

NATIONS & NEIGHBORS

“connecting churches with nations & our neighbors”

¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 1 John 5:14-15 (ESV)

You may copy and distribute this newsletter to others who want to join us in prayer. However, please do not put this on a website or any social media due to security issues.

July, 2019 PRAYER LETTER for NATIONS & NEIGHBORS

Welcome to the restart of our prayer and update letter for the Nations & Neighbors ministry of Knox County Association of Baptists. Some of you have partnered with us for the last 2 years and others are new partners. Due to computer crashes, adjusting to changing responsibilities and other things I have not sent our newsletter out for a number of months. I apologize for that. I do pray that you will join in again as a partner in prayer and when led to volunteer in the work of this ministry. This update will be a little longer so please read thru in order to catch up on exciting things happening in N & N work.

Nations & Neighbors ministry has expanded and has some exciting opportunities. N & N continues to have a top priority focus on reaching the nations who live among us here in Knox County. God has brought them here so we might share the Hope of Christ with them. While casting vision for the nations and mapping where they are God has made it clear that we need to map all communities in Knox County so that we might not only reach the international but reach other Pockets of Lostness around us. Our sharing of His love and grace gifts are for the international and for our neighbors of any background. Therefore, mapping (discovery of the demographics of different communities) has become a major focus of the work and ministry of N & N.

Here among Knox County Association of Baptists we have set forth a new 4 part Strategy Plan for our work. I want to share those 4 important parts. 1) Explore our Community. 2) Encounter the People. 3) Equip the Church. 4) Engage with the Gospel. In future updates I'll share more about each one.

BACK TO SCHOOL is an exciting time as teachers, students, and parents begin a new year.

- **PRAY** for teachers as they prepare for teaching students from a multitude of backgrounds.
- **PRAY** for students, especially internationals as they navigate the education experience in a culture and language different than their home environment.
- **PRAY** for Christian students to be willing to be used by God to be a light in their school, to befriend those different from them, and to not shrink back when teased or persecuted for Christ.

NEW MAPPING TOOLS – As we continue to Explore our Community to discover who is where and more about the pockets of different segments of people it has become evident that we need better tools. I have spent the last several weeks researching what are the best tools for us here at this time. One of the tools we are in the process of securing is a license for the MissionInsight website. This tool will give us more in-depth demographic information as well as insights as to what might be some of the best ways to reach different pockets of people. I am excited about what this offers our work here and hope to have it up and going soon so each of our churches can benefit from this tool. **PRAY** for wisdom as I lead this project and that it will soon be available for our use.

PEOPLE GROUP & COMMUNITY ADOPTION – Several churches are seeking to discover where God is directing them to work beyond their local church and out into the greater Knox County area. They are considering People Group focus, new Church Plants or a Revitalization journey with a sister church. **PRAY** for these churches to discern God's will in these matters. **PRAY** for our DoM Phil Young and myself as we advise and work alongside them.

PRAYER MOBILIZATION – **PRAY** for renewed efforts for Prayer mobilization in the areas of Prayer Walking, Spiritual Awakening prayer groups and People Group focus prayers. **ASK** for wisdom and favor as I, Bonita, seek God's plan in this area and cast vision with our churches on the importance of prayer for all we do.

"ON THE 7s" is a call to a concert of prayer at 7 am & 7 pm every day to ask for an outpouring of God's Spirit on the nations and neighbors living in Knox County and surrounding areas. You may pray as you feel led or use the prayer prompts by day as listed below.

Sunday – **PRAY** for Truth to be shared and hearts to hear and obey in the lives of believers.

Monday – **PRAY** for English as a Second Language classes as they start back up.

Tuesday – **PRAY** for schools – safety, teachers & students to thrive in this new year.

Wednesday – **PRAY** for new Bible study groups to begin among our People Groups.

Thursday – **PRAY** for more believers to answer the call of God to become prayer warriors.

Friday – **PRAY** for Muslim people to experience a sense of emptiness as they go to the mosque to pray on their holy day, Friday, and that they will seek Truth.

Saturday – **PRAY** for pastors & leaders of our churches to daily be drawn into a deeper relationship with Christ so that their ministry will reflect Christ above all else. **PRAY** for their marriages and families.

In the computer crash several months back I lost a lot of names and emails. Please send me an email with name and address of any others who would like to receive this monthly newsletter.

Thank you for your partnership in the work of Nations & Neighbors as together we Glorify God among all peoples in Knox County and beyond.

Blessings,

Bonita

Bonita K. Wilson
Nations & Neighbors Catalyst
Project Knox Director

Knox County Association of Baptists
7709 Westland Drive | Knoxville, Tennessee 37919
865.693.9097 – Office
bwilson@kcab.org