

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## André Kole Ministry

### Praises:

- Praise for Andre's continued health.
- That a major re-vamping of the show is completed, and the first shows went extremely well.

### Prayer requests:

- Pray for our new marketing strategy to result in more shows on college campuses.
- That many would come to the shows and make decisions for Christ as a result of hearing the gospel.
- For continued health and safety for our traveling team.

## Campus Ministry

### Praises:

- For continued development of national leadership teams aimed at reaching ethnic students.
- For the incredible results from the Bridges winter conference held for international students. Over 100 trusted Christ.
- For continued growth of EveryStudent.com
  - Decisions have gone up every year worldwide (102,299 last year).
  - 5.78 million visits.
  - Translated into 27 languages.

### Requests:

- For God to raise up and send out teams of staff, interns, students and volunteers into major cities (NYC, LA, Chicago, Miami, Washington, San Francisco, Rome, Mexico City, Moscow and Tokyo) and among ethnic students (African-Americans, Latin-Americans, Asian-Americans, Native-Americans and international students).
- For acceleration in the number of new high school, faculty and college movements - enabling more to encounter Christ, experience the gospel and embrace the mission. Pray that all the involved students and faculty would more fully experience our "Win, Build & Send DNA."
- For God to use this summer's projects--in the US and International--to transform our students, helping raise up and send out another generation of laborers into the harvest.
- For our efforts with Every Student Sent--that God would help us develop healthy movements that prepare and send Christ-centered laborers into a lifetime of ministry, wherever He leads.

## Bridges International

(U.S. Campus Ministry outreach to international students)

### Praises:

- For "Vision 08," our winter conference which was the largest event in Bridges' history. More than 1,100 attended from 47 nations in five different tracks. Of those, 102 indicated faith in Christ during the conference, and a number of others have done so since then.
- For a growing number of new laborers within Bridges, including a new regional coordinator and four international disciples who have joined our staff.

- For renewed vision for staff and volunteers in building spiritual movements of international students and for the successful launch of a new Web site to aid in that process - [www.reachinginternationals.com](http://www.reachinginternationals.com)

Prayer requests:

- For a great harvest of souls among the 750,000 international students and scholars in America, including those from Japan and India.
- For more resources--especially funds during the current economic downturn--to enable Bridges staff to "reach the nations here... that we might reach the nations there!"
- For God to call key people to participate in this summer's Bridges projects. Two or three Nehemiah Projects are planned (sending students back to their homeland to share the gospel.) And all of our networks will sponsor Ezra Projects (6-10 day sessions for Americans and internationals to receive teaching for their personal walks with God and training for ministry.)  
The Ezra Projects are:
  - Chinese Network - Boston (June 4-13).
  - Japanese Network - Eugene, Ore. (June 17-27).
  - Multi-Nations - Disney World, Orlando (June 21-27).
  - The Ishmael Project Network - Boulder, Colo. (July 12-18).
  - South Asian Network - Boulder (July 12-19).
- For wisdom in planning two winter conferences for international students - one on the East Coast and one on the West Coast.

Christian Embassy, D.C.

Praises:

- Praise God for those whom we continue to mentor long distance, as former diplomatic disciples have returned to some 25 different locations throughout the world.
- For dear friends from Fiji who have been working hard as volunteers in our ministry, going on appointments, helping lead Bible studies and praying fervently.
- For wives of presidential appointees who have been trained and help to lead Bible Discussion Groups.
- For good weekly attendance at the Members of Congress Bible study as they come together for intense discussion and earnest prayer for each other.
- That several new Congressional wives have joined the weekly Bible study and are not only attending but have also been inviting others to come along.

Prayer requests:

- Pray that the Christians involved in our various ministries would catch the vision of ministering to their peers. With so many responsibilities and meetings, it is extremely challenging.
- That new senior leaders being discipled at the Pentagon would begin to disciple others.
- For God to give wisdom and discernment to President Obama and his appointees as they seek to lead our nation. Pray for protection and spiritual encouragement for President and Mrs.Obama and their two daughters.
- For good referrals, opportunities for personal appointments and open hearts as our staff members reach out to senior leaders in the Obama administration.

Christian Embassy-United Nations

Praise:

- Praise God for the opportunity to expose over 200 diplomats to the gospel at our Christmas outreach dinner. Many requested a Bible, a *JESUS* DVD or a book related to knowing God.
- For the many “divine appointments” our team has had with diplomats who attended that dinner, as well as diplomats we have met through our READY strategy (Reaching Every Arriving Diplomat Yearly). Praise God for several diplomats who have come into the kingdom and are growing in their new faith!
- For the new people joining in our various weekly Bible studies and ESL classes this year - opportunities for building friendships and equipping diplomats to be Christ’s ambassadors.

Pray:

- Pray for a special outreach event in May to military leaders at the UN who represent global peace-keeping operations, and for guest speaker Gen. Bob Dees (CCCI).
- For open, responsive hearts as we follow up with all those who attend our events and express spiritual interest.
- That this will be a season of significant spiritual growth and equipping for diplomats who are already believers. How thrilling it is to hear the following comments from diplomats: “That seminar changed everything about how I see my life!” “These classes just keep getting better and better!”
- That God will provide all the funding needed to carry out our mission of reaching global leaders, and equipping them to go to their world as ambassadors of Christ.
- That God will direct more returning CCC Int’l. Representatives to join our global missions team, to help us reach diplomats from “their” part of the world!

## CrossRoads

Praise! The launch of CrossRoads in the Philippines - In unison with Campus Crusade for Christ's Agape Rural Program and in partnership with Philippines Evangelical Enterprises, Inc., CrossRoads will introduce its community transformation strategy by conducting back-to-back Teacher Training conferences (one on Mindanao, the other in Palawan). Both conferences will take place during the first two weeks of May. Please pray for:

- Favor with both national and regional government officials who have already expressed strong interest in the strategy.
- Conference preparation.
- Discussion group leaders who will be prepared to engage in follow-up soon after the conference.

Praise! Our Lead Trainer Training at CSU - Nine nationals from the Caribbean, Oceania, Francophone Africa and the Republic of South Africa have been invited to attend CrossRoads' first Lead Trainer Training in conjunction with CSU this summer. These adult professionals represent the fields of medicine, education, law and private business enterprise. Lead Trainers are CrossRoads trainers who have demonstrated the capacity to multiply themselves in the lives of others by “Winning/Building/Sending” in the context of the CrossRoads strategy. Please pray for:

- The remaining funds needed.
- Visas for all participants.
- The ability to adequately communicate an understanding of “movements everywhere” in the context of CrossRoads.

Praise! A potential CrossRoads partnership with the Bitou 10 Development Project in Plettenberg Bay, South Africa - This partnership would utilize the CrossRoads strategy in 10 schools over a two-

year period to demonstrate the effectiveness of the strategy in students', teachers' and parents' lives. There is already a high level of interest in the partnership. Please pray for:

- Continued favor with the Bitou 10 Board of Directors.
- Wisdom for the Board of Directors as they make their final decision about moving ahead.
- National leadership of the strategy.
- Funding for the project.

### Global Aid Network (GAIN)

Praise the Lord:

- For the impact that more than 5 million meals and 500 high-capacity water filters sent to Zimbabwe to help curb the hunger and cholera epidemic have had in opening doors for staff to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- For opening doors to new strategic partnerships which will enable GAIN to continue being the heart and hands of Jesus Christ in the places such as Kenya's slums, Zimbabwe's economic crisis and in several Middle Eastern and Central Asian countries.
- For successful mission projects already completed this year in Jamaica, Western Russia, Siberia, Ukraine, and Guatemala.

Prayer

- Pray that God will continue to provide the funding for our four key humanitarian programs: Nutritional Food, Clean Water, Critical Care Needs, and Community Care Initiatives.
- That God would be our shield as we ship containers of life-saving aid to hurting and needy people around the world. Pray for favor with customs and quick transport of the aid into the hands of those in need.
- That God would strengthen the GAIN ministry by raising up additional staff members for each department.
- That each of our humanitarian aid projects would continue to open doors and create many opportunities to share the good news and help build enduring, multiplying spiritual movements.

### Here's Life Inner City

Praise reports:

- Several hundred college students participated in Here's Life spring break inner-city project, Urban Immersion in seven cities. They worked with children, gave food and blankets to the homeless, and shared their faith wherever they went. In NYC three groups were brought by students who had had life-changing experiences during Summer in the City last summer.
- Here's Life's Adult Development resources, including Holistic Hardware (life skills) and WorkNet (career development for those with employment barriers) are being increasingly used in prisons and jails around the country. The materials have strong biblical foundations, and many participants come to faith in Christ.

Requests:

- Pray that God will use Here's Life's Steps to Change to provide both help and hope to people in crisis. This six-week curriculum of financial skill training and a holistic, biblically-based approach to life change is a timely resource during difficult economic times. In March people who participated in a Foreclosure Prevention Fair in Los Angeles were given opportunity to sign up for Steps to Change classes in local churches. Pray that more partnerships like that will develop.

- Pray for Here's Life Summer in the City project, taking place in six cities – Chicago, Denver, Milwaukee, Minneapolis/St. Paul, New York City, and Seattle. Pray that the college students involved in SITC will grow in faith and compassion for the poor and will carry that back to their campuses in the fall. Pray that the students will effectively strengthen the impact of the inner-city ministries they serve, and pray that many people will come to Christ as a result of their efforts.
- Pray for Here's Life's finances. Those we serve are in increasing need, yet our financial resources are dwindling.

## Impact Movement

### Praises:

- That we launched our first full-time Impact Music band in 2008! Performances exposed 11,000 to the gospel, and 381 indicated decisions for Christ.
- God is faithfully providing what we need financially.
- We have seen the number of Impact ministry partners increase from about 40 to more than 500 in the past three months!
- That the I ACT giving campaign has been so successful in securing monthly ministry gifts.
- For the 100+ students and volunteers who have applied for Impact summer projects.
- For the six people joining our staff this summer.

### Prayer requests:

- That we will be able to develop our remaining monthly budget by April 30 (\$15,000).
- That those who have invested financially in the past will continue to give this year.
- That Impact and our ministry partners will trust in the Lord always. Pray for God's wisdom as we make decisions in light of present financial realities.
- Pray about the early planning stages of Impact 2010.
- That we will get a skilled IT person to report, fully funded, in the fall.
- That the 22 people who have been accepted to the Impact Music Summer Mission Project would raise their financial support by May 19.
- That God allows us to have fruitful partnerships and concerts this summer and throughout the year.
- Concerning direction for the future of Impact Music ministry.
- For volunteers to be raised up to help coach our campus chapters this fall.
- For the continued development of our Community Engagement strategy and mentoring/tutoring initiative.
- Our director Charles Gilmer's first book, "A Cry of Hope, a Call to Action" is at the printer. Please pray that the Lord would use this book for His glory. Pray that sales from the book would help fund the Impact Movement, since all proceeds go to the ministry. Pray for wisdom as we plan the book tour this summer.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up additional full-time staff for the ministry.
- Pray for Chris Restuccia, an Impact staff member, as he battles Stage 4 Cancer. Pray that the Lord would remove the cancer from his body and extend his life for many years to come. Pray for his wife, Jo, and children, Hannah and Joshua.

## The JESUS Film Project

### Praise God for:

- His faithful provision for 30 years of ministry through The JESUS Film Project.
- The more than 1,050 completed translations of the *JESUS* film.
- The development of new media tools to expand the Kingdom of God.

Pray for:

- The safety and well-being of those who are showing the *JESUS* film in dangerous areas, due to political and religious opposition or harsh geographical conditions.
- Our partnership--called the End to End Partnership--with The Seed Company, Faith Comes By Hearing, and the American Bible Society. We are seeking to strategize together to reach people - from bible translation to church planting (end to end). Pray that the models underway in India, Nigeria, and Brazil would be effective in planting churches and will show us where modifications to the process are needed.
- Qualified translators who can translate both the Gospel of Luke and the script for the *JESUS* film for the 520 language groups that have 100,000 speakers or more but still do not have a bible or a *JESUS* film.
- The filming of the Following *JESUS* Africa follow-up series scheduled for May in Kenya.

Peoples Connection Initiative

(A ministry of The JESUS Film Project)

- Praise God for the outreaches to people from other nations now living in the USA and Canada with the All Nations series of multi-language *JESUS* DVDs. Pray that thousands will receive the DVDs, have an openness to watch them, and respond to Jesus' love, forgiveness, and eternal life.
- Pray for effective strategies in outreach, prayer, and follow-up. Pray for the needed finances. Ask God for more partnering churches and groups to have the vision and passion to bring the sight-and-sound gospel of *JESUS* to their immigrant neighbors.
- Pray for the Peoples Connection Initiative staff as they network with individuals and groups who are helping immigrants to know about freedom and hope in Jesus. Pray for the staff as they encourage the use of these tools at missions conferences.

Josh McDowell Ministry

We give God praise:

- For our donors who, along with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, make all that we do possible.
- For three new books which came out in time for use this Easter - *The Evidence for the Resurrection*, *Jesus: Dead or Alive*, and *Jesus is Alive*.
- That lives are being transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit and the reading of many of Josh's resources in native languages, in particular *The Witness*.

Requests:

- Pray for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Dearborn Arab International Festival, June 17-22 in Michigan. Pray that 50 believers will respond to the call to attend the festival to help in greeting people, participate in prayer walks and distribute *More Than a Carpenter*. Pray for many truth-seekers to respond to God's truth as a result of literature distribution.
- For the funding for production of *The Witness* as a movie. Pray for all those who participate in this project to have a heart to see this film transform the lives of those who view it.
- That we will have funds to translate, print and distribute Josh's books to fill all the requests we receive from directors in nearly every area of the world.

- For the many events to be held during Josh's time in Guatemala, May 11-18. Pray that the power of the Holy Spirit will be evidenced in all that he says and for changed lives to result.

### marketplace ministry (new, yet-to be-named)

God has led Campus Crusade for Christ to merge Life Builders, Executive Ministries and Priority Associates into one new marketplace ministry. This is presently in process.

Praise:

- Our January retreat, which provided a time for Life Builders, Executive Ministries and Priority Associates staff to get to know each other, was a huge success. Good relationships were formed.
- Our new national team has come together and is really bonding. Core values and strategies are coming together, which will make us more effective in the city.
- God is providing people to fill key roles in our new infrastructure, including a new operations director.

Pray:

- Pray for all of our staff members, as we join together to build new teams in cities. Pray for wisdom to use the strengths of the team members to be more effective in reaching those in the marketplace for Christ.
- For each team to develop strong prayer ministries and to be bold and creative in evangelism. Pray that we would undergird everything in prayer.
- For wisdom and God's blessing as we build a strong infrastructure to meet the needs of our field staff members and to help them continue to grow in effectiveness. There are still several key roles that need to be filled. Pray for God to bring us the right people.
- For God to bring Christ-centered laborers, who have a passion to reach their peers for Christ, to work alongside each city team.

### Military Ministry

We praise God for:

- Blessing us with resources to minister to service members and families around the world.
- Allowing us to celebrate the milestone of shipping 2 million Rapid Deployment Kits around the world since 9/11.
- Opening doors for us to partner with military chaplains and hundreds of churches to be "Bridges of Healing" for returning warriors (and veterans of previous conflicts) suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Prayer requests:

- Ask God to equip and enable the staff evangelizing and discipling U.S. enlisted members at basic training bases, and beyond. May He prepare hearts of all new recruits to hear His Word, recognize it as truth, and respond positively to the gospel. May the Gateway and Bridge ministries be fully staffed, with the people God has chosen. Thank Him for the 12,000 recruits who accepted Jesus last year.
- Pray for us to help develop Christian military leaders at service academies, ROTC campuses, and operational locations, reflecting the traits shown by Jesus Christ in His earthly ministry and leading with humble and contrite hearts and servants' attitudes.

- Pray for military families, who are under such stress and pressure from many deployments and the challenging job demands of active duty. Ask God to bless military marriage conferences, support groups, spiritual resources, and training events designed to meet the needs of these families.
- Intercede for us to be diligent in providing spiritual resources for arming troops in harm's way as well as nurturing and sustaining families and chaplains.
- Pray that our Internet resources will be just what each military person needs.
- Pray for the multitudes who are being reached by international armed forces or influenced for the kingdom of God. May the Lord bless our International Military Ministry in more than 20 countries and open recognizable doors into those countries where He would have us minister.