Grand Marais Prayer Initiative

February 17th & 21st, 2021 Informational Meetings

Agenda

- Provide Added Detail About Initiative
  - Guiding Principles
  - Personal Experience
  - Minimum Requirements for Participation
  - Resources Available
  - Operating Schedule
  - Mid & Long Term Goals
- Maintaining Sustainability of Program
  - Organizational Framework
  - Implementation Team
- March 1, 2021 Kick-Off Materials
- Address Any Questions

Guiding Principles (Paraphrased)

- Spiritual muscle gets built through disciplined exercise. *Hebrews 5:14*
- For the moment all discipline seems painful, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those trained by it. *Hebrews 12:11*
- Each Christian is called to work out his/her own salvation with fear and trembling. *Philippians 2:12-13*
- Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [we are to] press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 3:13-14*
- We are not sufficient in ourselves for anything coming from us. *2 Corinthians 3:5*
- God hears & answers the earnest prayers of his people.*1 Peter 3:12*
- Church members seeking God with their whole heart will call upon Him, come and pray to Him and He will hear them and be found. *Jeremiah 29:12-14*
- The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true. *John 7:18*

Minimum Requirements

- Make a Daily Prayer Commitment
  - Participant's choice of duration
  - Use prayer map as guide during specified prayer time
- Maintain a Personal Record for Purposes of Reflection
  - Example forms provided, but participant can choose format of his/her preference
- Be Willing to Be Accountable to a Partner/Group
- Participate in Monthly Meeting
- Other Commitments
  - Suggested, but not required (e.g., fasting, study, etc.)

Resources Available

- Record-Keeping Aids
  - Prayer Initiative journal page
  - Accountability log
  - Both on GMEFC website
  - Example of use
- Monthly Prayer Map
  - Isn't meant to restrict pray-ers from praying about other matters outside committed time period
  - Supports unified prayer
- Accountability Preference Sheet (In Development)

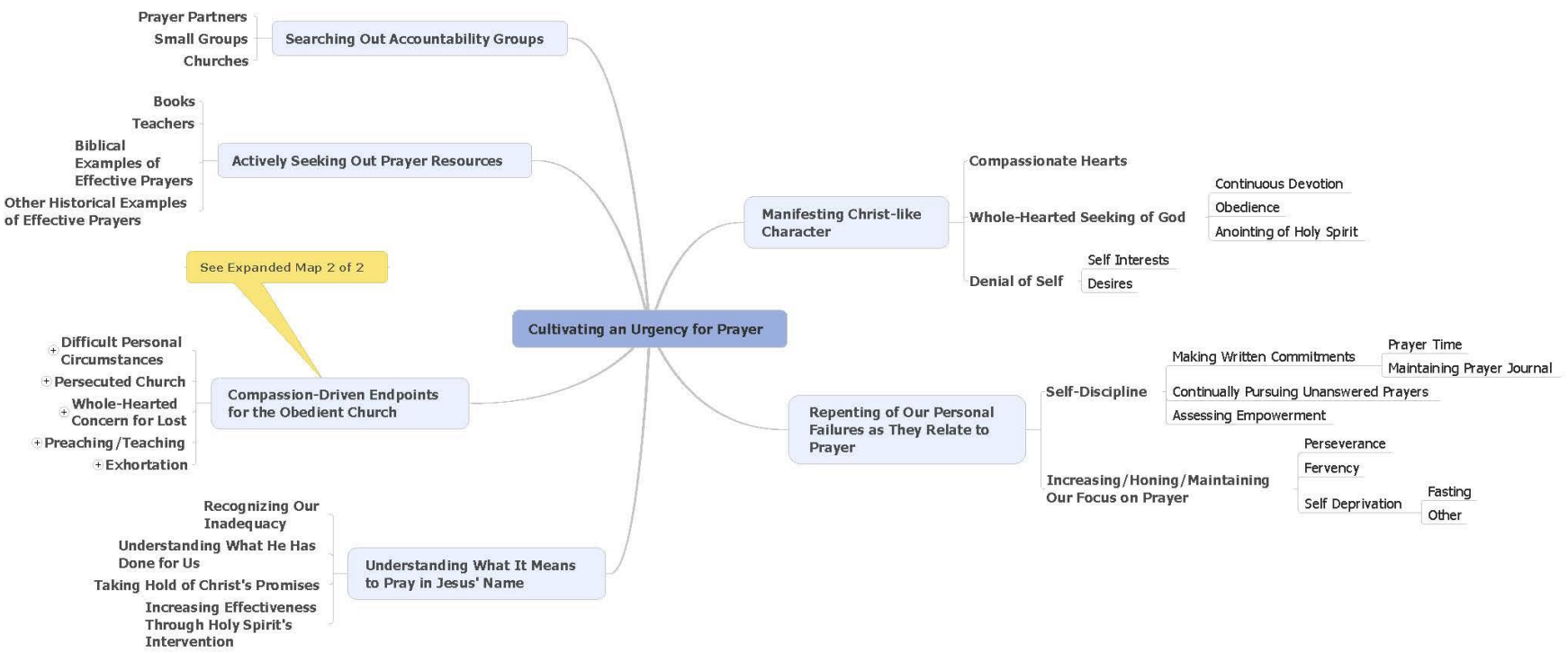
Prayer Initiative Journal Page

Date		Monthly Prayer Map ID	
Time of Day		Planned Prayer Elements for Today (Select from Map Specified Above and Note in the Space Below)	
Monthly Commitment Goals			
Time/Day (minutes)			
Specify Other			
Thoughts/Insights/Comments to Share with Others (Or Keep to Yourself for Posterity)			
Actual Prayer Time (minutes)		Actual Other	
Signature			

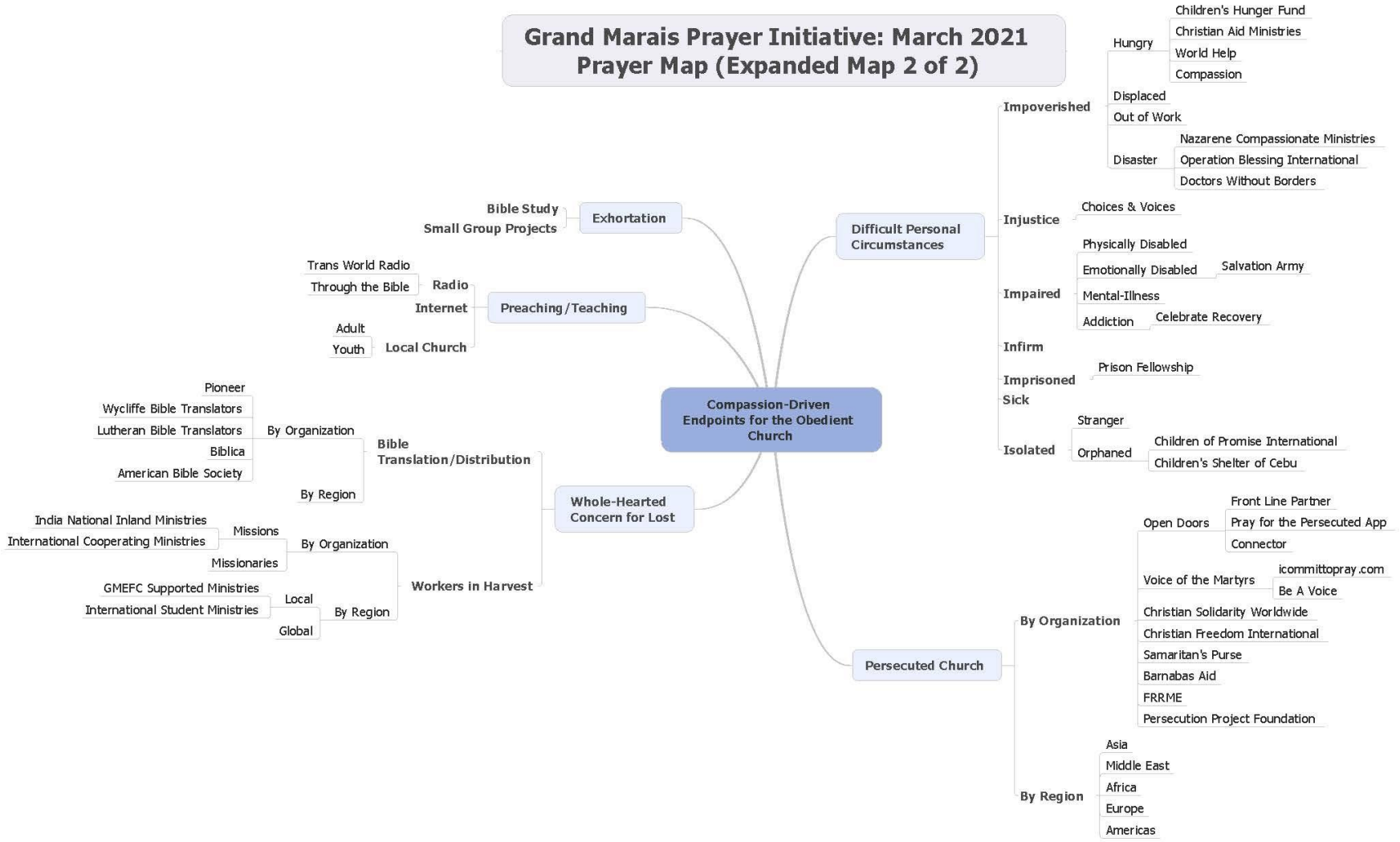
Accountability Log

Unified Map ID						
Month			Daily Prayer Goal (min)		Other Goal (Specify)	
	Prayer Accountability Data				Other Commitment	
	Time of Day Start	Time of Day End	Actual Prayer Time (min)	Difference (minutes)	Actual Other Result	Goal Attained (Y/N)
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						
13						
14						
15						
16						
17						
18						
19						
20						
21						
22						

Grand Marais Prayer Initiative: March 2021 Prayer Map (Map 1 of 2)



Grand Marais Prayer Initiative: March 2021
Prayer Map (Expanded Map 2 of 2)



Accountability Partnering Preferences Questionnaire

The following questionnaire is designed to help participants in the Grand Marais Prayer Initiative identify an accountability partner (or small group) willing to hold one another accountable for their anonymous daily prayer commitment made as part of the Initiative. The responses to this questionnaire will be used by the implementation team to help participants that do not have a partner or group find one. Please return this questionnaire to Deb Veit at freechurch@boreal.org.

Q1. Do you currently have a person or small group willing to help hold you accountable for the daily prayer commitment you make to yourself as part of this prayer initiative?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Q2. If you answered "Yes" to Question No. 1 skip to Q5.

Q3. If you answered "No" to Question 1, which of the following statements best describes your preference regarding an accountability partner or small group?

- ○ My preference is to partner with my spouse
- ○ I would prefer to partner with one person
- ○ I would be comfortable partnering with others in a small group (2-3 people)
- ○ I would be comfortable partnering with others in a larger group (3-6 people)

Q4. I would like help in finding an applicability partner. (Yes/No)

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Q5. What would be your preferred frequency for communicating with an accountability partner?

- ○ Weekly
- ○ Bi-weekly (i.e., once every two weeks)
- ○ Monthly
- ○ Any of the above

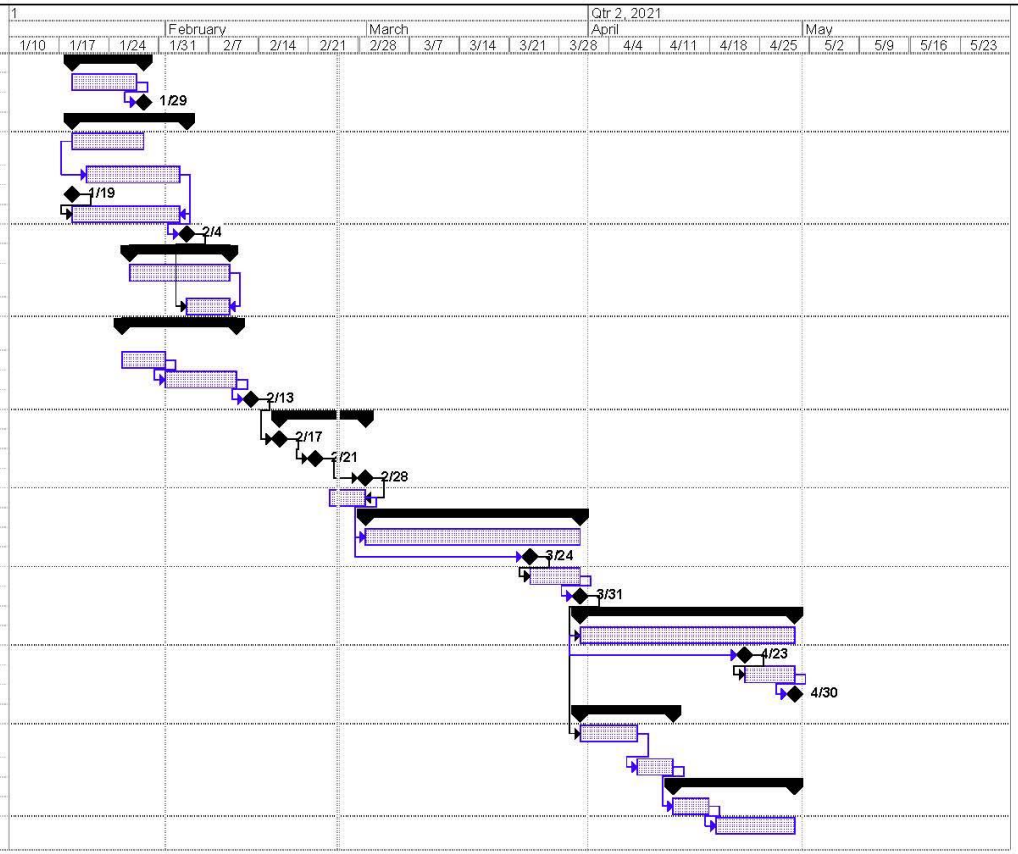
Q6. By what means are you willing to communicate with an applicability partner?

- ○ In-person only
- ○ Virtual (e.g., Zoom, Google Meet, etc)
- ○ Phone
- ○ Any of the above

Operating Schedule

- Prayer Map Provided at Beginning of Each Month
- Accountability Partners/Groups Meet as per Their Decision
- Monthly Meeting Conducted Around 24th of Each Month
  - Provide opportunity to discuss experiences/insights
  - Provide input into ideas for following month's prayer map
  - Praise God for privilege of coming to Him in Prayer
  - Ask for God's blessing to grow in our whole-hearted love of Him
- Team Produces Monthly Prayer Map
  - Distributed to participants prior to Day 1 of new month
- Schedule Provided on Website

ID	Outline Number	Task Name
1	1	**Finalize Critical Organizational Details**
2	1.1	Propose Auspice Under Which Prayer Initiative Will Operate
3	1.2	Pastor and Elders Finalize Organizational Approach
4	2	**Establish Roll-out Process**
5	2.1	Finalize Congregational Introduction to Prayer Initiative Goals and Processes
6	2.2	Finalize Background Documents to Post on GMEFC Website
7	2.3	Distribute Draft Shedule for Review by Elders
8	2.4	Elders Finalize Concepts & Scheduling
9	2.5	Finalize Roll-out Process
10	3	**Modify GMEFC Website & Post Informational Materials**
11	3.1	Incorporate Prayer as a Heading and Drop Down Menu to Provide Informational Documentation
12	3.2	Finalize Informational Materials for Posting on GMEFC Website
13	4	**Prepare Overview of Roll-Out for Presentation at February 14th Worship Service**
14	4.1	Provide Draft to Pastor/Elders for Comment
15	4.2	Redraft as per Comments Received
16	5	Present Overview & Announce Implementation Schedule
17	6	**Conduct Informational Meetings and Identify Participants**
18	6.1	February 17th Meeting
19	6.2	February 21st Meeting
20	6.3	February 28 Meeting
21	7	Materials Distributed to Partcipants
22	8	**Prayer Initiative Begins First Monthly Cycle**
23	8.1	Daily Commitments Regarding Prayer Begin
24	8.2	Conduct Monthly Meeting & Solicit Ideas for Monthly Prayer Map
25	8.3	Monthly Prayer Guide & Other Handouts Prepared for April
26	8.4	Team Distributes April Prayer Guide and Handouts to Participants
27	9	**Second Monthly Cycle Begins**
28	9.1	Daily Commitments Regarding Prayer Begin
29	9.2	Conduct Monthly Meeting & Solicit Ideas for Monthly Prayer Map
30	9.3	Monthly Prayer Guide & Other Handouts Prepared for April
31	9.4	Team Distributes April Prayer Guide and Handouts to Participants
32	10	**Identify Implementation Team**
33	10.1	Present Input from Monthly Meeting to Elders & Confirm Team Members
34	10.2	Contact Team Members & Finalize Implementation Team
35	11	**Implementation Team Meets**
36	11.1	Choose Coordinator
37	11.2	Team Receives Input from April Meeting and Prepares May Prayer Guide



Project: PI_Schedule20210119
Date: Thu 2/25/21

Task | Progress | Summary | External Tasks | Deadline
Split | Milestone | Project Summary | External Milestone

Mid & Long Term Goals

- Seek Participation of Other Communities of Faith in Grand Marais
- Add Instructive Resources
  - Discipling and mentoring progam
  - Books
  - Teaching
- Witness Transformation of Community
  - We Know What God Can Do with Five Loaves and Two Fish

Sustainability of Program

- Ultimately of God
- Organizational Framework
  - Operating under auspice of church elders
  - Implementation team of 3-4 volunteers installed

Your Questions

Thank you for participating!