Your Epic Advent Journey Begins Here!



"Behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people!"



"Advent" means Arrival

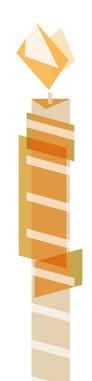
This Christmas season, take an epic journey around the world—up high mountains, across barren deserts, and into dangerous restricted nations. Weekly reflections and a daily prayer plan will guide you and your loved ones on a twenty-five day Advent experience focused on the true joy and meaning of Christmas. Learn about the challenges believers face as they carry the Good News of Jesus to every corner of the world. And join them through your prayers and gifts as we celebrate Christ's arrival on earth as our Healer, Savior, and Prince of Peace.



Quick Guide to **Pelebrating Advent**

For hundreds of years, Christians from many traditions and cultures have celebrated Advent on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas by lighting candles, praying, reading Scripture, and reflecting on God's Gift to us. The Advent Wreath is a symbol of the Christmas story and it provides a quiet gathering place for believers in a busy season. Traditionally, an Advent Wreath has four candles (three purple, one pink) arranged around a central white candle (the Christ Candle), which is lit on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You can use the traditional candles or keep it simple by placing stickers on the Advent Map. Show us how you celebrate by posting a picture on social media and tagging Every Home.

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AfricaTo the Margins and the Outcasts

Every Home Africa leaders and teams, across 54 ministries, have launched incredible outreach and discipleship initiatives, particularly among marginalized communities. People who are often overlooked by governments, communities, and even their own families are encountering the unconditional, transformational love of Christ through unique outreach strategies and practical aid! Margins projects in Africa typically start in the fall and end in the spring, coinciding with the Christmas and Easter seasons. From Fall 2023 to Spring 2024, 385,273 people encountered the love of Jesus through a margins project in Africa!

Our ministries throughout Africa, however, face a significant challenge when it comes to access. Insufficient road and energy infrastructure mean that some communities are only accessible by plane or all-terrain vehicles and motorbikes. Because many remote regions lack electricity, face-to-face outreach is the only way to reach many people, making transportation all the more essential.

Help believers overcome obstacles like difficult terrain and reach remote and marginalized communities with the love of Jesus!

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The Americas Starting in Our Neighborhood

In 2023, Every Home shared 240,000 Love Your Neighbor kits with churches in the Americas! Each kit—Every Home's newest resource—equips twelve believers and their families to share Jesus with their neighbors in their daily life. First launched in the Americas, the kit is now in high demand around the world!

Believers in the Americas are eager to be equipped for outreach. In some ways, the Americas are more open to the message of Jesus than ever before. But our teams face several significant challenges. Political tensions and unrest, criminal activity, and lack of infrastructure—like roads—make it difficult and often dangerous to carry Christ, particularly to remote, rural communities.

Your gift can provide transformative resources like the Love Your Neighbor kit to believers and equip Every Home teams with transportation—over land and down rivers—to reach rural communities.

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Asia Pacific To the Biggest Cities and the Smallest Islands

Our Every Home teams in Asia Pacific are celebrating 10,000 people coming to know Jesus this year in the Philippines alone! This is the result of a massive effort to inspire and equip churches across the nation to carry Christ to their communities. Huge projects like this are happening all over Asia Pacific!

Our teams in Asia Pacific face the challenge of reaching several nations with enormous populations, but Christian populations in these nations are often tiny. In Myanmar, a relatively open nation despite recent unrest, Christians make up only 8% of the population. In Japan, that number is only 1%. Additionally, some nations have increased restrictions on outreach. Now more than ever, it is essential that believers in Asia Pacific have the training and resources they need to carry the love of Jesus to their neighbors.

Give to equip believers with training and resources in their language to share Jesus with everyone in their nation!

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Eurasia

Through War-torn Cities and Wilderness

Our teams in Eurasia are excited to report that this year, in both Romania and Serbia, Every Home has completed full outreach coverage! That means that Every Home teams have made at least one attempt to contact and share Jesus with every home in these nations! Our work in these nations isn't done yet, however. Many people do not live in traditional homes. And our teams will continue to carry Jesus to every person in their nations!

Despite encouraging success, Every Home Eurasia faces several challenges. Conflicts in Armenia and Ukraine pose risks to ministry but also open doors to share the hope of Jesus. Long-standing tensions between ethnic groups can also be an obstacle to sharing the gospel. And some nations are also increasing restrictions on ministry, compelling our teams to invent creative solutions—like the Bible Museum Bus project, an educational outreach that creates a legal space to share about Jesus's love in a nation with strict restrictions.

Your gifts fuel creative outreaches, provide comfort and care to refugees in Jesus's name, and carry a hope of resolution and peace to hurting hearts.

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Restricted Nations (Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia) Into Dangerous Places

Our teams in the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia are united by the shared challenges of ministering in a predominantly Muslim region where persecution against Christians is common and believers face intense restrictions. Nevertheless, believers serving with Every Home are people of incredible courage and creativity. This year, Every Home teams launched two new ministries in highly restricted nations, bringing the light of Christ into areas dominated by turmoil and despair.

In 2025, our leaders are prayerfully preparing to establish a ministry in a nation that has been embroiled in conflict for generations and faces huge humanitarian needs. This nation needs the love of Jesus! The task ahead is daunting. Our leadership reports that believers are frequently imprisoned in this region. Some simply disappear. Pray for God's protection and provision!

Help believers navigate dangerous new territory to bring the hope and love of Jesus to every person in the Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia, and restricted nations around the world.

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New NationsPushing Limits, Mapping New Roads

Every Home is active in 165 nations around the world. Depending on how you count nations, that means Every Home is active in about 85% of the world's nations. In 2023, we opened new ministries in four countries. And in 2024, we opened three new national ministries.

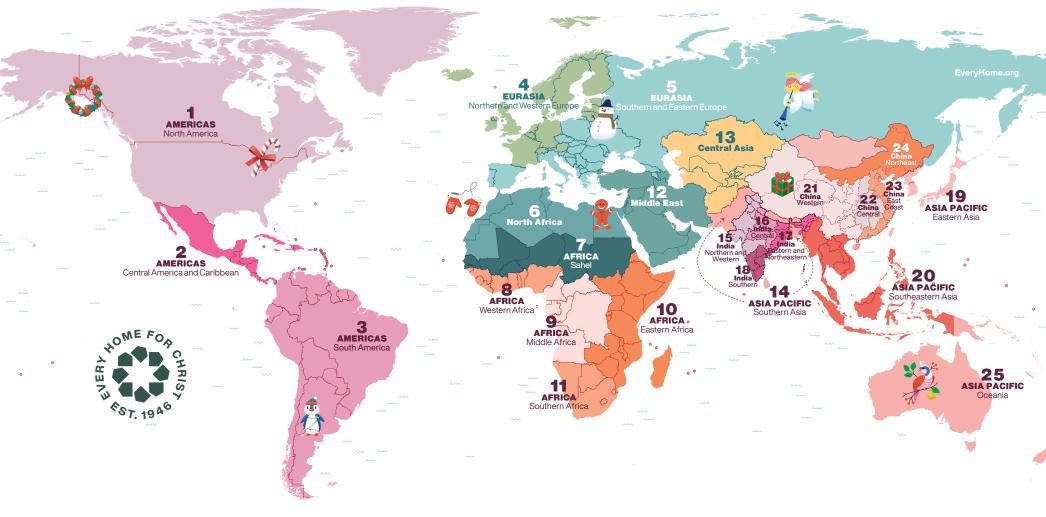
Launching a new ministry requires tremendous resources, careful strategy, and steadfast prayer. Here's a snapshot of what's needed for a new ministry office:

- Local leaders ready to serve in their nation.
- A network of partnerships with local churches.
- Outreach and discipleship materials crafted for the nation's context or translated into local languages.
- Transportation and equipment suited to the terrain.

There are nations on every continent that are still waiting for Every Home ministry. Be part of incredible journeys into new nations. Give today to New Nations initiatives!

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December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5
North America	Central America	South America	Northern & Western Europe	Southern & Eastern Europe
December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15
Southern Africa	Middle East	Central Asia	Southern Asia	Northern & Western India
December 21	December 22	December 23	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Western China	Central China	East Coast of China	Northeast China	Oceania (Asia Pacific)

December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10
North Africa	The Sahel (Africa)	Western Africa	Middle Africa	Eastern Africa
December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20
Central India	Eastern & NE India	Southern India	Eastern Asia	Southeastern Asia

Week 1: Promise



(If celebrating with candles, light the first purple candle.)

Read: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 and Isaiah 2:2-5

Reflect: Long ago, God promised a Savior would cross space and time and come right into our neighborhood. He would be a real person, like us. His presence would be light, a light so bright it would pull all the nations of the world to it. As you light this first Advent candle, think about why Jesus was compared to light. Why is light so important to us? Why do we need it? (Maybe turn off other lights in the room so that the candle is the only source of light.) When we walk into a dark room, the first thing we do is fumble for the light switch. Without light, we feel afraid, alone, and uncertain. We long for the light. The people of God waited for generations for the Light to come. Millions still wait.

Pray: This week, pray your way through the Americas, Eurasia, and part of Africa. While there is much that makes these regions unique, our teams share common needs and prayer requests. Please pray for more church partnerships and that more believers would be equipped to share Jesus.

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Week 2: Prophecy



(Light the second purple candle.)

Read: Isaiah 40:3-5 and Luke 1:26-38

Reflect: Nothing is impossible with God! Isaiah 40 is a beautiful poem that prophecies that the world will be completely transformed by Jesus's arrival—the hills will be flattened and the rough roads will be smoothed out. Think about living in the ancient world; few things would seem as eternal and unyielding as towering mountains. But God says that the mountains will change! He promises that the steep roads will become easy! Suffering will end. He also promises to draw near to humans. Throughout the Old Testament, high mountains symbolize the place where God dwells. The promise that the mountains would be "made low" fortells that people will no longer have to go to a temple or climb a mountain to talk with God. God is coming to us! It all seems impossible—flat mountains, God coming to earth. But "with God, nothing is impossible!" Even reaching the whole world!

Pray: This week, as you pray through Africa and Restricted Nations in the Middle East and Central Asia, help "prepare the way of the Lord," by praying that God's promises would be fulfilled and the rough roads would be smooth and all would see the glory of the Lord.

Week 3: **Joy**



(Light the pink candle.)

Read: Luke 2:8-20

Reflect: The candle we light this week is different from the others. Sometimes, this pink candle is called the "Shepherd Candle." It symbolizes the joy of the shepherds as they ran through the streets of Bethlehem in the middle of the night shouting that the long-awaited Savior had come! It was news too good to sleep through and too good to keep to themselves! The people of Bethlehem might have thought the shepherds were crazy. But, really, they would have been crazy to stay quiet. Believers still share the Good News in ways that might seem crazy. In parts of Africa, believers joyously proclaim Jesus's love with music and megaphones mounted on the backs of trucks as they drive down streets. Reminds you of the shepherds, right? And then there are the thousands of believers who risk everything to share Jesus with their neighbors. Their ministry might be quieter, but it's just as daring. As you light the pink candle, reflect on how the love of Jesus makes us notably different and transforms us into people of bold joy with news that is way too good to keep to ourselves.

Pray: This week, as you pray through India and Asia Pacific, ask God to fill believers with joy and boldness to carry his love to their neighbors and communities. If you feel courageous, ask God to show you his love so powerfully that you can't help but share it.

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Week 4: **Love**



(Light the final purple candle.)

Read: John 3:16

Reflect: What does it mean that God showed his love for the world by giving us his Son? Every Home is on a mission to carry the love of Jesus to every human heart. And, every day, believers risk their lives to make sure another home, another person, receives God's Greatest Gift. Why is it so important, worth so much risk? If you asked a believer working with Every Home, their answer would probably sound very similar to Isaiah 9:2-I was walking in darkness, death looming over me, and suddenly Jesus appeared, bright and full of love. He showed me the way out. Jesus's love changes us. Now, we see our neighbors hungry, weary, suffering but also so precious, so beloved. We love them with the love of Jesus. That love causes us to see human hearts are worth any cost, even God's only Son, even our own lives. This week, in the final days of Advent, challenge yourself to sacrificially share Christ's love. Maybe you sacrifice your comfort zone to talk to a neighbor or sacrifice time you had planned to spend on something else. Experience Christ's love carried through you to the world!

Pray: As you pray for China and Asia Pacific this week, pray for Christ's love to be known and experienced by every person in places that may seem impossible to reach due to restrictions on ministry, enormous populations, or lack of access. Pray that God would do what seems impossible again!

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