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Prevailing Power

As a new year dawns on the African continent, we focus our thoughts more intently on accomplishing jointly-determined ministry priorities for 2022. In continued biographical reading about <u>J.O. Fraser</u> (*missionary to China in the early 1900s*), we were reminded once again of the requisite **top priority** in life and ministry: prayer. Fraser's thoughts below from about a century ago echo our firm convictions related to spiritual victory today:

"I am feeling more and more that it is, after all, just the prayers of God's people that call down blessing upon the work, whether they are directly engaged in it or not. Paul may plant and Apollos water, but it is God who gives the increase; and this increase can be brought down from heaven by believing prayer, whether offered in China or in England. We are, as it were, God's agents—used by Him to do His work, not ours. We do our part, and then can only look to Him, with others, for His blessings. If this is so, then Christians at home can do as much for foreign missions as those actually on the field. I believe it will only be known on the Last Day how much has been accomplished in missionary work by the prayers of earnest believers at home. This, surely, is the heart of the problem. Such work does not consist in curio exhibitions, lantern lectures, interesting reports, and so on. Good as they may be, these are only the fringe, not the root of the matter. Solid, lasting missionary work is done on our knees. What I covet more than anything else is earnest, believing prayer, and I write to ask you to continue to put up much prayer for me and the work here..." (from **Behind the Ranges** by Geraldine Taylor).

Productive Privilege

Your faithful prayers impact missionary work beyond our own! We give thanks for the many friends who lift up Cote d'Ivoire ministries in prayer! Fraser's efforts among the Lisu people eventually resulted in a disciple-making movement of over 70,000 converts. We pray the similar movement taking root in Cote d'Ivoire using Community Health Evangelism (CHE) continues to burgeon. One key component that the Chinese Lisu movement and CHE have in common is using local resources for growth. Lisu believers built their own churches with their own means.

Prayer & Praise

Thank you for praying about our housing. We met productively with the family member who oversees the property we rent. It seems likely that we will be able to sign a long-term rental agreement after a contractor evaluates the house's needed repairs. Praise God for this answered prayer! We've yet to fully unpack from the 2016 move, not having a definitive rental agreement.

Verlin's ear infection returned with a painful vengeance last week. Pray for complete healing. Recurrent disease is likely until his latest broken molar is entirely removed or replaced. (This update left late due to travel and treatment.)

Our security dogs will be glad for no move, too (<u>Video</u>)!

Several friends we know need spiritual breakthroughs. You likely have dear ones in the same situation. More than our advice or friendship or funds, they need faithful prayer. Feel free to share names and circumstances so we can assist in lifting your friends to the Father in prayer. Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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