

Greetings,

How to pray daily from Oct. 1-8 for Lisa Anderson-Umana and the team of professors/support staff during our upcoming training week for "Experiential Learning."

Day 1 Sunday Oct. 1, 2017

Pray for the 20 participants arriving today from Honduras and Central America to attend the week-long **Seminar of Experiential Learning** for God to open their hearts to one another to bond into a temporary Christian community. They will live close quarters and be eating, playing, learning together for 7 days.

Day 2 Monday Oct. 2, 2017

As we present the Biblical meta-narrative (Creation, Fall, Redemption-Jesus Christ, Second Coming) pray each person will understand their role as co-participants in God's redemptive activity in establishing His Kingdom here on earth like it is in heaven.

Day 3 Tuesday Oct. 3, 2017

Pray for people to work hard on improving their role as facilitators, which is to help people reflect on their experiences, the Bible, together with others, towards growth in Christlikeness.

Health and stamina is a key need for us this week. Pray especially for my co-worker, Bob Sabean and myself, as well as the full supporting staff, and the student instructors as well.

Day 3 Wednesday Oct. 4, 2017

Today is a day of transition. The 20 instructors we've been training since Sunday, will now, in turn, oversee training another 50 novice facilitators. Pray for a good sense of integration between the two separate groupings.

Bob and I will shift from an upfront role to a behind the scenes role, since those we trained will now take over the training. Pray for humility and consideration to step back and let others take charge, all the while offering encouragement.

Day 4 Thursday Oct. 5, 2017

Pray for the new facilitators who are learning to formulate open-ended questions to compel reflection on people's team building experiences. Thinking is hard work and camping people are action-oriented by nature, so critical thinking can be quite a chore. Pray the facilitators learn to be winsome and creative.

We expect that the climate at the campsite will be very hot, and it will rain every afternoon. Pray that in spite of the climate factors, we will be able to complete the varied team building activities and practice sessions that will take place outside "rain or shine."

Day 5 Friday Oct. 6, 2017

Pray for humble hearts and teachable attitudes as the students receive constructive criticism on their performance as facilitators.

Pray that the emotional and physical costs accumulated throughout the week will not weigh heavily on the attitudes and strengths of the participants; that enthusiasm and perseverance will be evident.

Day 6 Saturday Oct. 7, 2017

Today the 4-day workshop for the 50 new facilitators ends. Today they take their final exam and 99% will receive a passing “grade”, but there may be 1-2 who need further accompaniment, and can’t be certified, yet. (Who doesn’t pass? Those who disregard safety precautions even after being warned, those who don’t display a teachable attitude, and those who have exhibited little or no ability to competently manage a group during a team-building activity.)

Pray for bold truthfulness for the newly trained trainers as they stay one more day to evaluate their own performance. Pray God gives them foresight as they prepare to repeat this workshop in their own countries upon their return.

Day 7 Sunday Oct. 7-8, 2017

The spiritual impact of this week is tremendous, communally and individually. Together, they bunked, played, ate, rehearsed leading and debriefing initiatives, and gave each other feedback on their performances. Pray the internal teacher, the Holy Spirit, seals the lessons learned to their heart, bringing about permanent changes of habits, desires, and longings. For example, they wouldn’t be satisfied with being “consumers of experiences (i.e. been there, done that, what’s next?),” but would rather become connoisseurs, reflecting deeply on the meaning God gives them through their experiences.

Sunday/Monday. Pray for safety in travel as everyone returns home, not only to their homes in Honduras, but to the other Central American countries where they reside.

Thank you for joining us this week in prayer!

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