

- † Rejoice with the E.C. Church in India as they celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the gospel in Manipur state. Pray for the delegation that will be visiting there from the United States in early May. Ask that this commemoration may lead to a fresh wave of revival and outreach there.
- † Celebrate the 579 professions of faith that were reported in our churches during 2009. Give thanks also for the many conversions and changed lives of which we may be unaware.
- † Cry out for the Lord of the harvest to call out and raise up additional church planters and pastors.
- † A personal note... thank you for your prayers in my struggle with a sleep disorder and its side effects. New treatments and additional lifestyle changes are in place that are making a significant difference.



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## HeartCry Prayer Letter and Calendar

IT IS A  
MYSTERY!!...

### *Unbind*

1. To release from bonds or restraint, as a prisoner; free.
2. To unfasten or loose, as bond or tie.

### *Unravel*

1. To separate or disentangle the threads of (a woven or knitted fabric, a rope, etc.).
2. To free from complication or difficulty; make plain or clear; solve; to unravel a situation; to unravel a mystery.
3. To take apart; undo; destroy (a plan, agreement, or arrangement).



Looking at the two definitions, it makes sense that the unraveling would occur first. Before you can unbind, you would need to unravel. And the unraveling is in a sense an unbinding.



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When the unraveling begins in my life, I only think of the third definition. Undo. Destroy. I don't typically see that God is at work underneath the fabric separating, disentangling, freeing me from complications or difficulties. I can't see that He wants to clear up or solve my addictions and idols. I grasp for faith that he is indeed unraveling a mystery in order to show me more plainly His Face.

In the past couple of weeks, I have had a bit of an unraveling.... Again.

I recently learned there would be another change in our family number of 20 --- we would be decreasing the number to 17 – the reason for the change was overwhelming if only taken from a logistics standpoint. Soon I began to nosedive: physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually.

OH... This does not mean that life was not good. I am aware of many blessings in my life. Many! I enjoy my work. I can use my life as a ministry point. I rejoice in my family... all are gifts from God. I know these things! I do! I hold these close to my heart: the blessing and the difficulties.

My tendency in the unraveling is to hunker down and hold on. To survive it I grip the loose threads and try to knit them back together. I grasp for the unraveling fabric and attempt to hide behind it. Nothing in me wants to spread wide my arms and let go. Freedom? This does not feel like freedom.



I need time to be quiet. I need time to process. But life is coming so fast I cannot seem to get it all done. "I really am demanding to understand, God. But You seem to be asking me to trust." I want to be the one to unravel the mystery. God wants me to just BE in his PRESENCE. And to worship HIS Mystery and HIS Majesty!

The unbinding, even the unraveling, is His work.

*So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. 2 Corinthians 4:15*

So release me from my "bindings" Precious Lord Jesus. Release me. Just like you release Paul and Silas as they praised and sang. Release me, too!

*Cheryl Mong  
For the Prayer Mobilization Team  
05-10*

## Bishop's Prayer List

- † For the completion of the stationing process. Give thanks for the assignments that have been finalized. Be in prayer for churches and pastors that will be in transition.
- † For the finalization of the preparations for National Conference and a high level of participation at the pre-conference meeting where the Strategic Plan will be presented.
- † For the Church Center Staff – Brenda Long, Jodi Earhart, Pat Wolfe, Ken Wiest, Kevin Henry, Shirley Long, Rose Spiess, Peggy Derr, Pat Strain and Carla Sizemore who serve our churches so willingly and provide outstanding support to the National Conference and Global Ministries Commission Administrators. We are blessed!
- † For Fred Moury as he concludes his term as Conference Minister for the Susquehanna Region and for Gordy Lewis as he prepares to move into that role in July.

