

Assemblies of God World Missions Organizes Worldwide Prayer Rally

In recognition of the desperate need for God's intervention for the suffering church, missionaries in need and the millions who have yet to hear the gospel, Assemblies of God World Missions is hosting its first online World Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, May 8.

Streaming live at 7 p.m. EST from First Assembly of God in Fort Myers, Fla., the hour-long event will offer focused prayer in which missionaries, churches and laypersons from around the world can participate by logging on to the [website](#).

The prayer event will focus intercession on World Missions ministry partners around the world, unreached peoples and the suffering church. AGWM Executive Director Greg Mundis, Fort Myers First AG Pastor Dan Betzer, AGWM Mobilization Director Jeff Hartensveld, and AGWM Communications Director Randy Hurst will lead in prayer, along with members of First Assembly in Fort Myers.

"God continues to confirm in our hearts that we especially need to lift up these specific areas in prayer," states Mundis. "National pastors have been imprisoned and killed. Hundreds of churches have been burned and Christians slaughtered. Missionaries desperately need God's intervention in order to continue, while at the same time, millions of people are dying daily without Christ."

The World Prayer Meeting will be available online beginning at 7 p.m. in the four major U.S. time zones. In addition, after the event, churches can develop their own prayer emphasis by downloading the video components and PowerPoint featured in the broadcast to create and host their own prayer meeting at a

time and date of their preference.

“We chose May 8 (40 days after Easter) for this worldwide prayer event because it is recognized throughout the world as Ascension Day, the day Christ ascended into heaven following His Resurrection after giving the Great Commission,” explains Hartensveld.

Hurst says churches will be able to test their online connection beginning Monday, May 6, to ensure their ability to access the Wednesday event. The video and PowerPoint files available for download offer personal messages and a revealing look at why the need for prayer is so urgent.

“If a church’s Internet connection has difficulty with online video streaming, we encourage them to download the video and PowerPoint components to conduct their own offline event,” says Hurst.