



# DAI Prayer Update

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**Dear friend**

It's an exciting time in DAI with a significant amount of time and energy being channelled into curriculum development both for the MA in Organisational Leadership degree programme and our non-formal Workshops. The latter is a particular focus for DAI UK. So this activity sits right at the top of this latest bi-monthly Prayer Update and we invite you to join us in celebrating what the Lord has already enabled us to achieve and in praying for what lies ahead.

So, with sincere thanks for your continuing support, here are our latest prayer requests:

### **Master of Arts in Organisational Leadership (MAOL)**

- Give thanks for our wonderful MAOL Team which has a great teamwork mentality and believes strongly in the mission of the MA programme
- As the MAOL celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Dr. Jim Gieser (DAI US) and an outside consultant are starting an in depth evaluation to ensure the programme is as impactful globally as we would hope. Please pray for that process, for Jim's travels and for new insights
- Please pray for wisdom as the MA team revises parts of the curriculum
- Please pray for discussions just beginning about starting a new MA partnership with an academic institution in Pakistan
- Please pray for perseverance and good health for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Year students as they seek to complete the programme and as they continue to apply what they have learnt in their own local leadership situations

### **Non-Formal Workshop Curriculum Development**

- Give thanks for continuing progress in the development of the new Leadership Workshop. Please pray for its timely completion and for Jane Overstreet (DAI President) and John Rogers (DAI UK) as they launch it in Cameroon in November
- Please pray for John Rogers as he starts work on materials intended to equip others with the necessary skills to write modules for the non-formal Workshop programme and please pray for the identification of the right people to take on the role of "Curriculum Writer"
- Please pray for the first-ever "Curriculum Writers Workshop" which John will facilitate in late August in Colorado Springs and for Colin Rye (DAI UK) as he seeks to convene the "Curriculum Development Gatherings" which will follow as we seek to kick-start the development of 6 new non-formal Workshops

## DAI Nepal

- Give thanks for the launch of the “Facilitating Learning” Workshop in Nepali in Kathmandu earlier this month and for Narayan and Joshua, two Nepalese leaders, who ran the Workshop under the encouraging eyes of John Rogers. Please pray for the participants, many of whom are teachers in various institutions and ministries, as they implement what they have learnt

## DAI Belgium

Our team in Belgium is launching into a time of transitioning:

- Over the next 30 months the ministry will focus increasingly on the younger generation of Christians and Christian leaders. Please pray for Levi who starts as a new co-worker this August to head this developing ministry. Thank God for leading him to join the Belgian team and for the many talents that he brings
- The Ministry Team is also developing a new approach to the strategic development of the overall ministry as well as their respective roles in it. Please pray for courage, practical insight and mutual support amongst the staff as this progresses
- A new concept of focused training in discipleship, leadership and church development has grown over the past 4 months. A key issue is to have a location where this training can happen – far enough away to avoid distractions and the habitual life routines. The Team is now in the process of buying such a location in Sweden. This extension of ministering to Belgian Christians is projected to start in 2016. Thank God for His provision and please pray for continuing and growing insights and for the many practical issues linked to the start-up

## On-Line Learning

- Please pray for the launch of the first DAI on-line learning course, our “Fundraising in Ministry” Course, which allows leaders who are not able to attend our physical workshops to experience DAI’s approach to leadership and learning online. Pray that it will be effective and have an impact on the lives and ministries of leaders in many parts of the world
- We are also beginning to work on the development of our second on-line learning course which will be the “Facilitating Learning” workshop. Pray for Thel Rountree, who is giving leadership to this initiative, and for John Rogers and Daneli Ureña who will be In Los Angeles to record the material for the course in July

## DAI Staff

- Two relatively new DAI US staff members - Karl Mueller (Church & Leadership Services) and Jim Gieser (Asst. Director Masters Programme) – who moved into rental accommodation in Colorado Springs in order to join DAI are moving into more permanent accommodation this month. Please pray for all the legal and practical details related to moving, that their new homes will fit their family needs and that their life routines will quickly normalize again
- DAI US staff member Nancy Tibert’s husband has just finished a month of cancer treatment and now has a 4 week rest before it starts again. Praise God that the side effects, though miserable, are less intense than the average patient that his Oncologist sees. Please pray for his continued healing

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