

PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

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Business As Mission (BAM)



God gives some people the vocation of serving him through running a business.

Kingdom businesses are businesses with Kingdom of God perspectives. They have a 'quadruple bottom line': economic (tackling unemployment, poverty and aid-dependency); social, (enriching a society, not least by offering goods and opportunities that were not available before); environmental (being sustainable in terms of the earth's resources); and spiritual (bearing witness to the gospel).

The world is hungry for thousands of new businesses to be created. And the places where the gospel is least well-known are often also the places with the highest unemployment and the deepest poverty. Countries who close the door to missionaries often open it wide for business people.

Pray for a multiplication of fruitful businesses as mission enterprises

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es are an essential part of seeing a Kingdom impact in every sphere of society.

Pray that the Lord will call workers into the harvest field from among business entrepreneurs and professionals in the Church worldwide, so that these essential business skills and resources are released in greater number, for global mission.

Pray for a multiplication of fruitful businesses as mission enterprises that will address the world's most pressing economic, social, environmental and spiritual needs: fighting poverty, freeing slaves, providing for communities, creating good jobs, and bringing the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Pray for a growing number of resources and initiatives that will provide support for these BAM companies: mentoring, training, startup and growth capital, partnerships, member care, prayer, events, and knowledge-sharing networks.

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ARGENTINA



Argentina (population 44 million) has been a democracy since 1983, despite many economic difficulties. This mainly - but decreasingly - Catholic country in South America is trying to shake off years of inward-looking economic stagnation and open itself to the world again.

Repeated crises have led to spiritual hunger and revival. Many people have turned to Christ and been strengthened in their commitment to social justice. Pope Francis is Argentinian.

Pray for God's Kingdom to take root and flourish in every part of this country, and for Argentina to be a blessing to the world. Evangelicals grew from 1 million in 1980 to 3.7 million in 2010.

ARMENIA



In 301 AD this country in the Caucasus mountains of West Asia (now 3 million people) became the first nation to adopt Christianity as its national faith. Christians invented the Armenian written language,

translated the scriptures, and have shaped the nation ever since.

Over the centuries, despite hostility, persecution, and even massacres, Armenians have spread around the world and brought a Christian witness into the Middle East, Central Asia and North America. Armenians helped shape the birth of the Pentecostal movement in the USA from 1899 onwards.

Pray that Armenian Christians will reclaim their spiritual heritage through a living faith in Christ.

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