, you are a missionary and your mission is to go and tell.

Imagine how different our community would be if every Christian was living like a missionary. On average, we have 900 adults & kids who attend Calvary every Sunday. That’s 900 missionaries in our local businesses, factories, grocery stores, classrooms, restaurants and playgrounds! That’s pretty exciting!

PRAY FOR PHIL WALLEY

ism.intervarsity.org

Pray for Phil to unite students and faculty who are followers of Jesus so they can witness to the Purdue community. Pray that he may build communities of every ethnicity and culture on the Purdue campus.



DAY 3

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DISCOVER YOUR MISSION FIELD

*“Simply living in a mission field isn’t enough, we must live there as a missionary.”
A Field Guide for Everyday Mission pg. 60*

One of the first steps to intentionally living on mission is to determine where your mission field is. Unless you have been called to another city or country, your mission field is right where you are.

Think about where you spend most of your time. Is it at school, at work, a play group, your gym? Write down 3-4 places where you spend the majority of your time. Now think about which of these has the most opportunity to spend time with people who don’t know Jesus.

Some of us spend most of our time around people who think, act, and believe very differently than us. Others will have a harder time thinking of times when they are with people who don’t know God. Even if it’s not one of the places where you spend a lot of time, if it’s a place where you are with unbelievers, it is your mission field.

Find a place to write down the mission fields that you have determined. This will help you be intentional about living as a missionary in the places you call your mission fields.

LIVING ON MISSION:

“I’m involved with kids and teenagers on a daily basis. I work in an elementary school during the day and coach high school tennis to both teenage boys and girls. Some of these kids have no hope for their future and no idea that God has a plan for their lives. I try to be a positive influence in their daily life and point them in a positive direction. I want these teenagers to know that it’s cool to love Jesus! He is their hope.” - Dawn Patterson, Jeff High School Tennis Coach

CIY (CHRIST IN YOUTH)

ciy.com

Pray for Christ in Youth to reach teenagers all across the United States. Pray for students who do not even know Jesus to learn and love Him through CIY camps and retreats.



DAY 4

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LISTEN & LEARN : KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY

“Paul then stood up in the meeting and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.”

Acts 17:22-23

How well do you know your mission field? How much time and energy have you spent trying to get to know your neighbors, your coworkers, your classmates? Do you watch the local news? Do you know what’s happening in the schools? When was the last time you talked to a police officer, a government official, or a teacher to find out what the problems that people in our city are facing? In order to meet people where they are, understand their needs, and help them better understand how Jesus can be the solution to their problems, we need to be students of our mission field.

When a traditional missionary is preparing to go to a new country, they learn the language, study the culture, and try to understand the spiritual beliefs of the people they are going to serve. How can we put the same effort into knowing and understanding the people in our community who don’t look, think, or act like us? What makes them tick? Taking the time to listen and learn is an important way to show that we truly care about the people we are called to reach.

PRAY FOR PROJECT REFUGE

facebook.com/haitiprojectrefuge

Pray a prayer of praise that the funding was reached in only one year for the school Le Refuge to be built in Haiti. Pray that qualified teachers can be found as grades are added, and pray for administration, teachers, and students to have a successful year. Pray for sponsors for Le Refuge students to fund teacher salaries, school fees, and supplies.



DAY 5

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SALVATION BELONGS TO THE LORD

*“Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!” Revelation 17:10*

If you are a person who struggles with guilt or self-criticism, today's devotion is for you. For those who feel the weight of responsibility for saving the world or for those who hear the command to spread the Gospel as a chore or burden, there is good news. While we are responsible for telling others about Jesus, we are not responsible for what they do with the message. We do not need to carry the burden of people who hear the Gospel but do not accept it. We are not letting God down. Our role is to be obedient to the Great Commission and then the Holy Spirit does the rest.

That also means that when we do share the Gospel and the person chooses to believe, we have not earned an extra gold star on our chart in heaven. We should rejoice and celebrate that someone has joined God's family, but we don't take pride in the fact that “we saved someone.” Instead, we thank God that we got to be a part of the amazing process of leading someone to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

PRAY FOR CHICAGO WEST BIBLE
chiwestbiblechurch.org

Pray for Chicago West Bible Church as they reach the Austin neighborhood with the message of Jesus. Pray that every guest who walks into their building understands how much Jesus loves them.



DAY 6

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DO YOU BELIEVE THAT FOLLOWING JESUS THE BEST?

"I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance." John 10:10

Have you ever discovered a product that you thought was so amazing, you wanted everyone you know to try it? Did you think twice before telling a friend? Were you nervous to post your love for the new product on your social media? If you are like me, you practically beg your friends and family to try this new discovery and likely it's as basic as a new taco on the menu at Taco Bell or a particularly comfy hoodie.

Now think about the last time you were so excited about Jesus that you wanted to tell everyone about Him. Maybe you are the person who loves to post verses on Facebook but gets nervous when you think about talking to a coworker in person. Or perhaps you make assumptions that your family or friends don't want to hear about Jesus.

But if we truly believe that following Jesus is the very best way, we should want to share our Good News with everyone. Who do you want to share Him with today?

LIVING ON MISSION:

"Living on mission took a new turn for me and my family in 2016 when I went on a mission trip to Haiti Project House of Hope and changed my life forever. A favorite quote of mine is that 'If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you,' and it certainly was proven true on this trip. My family has since traveled on a combined twelve mission trips in the past three years. Furthering my volunteering duties at church lead to a leadership role—leading small groups both through Calvary and at work. Serving in the neighborhood, church, at school, or on a short term mission trip is a great way to eliminate distractions and serve others 'just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.'"

- Jeff Brenner, Social Studies Teacher at Battle Ground Middle School

PRAY FOR THE IMB (INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD)

imb.org

Pray for International Mission Board and the 3700+ missionaries as they go into all the world, planting churches and sharing the Gospel with unreached and unengaged communities.



DAY 7

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SEEK JUSTICE

“Learn to do right, seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.” Isaiah 1:17

Justice is a buzz word in the modern church and can come under criticism from those who worry that when the church is strong on justice, it is weak on evangelism. Yet God is a God of justice, and justice is at the core of the Gospel. It cannot be separated from living on mission. God hates injustice. Pursuing justice means protecting the vulnerable and being a voice for the oppressed. Justice means making things right. It's not right to not have enough food to eat. It's not right to be unfairly fired from a job. We are surrounded by injustice and in the name of Jesus, we should work and pray for justice.

Christians don't have a monopoly on justice. There are many well intentioned, self-sacrificing people who don't follow Jesus but are working towards justice. Many celebrities have taken up the cause of human trafficking, clean water, or orphan care.

So how do we know if we are fighting injustice as part of being on mission or because it seems right and makes us feel good? It's not always obvious. Thankfully, God looks at the heart and knows our motives for doing good. While others may question our motives, we can brush aside skeptics and critics if we are seeking the God of justice through prayer, allowing the Holy Spirit to be the source of our strength, and relying on our own good intentions.

PRAY FOR BEN & NETTIE BECK

purduecm.org

Pray for Boiler Reach on 10/11 which is an outreach on Homecoming weekend to connect with students they normally wouldn't connect with to share the Gospel. Pray for the PCM Fall Retreat 10/18-20, which is a time of renewal and spiritual growth for the PCM Christian students and an opportunity to share Christ with those that are not yet believers.



DAY 8

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I ONCE WAS LOST BUT NOW I'M FOUND

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

One of the most well known religious songs of all times is Amazing Grace. You have probably sung it, or heard it sung, hundreds if not thousands of times. There is a line that says "I once was lost, but now I'm found."

For some, the reality of being lost and then found is an accurate description of a sin-filled life without Jesus to a radical story of redemption and forgiveness. For others who began following Jesus at a young age, it is harder to relate to the idea of being lost because we haven't experienced life separated from the love of Jesus. However, it doesn't take much to look around to the seas of lost people around us to imagine what life would be like without Him.

Whatever your journey, learning to share your story is a powerful tool when living on mission. People can argue with you about theology, religion or scripture, but they can't argue with your story.

Spend some time writing out your story. You can start with answering three simple questions:

1. What was my life like before Jesus?
2. Why did I decide to follow Jesus?
3. What is my life like now that I am following Jesus?

When you are finished, ask a friend or your small group if you can practice sharing your story. Then, pray for God to open doors in conversations where you can share your story. You might be surprised how many opportunities there are once you are looking for them.

PRAY FOR LARRY BAXTER (RATIO CHRISTI)
ratiochristi.org/prof

Pray for Larry as he supports Christian professors around the country and helps them to live on mission on their campuses.



DAY 9

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

"He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself."

*"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."
But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*

Luke 10:27-29

In this familiar story in Luke 10, Jesus answers the question "who is my neighbor" with the parable of the Good Samaritan—a story about a traveler who is stripped of clothing, beaten, and left half dead alongside the road. First a priest and then a Levite comes by, but neither stop to help. Finally, a Samaritan finds the beaten man and takes care of him. To understand the lesson, it is important to know that Samaritans and Jews did not get along and would not have considered themselves neighbors. Actually, they would have been considered the opposite of neighbors. But as Jesus often did, He shocks the crowd by calling the Samaritan the neighbor and challenges the man to go and do the same. The challenge is also to us.

Today, spend time thinking and praying about who Jesus would consider your neighbors. Who are the unlikely people in your life that you need to "love as yourself."

PRAY FOR LAFAYETTE CHURCHES

Pray for other local churches in our area. Ask God to help local churches work together in unity so that our community will see our love for God and each other and that we will bring glory to God in our words and actions.



DAY 10

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WHAT'S IN YOUR TOOLBOX?

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

The cool thing about being a missionary in our every day lives is the opportunity that we have to use our talents, skills, hobbies, and resources to point people to Christ. Make a list of the things that you are good at and the things that you like to do. Do you speak a second language? Play an instrument? Like to fish? Know how to juggle? Do you bake? Do you have extra time during the day? Do you have a spare room in your house? Do you have the gift of sitting with people who are hurting? As you write your list, ask God to reveal things to you that you might overlook. Your list is probably longer than you think!

Now look through the list and ask yourself, "How can these things help me to live on mission?" It might help to talk this through with a friend or your small group. Once you are aware of the "tools" in your toolbox, you can be more intentional about using them to build relationships, open doors, and share the Gospel. Although sometimes we need to add a tool to our box, or "sharpen" an existing tool, it should get us excited that our God can use our unique talents and interests to reach people that others may not.

LIVING ON MISSION:

"We felt like we didn't know our neighbors very well and didn't have many conversations with them besides saying 'hey' and waving. We had prayed about different ways we could be on mission in our neighborhood and decided to have a cookout every Tuesday night during the summer and invite our neighbors. We were able to meet and get to know some more people and have some good conversations. Our kids now play with some of the kids we got to know better and a single guy said it gave him something to look forward to and was the best part of his week." - Lisa Phillips, Stay-At-Home Mom

PRAY FOR VILLA FARO CHURCH
yourcalvary.info/drmissions

Pray for our sister church in the Dominican Republic as they are a light in a dangerous part of Santo Domingo. Pray specifically that they would find the resources to build the new church building on the property that they own.



DAY 11

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FIRST DO NO HARM

*“Love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no wrong to a neighbor.
Love, therefore, is the fulfillment of the law.” Romans 13:9b-10*

“First do no harm” has been a guiding principal for physicians for generations. Not only is it a motto for good doctors, but can also be a motto for good missionaries. There are too many stories of people who have been hurt by some “bull in a china shop” Christians using shame, fear, judgment and ultimatums when telling people about Jesus.

When we call ourselves a Christian, eventually someone will ask you questions about the Bible, God, Jesus or church. Things will happen like school shootings, natural disasters, or tragic accidents and you will have an opportunity to respond to those who know that you are a Christian. As we interact with unbelievers, the way that we talk (or tweet) will either draw people in or push them away.

This doesn't mean we don't hold to truth or that we avoid tough conversations. But we do so prayerfully and lovingly, because when we do speak the truth in love, we avoid doing harm.

PRAY FOR JUMP START MINISTRIES
jumpstartwl.com

Pray for the kids at Jump Start to understand the love of God. Pray that Jump Start families who don't have a home church will start going to church because of the love they feel through the preschool.



DAY 12

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THE CHRISTIAN BUBBLE

“Then the master told the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges and make them come in, so that my house may be filled.’” Luke 14:23

On Day 3, we made a list of our mission fields. For some, it is not hard to think of times and places when we are with people who don’t know Jesus. You may spend the majority of your time surrounded by people who actively do not want to hear anything about God. You may even live in a home where you are the only follower of Jesus. Coming to church on Sunday morning may be the only time that you don’t feel like your faith is being accosted from every side.

On the flip-side, there are those who are struggling to think of even one person that they have regular interactions with who would not consider themselves to be a Christian. If that is you, and you are living in a self-created Jesus bubble, then today’s challenge is to pop that bubble and be intentional about creating spaces where you have opportunities to build relationships with people who need to know about Jesus. Jesus spent His time where lost people were.

Today, examine your routines and habits and ask God to show you how you can “get out into the highways and hedges” of our community.

PRAY FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS
samaritanspurse.org

Pray for the boxes that are sent to the corners of the world—that they will bring the message of Jesus to kids and their communities through a simple gift. Pray for the OCC staff as they work with churches across the world.



DAY 13

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FRIENDS & FAMILY

"We will not hide them from their children, but will tell a future generation the praise-worthy acts of the LORD, His might, and the wondrous works He has performed." Psalms 78:4

If your mission fields are the places where you spend the majority of your time, then one of your mission fields is your home. Your family can either be your fellow missionaries or, in cases where family members are not believers, an opportunity to be on mission.

For those who are parents, teaching your children to love and follow Jesus is a high priority and your mission as a parent. Look for opportunities to live on mission together as a family. Sign up for community projects, serve a neighbor together, or pray for the people you know who don't know Jesus.

For those with unbelieving teenage or adult family members, the way that you live your life can be a powerful daily example of following Jesus. Some of the most difficult mission work is to those we love the most. Prayer is our greatest tool in these delicate situations.

LIVING ON MISSION:

"For me, vocation and ministry have always been inseparable. Whether it was teaching English and overseeing educational programs in China, or working with international students in secular universities in Houston or West Lafayette, I have always viewed my place of employment to be a place I needed to be 'on mission' for the Lord. Throughout my life, I have attempted to apply a "friendship first" approach with individuals I meet, to get to know them as people, trusting God to eventually open doors for me to share my faith in culturally sensitive ways. I have always found it to be the case that once a friendship, even a casual relationship is established, opportunities to share my faith will materialize. My response then needs to be to share what God lays on my heart through word and/or deed."
- Mike Brzezinski, Dean of International Programs at Purdue

PRAY FOR RICK BUTLER

purduecm.org

Pray for Rick as he invests in PCM & ICM student's lives. Pray for compassion, understanding and boldness as he speaks with students at outreach events.



DAY 14

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GIVE ME YOUR EYES

“When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd and had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.” Mark 6:34

Years ago, a popular song on the radio by Brandon Heath asked “Give me Your eyes for just one second, give me Your eyes so I can see, everything that I keep missing, give me Your love for humanity.”

Have you ever “people-watched” at the mall or stopped in the middle of a busy city street and just watched people rushing around? Do you ever go for a walk and wonder what is happening in each of the houses that you pass?

Jesus saw the crowds and had compassion on them. He saw past their tired faces and knew each of them intimately. God sees every person on this planet and knows their fears, hopes, questions and insecurities and He loves them.

How often do we get irritated and bothered by the crowds and inconvenienced by the long lines? How easy is it to look past the faces we pass and not even take time to smile or say hello? How different would life be if we started every day asking God to give us His eyes for “the broken hearted and the ones forgotten.” Today, as you go throughout your day, try to see each person as someone who was made in the image of God and ask God to give you compassion for the lost.

PRAY FOR VBS AT CALVARY

yourcalvary.info/vbs

Pray that next summer's VBS would reach a record number of unchurched kids in our community and that families would come to Calvary and to Jesus because of VBS.



DAY 15

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KIDS ON MISSION

"Don't let anyone despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Living on mission isn't just for adults. Kids and teenagers often lead the way when it comes to integrating their faith into their everyday lives. There is a lot that we can learn from kids when it comes to living on mission. Young children love to invite friends to church and don't get nervous talking about Jesus.

Children also open up lots of doors for building relationships with not-yet believers. Parenting is a busy stage of life, but don't miss out on the opportunities such as joining the PTA, being a team dad, coaching your kid's team, or being the carpool mom. Consider getting a trampoline, basketball goal or ping pong table. Be the house that the kids want to hang out at. Well into high school, there are missional benefits to being the home where kids from unchurched families spend time.

LIVING ON MISSION:

"I spend a lot of my time on mission in various ways. Being a fifth grade teacher, I strive to lead kids in a way the Lord would be proud of every day! Something I have always struggled with is knowing I am enough. Growing up, I never felt like I was good enough—I wanted to be perfect. When I accepted God into my heart and soul, I saw that no one is perfect except for Jesus. I wouldn't survive without God's grace. My hope is to love my students like Jesus does—with grace, compassion, and structure." - Katie Camp, 5th grade teacher at Rossville Elementary

PRAY FOR THE IJM (INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION)
ijm.org

Pray for IJM efforts all over the world as they fight injustice in the name of Jesus. Pray for the oppressed and vulnerable. Pray for the office in Santo Domingo and the work they're doing to end human trafficking in the Dominican Republic.



DAY 16

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GOODBYE COMFORT ZONE

"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the Gospel, that I may share in its blessings." 1 Corinthians 9:22-23

In the book of 1st Corinthians, Paul talks about becoming all things to all people for the sake of the Gospel. What does that look like in our lives today? It could be as simple as taking interest in a hobby or sport to find a common interest with a coworker in your mission field. Maybe it means sitting at a different table in the cafeteria at school so that you can expand your group of friends.

On the other hand, it could mean life-altering choices like taking a job teaching in a school where you wouldn't choose to teach, moving into a neighborhood that opens up doors for making a difference, or giving up a hobby you love to spend time regularly volunteering with at-risk kids at your local school.

Whatever it is, Paul reminds us that we do this for the sake of the Gospel and that there will be blessings far beyond what living for ourselves will bring.

PRAY FOR KATIE HAYMOND

purduegreekiv.com

Pray for Katie as she encourages Christians in Purdue sororities. Pray for the students to be bold in sharing their faith with their sorority sisters and for Bible studies and groups to form around campus.



DAY 17

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ARE YOU A HEALTHY CHRISTIAN?

“From creation in Genesis, God designed every healthy , living organism to multiply...healthy trees make new trees, healthy humans make new humans, and healthy Christians make new Christians.” A Field Guide for Everyday Mission pg 27

Today we want to consider a simple question.

“Am I making new Christians?”

While we know that ultimately, God is the One who saves, we still need to reflect on how we are (or aren't) an active part of discipling others. Are we reproducing Christians? Are we a part of leading people to Jesus? If you are not, pray that God would open your eyes to someone you can begin to show Jesus to today.

LIVING ON MISSION:

“15 years ago, Zhejiang University of China approached Heng Wei to start an undergraduate student research program with Purdue University. The goal was to provide opportunities for Chinese students to learn how to study and conduct research in the United States. Each year, we take these students to Calvary. There have been close to 170 students who have been part of the program. Three years ago, with Calvary's support, we incorporated Sunday School into the program. Calvary members opened homes and their lives—answering questions about science and faith and teaching US History and Christianity. Here is what one of the students from this summer wrote, ‘There are a group of people in the world who love all people unselfishly. They do good not for themselves, but for the world. When I realized this, I began to learn to love the world. Thank you for opening the door of this new world for me. No words can express my gratitude.’

God brought these students and visiting scholars to Purdue and to us. Three visiting scholars attended the Calvary Chinese Fellowship and were baptized at Calvary and one at the Jordan River in Israel. Indeed, the mission field is in our backyard! HW and I certainly did not begin with a perfect plan, but we took one opportunity at a time, prayed, worked hard, and were obedient to God. God directed all the relationships between the students and Calvary. To God Be the Glory!” - Susie Cheng, Clinical Trial Manager at Eli Lilly & Company

PRAY FOR WELLSRING COUNSELING CENTER
wellspringcenter.net

Pray for Wellspring to reach hurting people in our community and to help heal and restore relationships. Pray for more Christian counselors to be added to their staff to keep up with the need.



DAY 18

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MISSIONS IS A TEAM SPORT

"I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in Me through their word. May they all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us, so that the world may believe You sent Me." John 17:20-21

One of the beautiful aspects of living on mission is that we are not designed to go it alone. Not only did Jesus commission all of His disciples to live on mission, He also gave us the Holy Spirit to be with us always. Throughout the New Testament, we learn that we are all given different gifts and we all have a different role to play in spreading the Gospel to build up the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Think about your mission fields and who else is on your team. What other Christians live in your neighborhood? Are there other Christians in your office, class, or living in your dorm? What would it look like if you came together to host a neighborhood block party or start a lunch hour Bible study?

A team is a group of people with a common goal, so any other person who has the goal of spreading the Gospel is on our team. Whether they go to Calvary or a different church in town, we can accomplish more for the Kingdom when we work together.

PRAY FOR THE PARTY AT THE PARK

yourcalvary.info/party

Pray for our annual Party at the Park to impact our guests in a way that draws them to God and to His church. Pray that those who came to this year's event who do not have a home church would come to Calvary and find community.



DAY 19

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YOU CAN'T GIVE WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE

"I pray that He may grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through His Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:16-19

Living on mission can be difficult. When you open your eyes to the brokenness around you it can be heartbreaking. Sacrificing time doing things that you love to spend time helping others can be a challenge. Choosing to build relationships with "difficult" people instead of spending time in our social comfort zones isn't our first instinct. All of these things can leave us tired, worn out and even discouraged. The phrase "you can't give what you don't have" is a reminder that living on mission is best when it overflows from a spiritual life that is rooted in daily filling up with the power of the Holy Spirit and the fullness of God. Spending time in the Bible, in prayer, in worship, and in solitude with our Father will allow us to live on mission from a cup that is filled.

PRAY FOR LIVING WATER INTERNATIONAL
water.cc

Pray for Living Water as they work around the world to bring clean water to communities. Thank God for the local churches who can use the wells as a door to share the Gospel with those who don't know and follow Jesus.



DAY 20

30 DAYS ON MISSION

PRAY FOR AND PRAY WITH

“After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others, and He sent them ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place where He himself was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.” Luke 10:1-2

Prayer is the foundation of our mission. We should be regularly praying and asking God to help us live on mission. We can also pray for others—our friends, our small group, our Calvary staff—who are living on mission. Pray for Christians all around the world who are living on mission.

Don't just pray *for*, but pray *with*. Thanks to the internet, it is possible for us to pray for real time needs across the world. The International Justice Mission (IJM) can rally their prayer partners before a big raid. Our friends in Haiti can share specific requests about civil unrest as it is happening.

Our challenge for today is to choose 1-2 of the Calvary missions partners listed on the info hub* and commit to pray for them. Sign up for their newsletter, follow their social media, reach out to them directly, so that you can pray specifically in an informed way. Pray for protection, for opened doors, for boldness, for refreshment, and for effectiveness.

PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Pray for the teachers and students in our local schools who are believer. That they would shine the light of Jesus in their schools in a way that helps other teachers and students come to Christ.



DAY 21

30 DAYS ON MISSION

BOILER UP!

Calvary has a unique opportunity with Purdue University just miles from our church. There are several reasons why the Purdue campus is a mission field that we should spend serious time and energy investing in.

1. Barna estimates that roughly 70% of high school students who enter college as professing Christians will leave with little to no faith.
2. Purdue ranks 3rd in international student enrollment among all public US universities with thousands of students coming from all over the world. We have an opportunity to make a spiritual impact on these students before they return to their home countries, many which are in desperate need of Christian influence.
3. There are dozens of people at Calvary who are positioned all throughout the university—students, campus ministry leaders, professors, administrators, athletes and coaches.

Consider making mission focused prayer a part of your time spent on campus. Next time you are driving through campus, sitting at a game, or you see a student around town, pray for all of the Christians on campus as they live on mission at Purdue.

LIVING ON MISSION:

“Karen and I operate AirBnB out of our home. Because of Purdue, we host guests from literally around the world who represent a variety of religions—even many atheists. If they already have a denomination they prefer, we give them several local recommendations. We often invite them to join us for Sunday services or other events such as Party in the Park, and many do accept. I feel the best (or worst) evangelism we can do is opening our life to them. Sharing tea or a meal. The way we treat them personally and how they see us interact within our family. Living out the Gospel makes it much easier to share it. My mom often stays with us and I know how we treat our elders makes an impression with Asian guests. Sharing the Gospel at work is usually problematic, but sharing it at our home is both a privilege and blessing, since society norms are a lot more open within your home. We don’t have to go next door or to a different county—our mission field comes to us in our home.” Mike Silver, Colonel United States Air Force (Ret)

PRAY FOR SOBA (SINGLE MOMS GROUP)
yourcalvary.info/soba

Pray for the women of SOBA to understand how loved they are by God. Pray for them to have strength to overcome trials and to have hope for the future. Pray for protection for those who are in difficult situations.



DAY 22

30 DAYS ON MISSION

ACTIONS VS. WORDS

“...but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” 1 Peter 3:15

There's a popular saying that says, "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words." At first glance, it sounds good and the implication is that our actions speak louder than words, but the premise is wrong. It's simply impossible to preach the Gospel without words. The Gospel is not something we do, it's a message we tell. It's a story we proclaim. Our hope is that the way that we live and the things that we do match the words that we say. But if never use words, we haven't completed the mission. For those who are introverted or uncertain about how to articulate the Gospel, the idea of not using words can be appealing, but we need to be ready with words.

If the idea of answering the question "What is a Christian?" leaves you lost for words, spend time working on an answer. Learn to articulate the basics of the Gospel and how to help someone understand salvation. If you aren't sure where to start, set up a time to meet with one of our staff and we can help you.

PRAY FOR PROJECT HOUSE OF HOPE
projecthouseofhope.com

Pray for economic and political stability and for peace in the country of Haiti. Pray for the 15 children at the House of Hope and Hope 12:21—that they will remain healthy, do well in school, and grow closer in a relationship with God.



DAY 23

30 DAYS ON MISSION

SOCIAL MEDIA MISSIONARY

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” Romans 1:16

There are 3.5 billion users on social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Missionary, Vincent Donovan said, “Evangelism is a process of bringing the Gospel to people where they are, not where you would like them to be.” While our hope and prayer is that people will come to church to experience community with the body of Christ, social media is full of people who would never consider stepping into a church or reading a Bible but who will read a post or watch a video if it is engaging.

So how can we use social media to share the Gospel? How can we join conversations and build relationships in a way that points to Jesus? How can we share our lives with our friends and followers in authentic ways that show that we aren’t perfect—we are real people with real struggles—but with a hope that is only found in Jesus?

If you are on social media and call yourself a follower of Jesus, consider how you can leverage your online influence for mission.

PRAY FOR DENNIS & JULIE RUNNER
purdueicm.org

Pray for the Runner family to lead the International Campus Ministry with confidence in Jesus’ plan for them. Pray that international students would follow Jesus and return to their home countries and spread the Gospel.



DAY 24

30 DAYS ON MISSION

SHINE THE LIGHT

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

If you grew up in Sunday School, you have probably sung the song "This Little Light of Mine" more times than you can count. For a child's song, it hits some important goals for living out Matthew 5:16. Here's a reminder of the first line of every verse:

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel - NO! I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.*

What would our world look like if every Christian chose to let their light shine, refused to hide their light, stood against the work of Satan to take away their light, and didn't let their light stop shining even during times of discouragement and burn out? Today, as you live on mission, let this little song guide your day.

PRAY FOR CELEBRATE RECOVERY
yourcalvary.info/recovery

Pray for those in Celebrate Recovery to be overwhelmed with the love of God. Give them hope for the future, and peace that God holds every day of their lives in His hands.



DAY 25

30 DAYS ON MISSION

MISSIONS TRIP OR PARTNERSHIP

"We are not bringing Christ to poor communities. He has been active in these communities since the creation of the world, sustaining them, Hebrews 1:3 says, by His powerful Word. Hence, a significant part of working in poor communities involves discovering and appreciating what God has been doing there for a LONG time."

Steve Corbett, When Helping Hurts

Doing missions in other countries is a delicate venture. There are growing concerns about the western church and the impact on developing countries when teams go with little or no understanding of the local culture. Books like "Helping Without Hurting" are quick to point out that what seems like help can actually hurt the local economy, bring shame to the recipients of the help, and undermine the work of the local church.

In an effort to avoid these pitfalls, our philosophy at Calvary is to partner with existing churches, missionaries and organizations who have done the hard work of understanding the needs and how we can actually empower and encourage those who are already working in the area. While we still call our one-week missions opportunities *missions trips*, the mindset and goals are more towards a *partnership*. It's a "minister with" not "minister to" mindset.

PRAY FOR PURDUE COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES
purduecm.org

Pray for the PCM college students to live on mission on the Purdue campus and be a light in their classrooms. Pray for protection in an environment that can be anti-Christian. Pray that lost students would be drawn to the group.



DAY 26

30 DAYS ON MISSION

SHRINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK

"He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3:30

We all know the saying "Think before you speak," and while that phrase is a good one for us to remember when sharing the Gospel, it's not our challenge for today. Instead, today's challenge is to "shrink" before we speak. John the Baptist said it first in John 3 when his disciples were worried that they were losing in the popularity battle with Jesus. John could have struggled with giving up the spotlight. He was used to having followers, but right from the start, he knew that his job was to point people to Jesus.

As Christians, hopefully we are living on mission in a way that makes our world a better place. Our acts of love and generosity can sometimes draw praise and flattery. What begins as an effort to point to Jesus has the potential to end in a pat-on-the-back for ourselves. Today, let's learn from John and remember that as we live on mission, while it's ok to accept appreciation, our goal is to decrease so that God is given the glory.

PRAY FOR COREY MILLER

ratiochristi.org

Pray for Corey as he travels to various university campuses across the country and around the world, defending and proclaiming the truth of the Gospel in winsome and bold ways.



DAY 27

30 DAYS ON MISSION

A GLOBAL GOD

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

As Christians, we should be global minded because we serve the God of the whole universe. We are part of a local church, but we also identify with the global church, our brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world. Just as we are living on mission in our communities, there are Christians living on mission in their villages and cities, from Australia to Italy to Japan to Bangladesh. There is so much that we can learn from Christians in other cultures and countries about what it means to live on mission. Even if you never go to another country to do missions work, challenge yourself to learn about the global church and commit to praying for the mission all over the world.

LIVING ON MISSION:

“Last year I worked at the bowling alley on Purdue’s campus, so all of my co-workers were other college students, but as far as I could tell I had nothing in common with a single one of my them. However, I started praying for opportunities to share Christ in my daily life and God delivered by allowing me to have several slow days where I got to just sit and talk to the person I was working with. The Lord allowed a girl who lived a very different life-style than myself to ask questions that led to me sharing my testimony. Another coworker, who because of our differences I was actually scared of, was open enough with me that I got to have specific things to pray for him about. Even though I was nervous, God pushed me to invite him to Merge Bible study, and he came! A few months later, at a different ministry event, I learned that he had given his life to Christ the night before! I have gotten to see him grow insane amounts in his faith, and even teach and encourage others the things he has learned since then.” - Hannah Houvenagle, Engineering Student at Purdue

PRAY FOR LUKE & JAMIE ULRICH
hoperisestogether.wordpress.com

Pray for the Ulrich family as they live away from friends and family so that they can be a part of the Malawi culture, loving the people and sharing the Gospel with unreached people groups.



DAY 28

30 DAYS ON MISSION

WHEN IT'S TIME TO GO

"How, then, can they call on Him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about Him? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." Romans 10:14-15

We have talked a lot about proclaiming the Gospel in our community since that is where most of us are called to live on mission. But what about those who are called to go?

According to the International Missions Board* (IMB), there are 4.5 billion people in unreached people groups and 274 million people in unengaged people groups around the world. While it is true that all followers of Jesus are called to live on mission, some are called to GO. There are several opportunities at Calvary for you to be a part of a short-term mission trip. For those who feel called to full-time missions work in other cities or countries, our staff are here to pray with you and explore those opportunities.

**To learn more about unreached people groups visit peoplegroups.org.*

PRAY FOR YOUNG LIFE

younglife.org

Pray for the leaders at Young Life as they invest in the lives of middle and high school students around the Lafayette area and that students would find answers and hope at the club and decide to follow Jesus.



DAY 29

30 DAYS ON MISSION

YOU ARE IN GOOD COMPANY

"From this time many of His disciples turned back and no longer followed Him." John 6:66

A common excuse for not living on mission is fear of rejection. Sometimes we are afraid that if we mix "God and work," "Jesus and school," or "faith and friends," people may reject the Gospel, or worse, they might reject us. What if I share my story with a co-worker and he thinks I am crazy? What if I invite my neighbors to Party at the Park and they turn me down? What if I post my favorite verse on Instagram and lose followers?

Getting rejected isn't fun. But even if that happens, just know that you are in good company. Jesus—the Gospel in the flesh, the perfect missionary—was rejected many times throughout the Bible. Even those who spent time with Him walked away from His perfect love and the gift of salvation.

There are thousands of stories of people who said "no" many times before saying "yes" to following Jesus. Don't give up. Stay on mission. You are in good company!

LIVING ON MISSION:

"It is so easy to use the gifts God has given us for self-satisfaction or satisfaction of others (or the opposite, it's easy to feel super discouraged after a bad game, race, etc.) when ultimately we should be using our gifts to glorify God. In order to remind myself of why I run/Who I'm running for in the end, I sometimes write myself a little note on my hand before a track meet. Not only does this help me to remember my goal, but the note also starts conversations with others if they ask about it. This leads to an easy, simple, way to tell others about Jesus. Although it is nothing huge, this is one way I try to 'live on mission' and point myself and others towards Jesus." - Karli Langley, Harrison Student

PRAY FOR HONDURAS

yourcalvary.info/lwi

Pray for the eight communities in Honduras where Calvary has sponsored clean water wells, and that the wells would be a reminder of Jesus who is the Living Water.



DAY 30

30 DAYS ON MISSION

LIVE LIKE JESUS

"I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6

Today is the last day of our 30 day focus on living on mission. If you have been tracking with us from Day 1, you should have notes and ideas to refer back to periodically as you do self-checks about how you are doing living on mission.

Use your time today to set some goals for yourself based on what God has revealed to you over the past month. Is there a person you need to invite out to coffee? Is there a change to your daily routine that you want to make? Do you need to add a daily reminder on your phone to pray for one of our missionaries or partner churches/organizations? Whatever your goals, we hope that these 30 days have sparked excitement in you to live on mission and to see your every day activities as opportunities to live like Jesus, who constantly pointed people to God the Father everywhere He went and in everything that He did. Jesus was the perfect missionary and as a follower of Jesus, we can look to Him as an example of how to proclaim the Good News to our community and our world.

Finally, take a few minutes to fill out the survey again on yourcalvary.info/missionsurvey. If you have stories about living on mission, we would love to hear them. Sharing our stories can be an encouragement to others.

Thank you for taking the **30 Days on Mission** journey with us!

MATRIX LIFECARE CENTER
matrix.org

Pray for Matrix to shine a light into our broken culture. Pray for the Matrix staff and volunteers to be able to love every woman who walks through their doors, giving them the hope that is found in Jesus.

