



**March 2017 - The Invitation**  
**Topic: *Growth - Global***  
**March 9, 2017**

Join YWAMers around the globe in praying and hearing from God. He is inviting you!



500 People from 43 Countries Celebrate New University of the Nations Campus at Battambang, Cambodia in January (Dawn Gauslin)

Many of you joined us last month for The Invitation when we prayed for supernatural growth for ourselves and for our local communities. In a video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3O43HtEvxxg>), YWAM leader Lynn Green talked about prophetic messages YWAM has received about ten-fold growth and he explained how praying for growth fits with themes in the Bible.

We asked you to provide growth plans that God has given your location so we could include those in The Invitation for this month as we pray for growth from a global perspective. We heard from many of you and we reached out to several of the ministries associated with

YWAM to ask about their growth goals. These specific growth plans and prayers have been included in The Invitation for March and our prayer day on March 9.

As we prepare to pray for global goals, please watch this short video from YWAM's founder Loren Cunningham about praying for global growth. This video was prepared specifically for The Invitation this month:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzUyW\\_ITB1M&index=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzUyW_ITB1M&index=1)

Next month is our final month for praying about growth and we will focus on prayer about persecution that often accompanies growth. If you have a specific prayer or story about persecution associated with growth, please share that with us by emailing [prayer@ywam.org](mailto:prayer@ywam.org).

Also, from now on we are offering a new way to enter into The Invitation. You can now listen to The Invitation as a podcast. To sign up or listen to past episodes, go to:

<http://www.ywampodcast.net/category/shows/prayer>.

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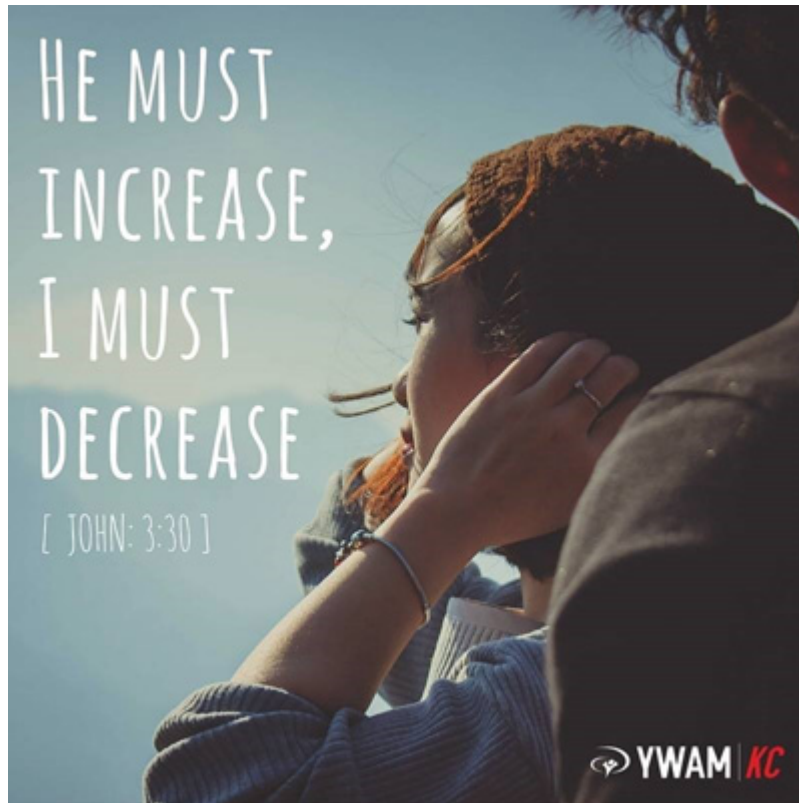
*Looking back and seeing the progress and looking ahead I know there is much more to come. What's going to happen in the future is more exciting than what's happened in the past.*

*Kevin Sutter, YWAM Frontier Mission*

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#### Prepare to Pray:

- Invite your location to spend some time corporately and individually listening to God and ask Him to speak to you regarding YWAM growth in general and regarding specific requests that have been outlined below.
  - Corporately: Watch the video from Loren Cunningham about praying for supernatural growth. Ask your worship team to design a time of worship that praises God and incorporates who God is and what God does.
  - Individually: Ask God to speak to you as you review the story of Noah (Genesis 6 - 9). Think about the faith that Noah had to be so obedient as to build an ark so far inland. Think about your own faith. Is God showing you an area where you can be more obedient to build what He wants you to build? (Inspired by YWAM Perth.)



*As you pray:*

- Pray as Jesus prayed: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Luke 10:2).
- Pray for all YWAMers to be aware of global goals that God has given YWAM and that each will understand their part.
- Pray for building of character. Pray for leaders of YWAM teams and ministries to effectively disciple staff and students to have a “Jesus” character so that non-believers see Jesus in them and come to faith. (From YWAM Perth.)
- Pray for YWAM staff and students to have faith to live the growth. Pray that we will repent of any unbelief related to provision and growth. Pray that we will trust God with all our heart. (From YWAM Sertão, Brazil.)

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*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*

*Proverbs 3:5*

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## Pray for global growth:

- Pray for the following growth goals and prayer requests from various YWAM ministries:
  - End Bible Poverty Now: Pray that all the remaining 1,776 Bible-less languages would have at least a verbal recording of the New Testament by Christmas 2020 as a gift to Jesus ([endbiblepovertynow.com](http://endbiblepovertynow.com)).
  - Frontier Mission: For several years, God has been speaking to our YWAM Frontier Missions leadership team to believe Him for supernatural increase in the harvest. With a focus upon making new disciples and starting Disciple-Making Movements, they have set a goal: "10X and Beyond!" Ten times the number of new believers and ten times the number of new movements among the unreached. Over the past few years, they have already seen a three-fold increase in disciple-making movements. Pray for God to lead them to the fulfillment of their goal to see a 10-times increase by 2020.
  - Mercy Ministry: Pray for YWAM and its partners to have 18,000 mercy ministry staff in 200 countries by 2020 ministering to 50 million of the poorest and most vulnerable people.
  - City Ministries: Pray for urban ministry teams in every one of the 40,000 cities worldwide where YWAM does not yet have a long-term presence.
  - YWAM Ships: Pray for a fleet of 40 ships serving isolated islands and rivers throughout the world. The current fleet stands at 25 vessels. Pray also for trust to develop between YWAM ships and the governments of nations so that YWAM can engage the spheres of the nation where doors are open.
  - Horn of Africa: Last month a group of YWAM pioneers met in Somaliland, a country that does not yet have long term YWAM presence, and they prayed for growth in their region. Pray for their goals for the next two years: four teams on the ground in Somaliland, a beachhead into Yemen, and six-fold growth in workers in another Horn of Africa country.
  - YWAM DNA Infusion Asia reports that God has given the body of Christ in Cambodia a vision to see a church planted in every village by 2021. Please pray for this.
  - Mission Builders currently equips between 500 and 1,000 volunteers to serve 20-100 YWAM ministry centers each year. Pray for their long-term faith goal to raise up 15,000 volunteers each year to serve every YWAM ministry that has a need. They also want to thank everyone who prayed for them last year. They were able to pay off their mortgage by December 31, 2016.
  - YWAM Associates USA: Pray for God to use the transition and changes in leadership to reveal His growth plans for YWAM Associates.
  - University of Nations: Pray for effectiveness in serving where the need is greatest, supporting students in completing tracks and degrees and developing courses and tracks that empower people to engage.
  - Homes of Hope is currently building 390 homes for the poor each year in 9 different locations. Pray for their growth goal to build 600 homes for the poor each year involving 12,000 volunteers.

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*For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.*

*1 Corinthians 4:20*

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Dedication of New University of Nations Campus in Battambang, Cambodia (Dawn Gauslin)

**Take Action:**

- If you missed this video from last month, watch Lynn Green speaking about prayer for growth: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3O43HtEvxxg>
- Establish an area at your location where global and local growth goals can be visibly displayed as a reminder to pray and to focus.
- Read “Kingdom Reflections” by Kevin Sutter of Frontier Mission: <http://www.ywamfm.com/index.php/blog/kingdom-reflections/85-kingdom-reflections>
- Read the warning about unbelief that can cause years of lost growth: [http://www.ywamkb.net/kb/Tom\\_Bloomer's\\_word](http://www.ywamkb.net/kb/Tom_Bloomer's_word)
- Read article on *Increase!* <http://fmsouthasia.blogspot.com/2016/04/in-recent-training-author-of-training.html>
- Read article regarding why we value reporting and tracking of our activities related to increase: <http://fmsouthasia.blogspot.com/2016/07/why-do-we-value-reporting-and-tracking.html>





### YWAM Ships: Goal of 40 Ships

- Share on [facebook.com/youthwithamission](https://www.facebook.com/youthwithamission), post a picture and add a comment about how you prayed.
- Go to [twitter.com](https://twitter.com); search for [#praywithywam](https://twitter.com/search?q=#praywithywam) and tweet about your prayer time/post a picture.
- Send an email to [prayer@ywam.org](mailto:prayer@ywam.org) letting us know how you prayed and what God revealed to you.



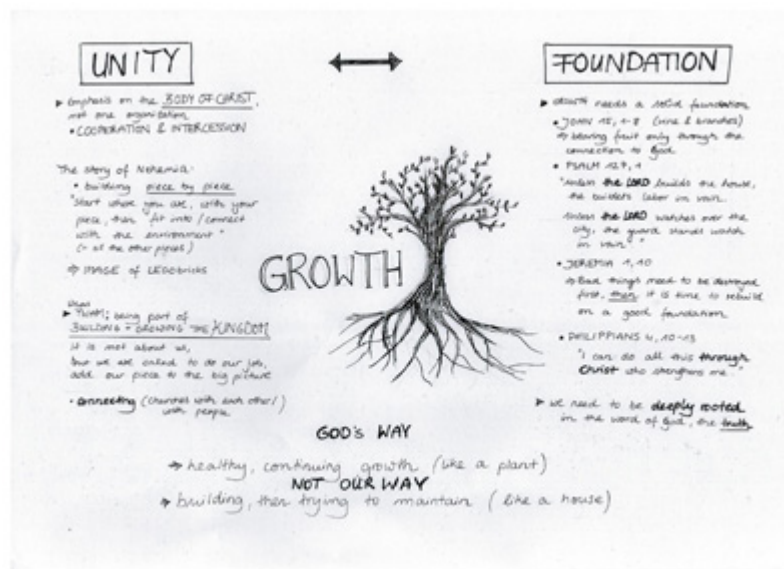
Representatives from YWAM Blantyre, YWAM Kona and YWAM Hernhutt Praying in Malawi in January during The Invitation

### How We Prayed

#### *February 2017 – Growth - Local*

- YWAM Perth, Australia was praying for their YWAM locations in East Asia when they sensed that God was telling them to communicate their specific prayers for YWAM globally. (See prayers above related to obedience and character.)
- YWAM Sertão, Brazil shared prayers noted above and reported that God gave them the word “people” regarding local growth.

- YWAM Colombia: A woman from YWAM Colombia shared several topics for future prayer. Topics included family, marriage and others.
- A Chilean asked for prayers for his country where there are outbreaks of fire, specifically that the fires would cease and that Chileans would turn to God in genuine and humble ways.
- A Syrian refugee requested prayer for his family seeking resettlement in Argentina.
- YWAM Tallinn, Estonia prayed and listened and sent this photo of their time with the Lord:



The Invitation – February 2017 - YWAM Tallinn, Estonia

### January 2017 – Unity – Building Bridges

- YWAM Blantyre, Malawi reported that God brought representatives from over 10 countries covering five of the six continents to their location in early January. Staff and students from YWAM Kona, YWAM Hernhutt and YWAM Blantyre prayed for unity in YWAM and within the church. After praying for each continent they went out in mixed teams to pray in the community. They also prayed that YWAM would be an effective vehicle in drawing the body of Christ together.
- At the YWAM DNA Infusion Asia Conference in Battambang, Cambodia almost 500 people prayed for unity within the body of Christ. They also thanked the architects of the new campus for their story of dependence on God for every detail of their work.

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*How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!*

*Psalm 133:1*

*(Cited by YWAM Blantyre during prayer.)*

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**Future Topics:**

April 13, 2017 *Growth: Persecution*

May 11, 2017 *Spiritual Formation*

June 8, 2017 *Back to Jerusalem*

**Don't Miss The Invitation:**

- Sign up for prayer updates. Go to [ywam.org](http://ywam.org), find the "Stay Connected" box on the home page, put in your email address and click "Sign Up."
- Download prayer updates in a specific language. Go to [ywam.org/theinvitation](http://ywam.org/theinvitation). (Currently available in Spanish, Portuguese, French, Indonesian, Korean or request other languages.)
- Join the conversation about how God is leading in these prayer times. Comment on the Facebook page on the second Thursday at [facebook.com/youthwithamission](https://facebook.com/youthwithamission) or on Twitter [@ywam](https://twitter.com/ywam), hash tag [#praywithywam](https://twitter.com/praywithywam).
- You can now listen to The Invitation as a podcast. To sign up or listen to past episodes, go to: [ywampodcast.net/category/shows/prayer](http://ywampodcast.net/category/shows/prayer).
- If you sense God giving you a word or a direction for YWAM's prayer, please contact us: [prayer@ywam.org](mailto:prayer@ywam.org).

