

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”  
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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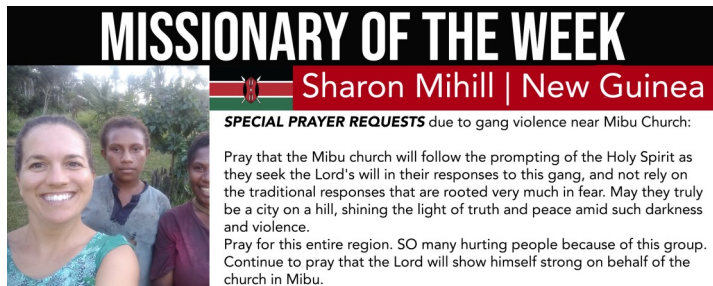
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**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK**  
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**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS** due to gang violence near Mibu Church:  
Pray that the Mibu church will follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit as they seek the Lord’s will in their responses to this gang, and not rely on the traditional responses that are rooted very much in fear. May they truly be a city on a hill, shining the light of truth and peace amid such darkness and violence.  
Pray for this entire region. SO many hurting people because of this group. Continue to pray that the Lord will show himself strong on behalf of the church in Mibu.



**GROWTH** **NEXT LEVEL** **GUIDE**

Handout: 01/02/22  
Study: 01/09/22

## Next Level Faith

### The Word of God

As we make the Word of God a part of our lives by reading, studying, and memorizing, we begin to grow in faith (1 Pet. 2:2). Every Christian needs to hear the Word of God taught and preached regularly (Ps. 1:1-3).

### Following biblical principles

A growing faith is an obedient faith. Usually, the exercise of faith will be rational, in keeping with what God wants done. We must put complete trust in the principles of the Bible and not trust our feelings. Faith is not a blind leap into the dark. Faith is following the light of God’s Word.

### Seeking the Lord

The doctrine of “seeking” the Lord is not usually emphasized, but it is biblical to search for God. “When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek” (Ps. 27:8). Our faith will grow as we seek God. First, we will begin to recognize the issues that keep us from God. Then, as we search for a better relation with the Savior, we will come to know God experientially.

### Confessing our sins

No Christian will live a sinless life, but God is constantly cleansing us through the blood of his Son. “If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (i John 1:17).

When we as Christians do sin, God will forgive and cleanse us if we confess our sins to him (i John 1:9). Every time we recognize sin in our lives and rid ourselves of its hindrance, we grow in faith.

### Constant Communion

If we want a growing faith we must have a constant communion with Jesus Christ. As we spend time in prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with Christ, we will develop our faith more fully. Jesus recognized that we would become like those we spend time with (Matt. 10:25). As we spend time with the Lord, we will become more Christlike in our faith.

### Testing of Difficult Experiences

Once we are saved, our faith is nurtured as we grow from victory to victory. Paul describes this “from faith to faith, as it is written, the just shall live by faith” (Rom. 1:17). God wants us to have faith in himself because that pleases and glorifies him. But living faith is not something we receive as one takes a vitamin pill. With the opportunity of taking a step of faith there is the risk of success or failure.

Source: “7 Ways To Grown In Faith” by Elmer Towns

## KEY VERSE

Luke 17:5 (NKJV)

*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"*

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## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: II Thessalonians 1:3; Proverbs 27:17; Romans 1:12**

### Friends

1. List some of the most important people in your life. How do they influence your faith?
2. Are you consistently hanging out with friends who will increase your faith?

**Tuesday: I Peter 1:6-7; Isaiah 48:10; II Corinthians 12:9-10**

### Adversity

3. Describe a time that you have gone through adversity and how it impacted your faith.
4. Are you consistently allowing adversity to increase your faith?

**Wednesday: James 1:2-4, 5:10-11; Hebrews 11:8-10; Deut. 8:2**

### Impatience

5. What are some things that make you impatient? How does that impact your faith?
6. Are you consistently waiting patiently on God to increase your faith?

**Thursday: Malachi 3:10; Hebrews 7:8; Proverb 3:9-10**

### Tithing

7. What does today's readings teach us about tithing?
8. How would you rate your generosity? What is the relationship between generosity and faith?
9. Are you consistently returning the full tithe to God and your local church to increase your faith?

**Friday: Romans 10:17; Matthew 4:4; Acts 2:42; II Tim. 4:2**

### Hearing

10. What do you do to hear the Word of God?
11. How does hearing the Word help your faith grow?
12. Are you consistently hearing the Bible through daily devotions, growth group, and church services to increase your faith?