

Power Plays on the Missions Trail, Part 2

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Text: Acts 16:16-21 NASB

1. Find a place to pray. *Matthew 14:23, Acts 16:13*

In that place of prayer, things will happen! There is power in prayer. Missionary Hudson Taylor's mom prayed for him and at that exact time, he gave his heart to Jesus! A few elderly women prayed for years in secret in the Hebrides Isles and one day revival broke out! When we pray, God moves. Look at Matthew 17:14-21.

2. God moves in power through prayer and fasting. *2 Chronicles 7:13-14, Isaiah 58:1-12, Matthew 17:14-21*

When we fast *and* pray, God frees the oppressed. God can cast out demons that won't leave otherwise. God can do great things for our nation!

3. God gives us power over the enemy. *Mark 10:17, Acts 16:18, James 4:7, 1 John 4:4*

You will find great opposition all around the world in villages from the local sorcerer because the power of the Gospel puts them out of business. When we bring the light into the darkness, the demons won't like it, but don't worry! Greater is He in you than he that's in the world.

Pray for our world. Pray against communism. Pray for the church. Fast and pray. Pray for our leaders. Pray that we will continue to have the freedom to assemble and worship. Pray against the world system that would be happy to have us stay home from church. Pray that leaders will understand that church is essential for us to be healthy citizens, so we can continue to contribute to the vitality and wealth of our nation.

Pray for the church to wake up. Pray for revival. Pray that God will move with power among us so that the world will take notice like Jacques did in Haiti. It starts with us.