

## SAVE THE DATE

## 10/10 Day of Prayer

**Ten million people.** Ten million men and women, boys and girls, family members, old and young. Ten million people live in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. And yet, God knows every person in this city. He knows them and wants them to repent and turn to follow Him.

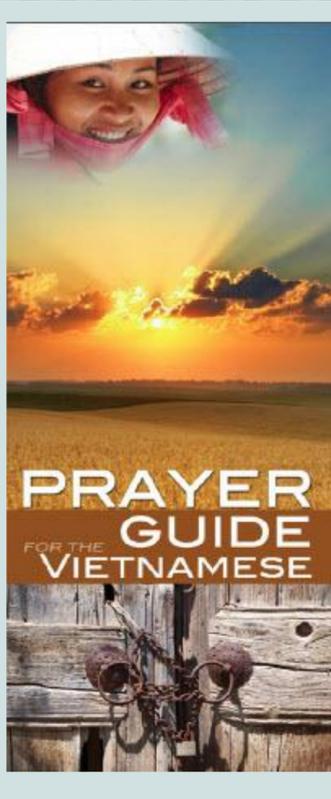
Ho Chi Minh City is the largest city in Vietnam and the economic and manufacturing hub of the entire country. **Formerly known as Saigon**, the city was renamed in 1976 in honor of their late president. As

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you go down the streets you will encounter a wash of color, smells and sounds. The poorest of the poor, selling lottery tickets or collecting trash; entrepreneurs pushing their wares on carts; shopkeepers; teachers and students; clerical workers; professional business persons and newly emerging wealthy families move through the city, most on motorcycles, like a teeming river filling the streets. There is an almost raucous, boom-town feel to the city with constant activity, new construction and new businesses storming in every day. Yet beneath all of this positive, upwardly mobile veneer, Ho Chi Minh City remains anchored in darkness.

**The most predominant form of spirituality is ancestor worship**, burning incense and giving sacrifices to the deceased in hopes of securing favor and warding off harm. In addition to their ancestor worship many also follow Buddhism, Cao Dai or a unique form of syncretistic Vietnamese Catholicism. Each of these religious expressions show a people **seeking to fill an emptiness** and assurance of salvation only found in God.

With ten million in population, the number is so large that it's **mind boggling**. Many of us can't even hold a number that big in our mind. Within that ten million however, scarcely 2% has found the hope and joy of salvation in Jesus Christ. If you **do the math** based on the average mortality rate in Vietnam, every ten minutes a lost person dies in Ho Chi Minh City and goes to Hell. It may be hard to wrap our head around 10 million, but we can all understand 'every 10 minutes'. 10 million. Every 10 minutes. **On 10 / 10, join us in praying for the lost of Ho Chi Minh City. Start your preparation today by putting the date on your personal calendar and promote it within your church.**



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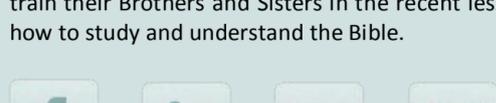
**“Brother, if you would enter that Province, you must go forward on your knees.”** J. Hudson Taylor

**Prayer is the key to all that we do. It is what we earnestly desire the most from you, our friends and partners.** Like Hudson Taylor's quote above, we know that the only way that we can move forward is through prayer. The only way that we can hope to “reach” Vietnam is through the grace, power and provision that our Father gives to us through the prayers of many. Your prayers for the peoples of Vietnam are definitely needed. Your prayers for those who serve to reach them with God's love are needed. Your prayers are felt as they make a tremendous impact on the work here. Want to know more about how you can impact the work of reaching Vietnam through prayer? Email us at [prayer@reachingvietnam.com](mailto:prayer@reachingvietnam.com)

**R**ecently we had the opportunity to spend

two days of training with a small number of Brothers from the **Oslin group**. Many of you have been praying for this group of Believers for some time as they have been taking part in **Obedience Based Discipleship** (OBD) training. Thank God for the wonderful way that He has given this group faithfulness and perseverance. They continue to be harassed with persecution as they share the Gospel. But they have remained bold in sharing despite their persecution. They have entered into new areas and started new churches. The things they are learning from God, they are passing on to others who are also training others themselves (2 Tim 2:2). Pray for the Oslin group that they will continue to persevere despite opposition. Pray that they will be able to train their Brothers and Sisters in the recent lessons we studied together related to Prayer and how to study and understand the Bible.

Two Brothers from the Oslin group practice using a simple method of Bible study.



**What does Social Media have to do with prayer?**

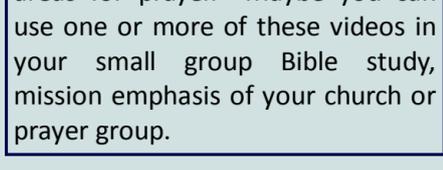
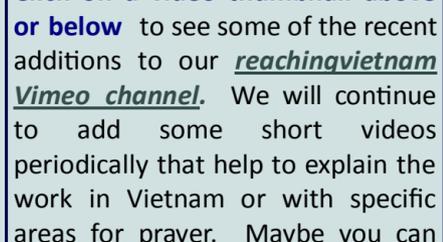
Social Media has plenty to do with prayer, or we hope it will. We strongly believe that helping you to stay informed is critical in helping you to pray most effectively for the peoples of Vietnam. Social media provides us the avenue to do so.

Through Social Media, we hope to:

- ◆ **Meet you where you are.** Many of you are already using facebook, Twitter or G Plus so we hope you will integrate reachingvietnam in what you are doing already.
- ◆ **Get prayer requests and updates to you quicker.** Through social media you will receive prayer requests sooner and we spend less time getting them to you. That means you can pray right at the point of need and we can spend more time on our Main Thing activities.
- ◆ **Give you the means to multiply your prayers and gather more people to pray for Vietnam.** This is the real strength of social media, the ability to multiply out with others what is important to us. This is also where we would ask that you PLEASE help us. Like our **facebook** page, follow us on **Twitter** or add us to your **G+ circles**. Then, please share our postings on your own pages or re-tweet our tweets. This helps to encourage your friends to pray for and follow us as well.



**Click on a video thumbnail above or below** to see some of the recent additions to our **reachingvietnam Vimeo channel**. We will continue to add some short videos periodically that help to explain the work in Vietnam or with specific areas for prayer. Maybe you can use one or more of these videos in your small group Bible study, mission emphasis of your church or prayer group.



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