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"Helping ignite culturally relevant heart worship, especially in places where Christ-followers are restricted, persecuted or unknown."

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Greetings from Heart Sounds International!

This month we want to introduce you to the facet of our ministry that powers everything we do—prayer!

DIRECTOR FOR PRAYER

Jolene Wilson is HSI's Director for Prayer. Her experience includes over 50 years of involvement in music and missions. In the 1990s she met Frank Fortunato, Heart Sounds International's Coordinator and has been involved with HSI since its inception, including designing HSI's original website. Jolene remarked "It is exciting to see how I can reach out via cyberspace from a little office in the corner of my trailer, next to my apple orchard, among the cornfields of Iowa!" As Heart Sounds grew, so did her prayer role. She now coordinates a number of prayer initiatives for Heart Sounds International.



WEEKLY PRAYER CONFERENCE

We believe that prayer and worship are inseparable; both are intimate interactions with God. It is understandable that Heart Sounds International places a very high value on prayer and the role prayer plays in what God has called us to do – to encourage worship. In addition to our personal prayers, we meet weekly for a prayer telephone conference call. Jolene coordinates and facilitates these meetings. During that special hour, we bring to the Lord our concerns, ideas, plans, and praises. We seek to match our hearts to His.

VIRTUAL PRAYER JOURNEYS

During the 2005 Pakistan project, Jolene recognized the tremendous power of "on site" prayer. Having intercessors on all of our future teams was discussed, but logistically and financially, that often isn't an option. What might be an alternative? How can we give our intercessors the flavor of "on site" prayer without actually being there? The result was Jolene's development of HSI's Virtual Prayer Journeys. Via email, our project intercessors receive information about the country, which might include its culture, history, geography, religion and music. This, coupled with the itinerary of the project, allows intercessors to pray with the team daily as the project unfolds. Each VPJ is unique, influenced by the security level and goals of the project.

A trip report following the project gives our intercessors the joy of seeing their prayers in action.

INTERCESSORS NEEDED

Heart Sounds is always looking for intercessors to partner with us in ministry. There are several possible levels of involvement... choose what best fits your prayer pattern:

We need pray-ers – who get HSI news and pray as God prompts.

We need prayer partners – who will commit to praying daily/weekly for HSI

We need prayer champions – who not only pray regularly, but recruit others (churches, missions committees, music teams) to pray and provide them with information

If you would like to become involved on one of these levels of prayer,

Email Jolene at pray@heart-sounds.org

or go to our website <http://www.heart-sounds.org/involved/pray.htm>

Thank you for partnering with Heart Sounds International. Your prayers help us work more effectively all around the world!

Warmly yours,
Frank Fortunato
HSI Coordinator

CONNECTING WITH HSI

Pray - Prayer is the fuel that powers this ministry.

Go - There are always opportunities to serve. [Contact us](#) for available options!

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