### **FBC Ambassador Prayer Items** February 2022

STEVE and DONNA THURMAN, in *Idaho* in US, but will take some trips overseas - Team Kiwi



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- We get excited when a new year begins. God always has surprises for us, and we mean, **always**. He blesses us, and we experience those blessings each day—in our marriage, with our family, in our ministry, and with new friendships and the many evangelism opportunities these bring. We **know** God's blessings are coming ... pray with us as we thank Him in advance.
- In regard to what God has "called" us to do, He keeps opening up ministry opportunities here in the US and around the world. Covid has slowed us and, truth is, in many ways has ground us to a halt, at least in terms of the freedom to travel

the world, as in days of old. Please pray with us, and ask God to give us wisdom as we decide **where** to go, **what** to do, **when** to do it, and **how** to kick start our world travels again.

- Please pray for Steve as he prepares for teaching at the Grace Evangelical Society conference in May, as well as the many hours he spends studying and writing on the Old Testament commentary.
- Praise we continue to be blessed with good health. May God give us wisdom how to use this gift as we serve
  others.
- Pray for Bevan and Audrey, who are friends from New Zealand. They are pursuing a return to ministry in a southeast Asia country, which currently is a dangerous place. Pray for wisdom, safety and open doors if God wills.
- Pray for Bishop Ibrahim in Nigeria. The people he is serving are dealing with the effects of Covid which has brought economic problems. Also bandits have not allowed farmers to harvest and in some cases set farms on fire.

#### FINN and SANDY TORJESEN, TEAM and Evergreen

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We haven't been able to return to China since we left in August 2020. Our hearts go out to our loved ones there. Please pray for believers to be strengthened, have courage and live from an ever deepening understanding of God's grace and truth. Pray that will impact their children and other family members. We pray for a knowledge of God's love and hope in Jesus to be made known and people to choose Him in spite of a variety of pressures.



- We will be transitioning into retirement in June of this year. Please pray with us for this transition. We will still go to China and build on those long-time relationships when possible. Usually, in our organization, this would be the time to travel and have a chance in person to thank those that have supported us for these past 4 decades. Please pray with us for opportunities, energy, wisdom and paths open in spite of Covid impact in many areas and for many loved ones with health concerns.
- Please keep praying for Davin and his family. In a recent appointment he was given some more and specific
  exercises to keep building up his left biceps. The triceps are doing better. So patience and faithful, daily
  exercise is something to keep praying for. Keep praying with us for healing. Also, things are changing at his
  work and looking uncertain. Please pray for trust in the Lord's plans and purposes for them in China and
  through their relationships.
- There has been a lot of death, serious illness and changes of plans in life and work in our extended family recently. Please keep praying for us: for comfort, for a close relationship with the Lord, to trust His guidance in the "fog", to support and love each other well in the transitions and times of need.



RON and MIKEL ANN PRITZ, in Colorado Springs One Challenge Associates
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Our February will include a trip to Oklahoma and Texas to visit grand kids and watch
them in their sports (basketball and wrestling) and watching a high school theater
production directed by our son's wife, Katie at San Antonio Christian School. We'll
be traveling the first half of the month for these special "grandparents" events! The
rest of the month we'll be in the Springs continuing in our normal ministries which

include some leadership functions at our mission (OC), some mentoring and Mikel Ann leading a Bible Study Fellowship group. We manage to keep busy in spite of being "grounded" for international ministry. We are

beginning to plan for on-site teaching in a South Asia country in August if the Lord wills. We will purchase our tickets in February and then just wait and see if things open up for travel to the country to teach. Thanks for your on-going prayers.

#### ERIC and DEB SMITH, in Colorado Springs at One Challenge

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- Pray for Marla, who is replacing Deb, as she takes on her new role.
- Eric hopes to use a book next time with the church planters. Pray for the rewriting necessary for the book and then the translation into Mongolian.
- Pray for the church planters who attended the December training as they apply what they learn and interact with other church planters.
- Pray for more people to attend the May training.





ED and KAREN ALDRICH, His Urban Presence, Colorado Springs emeraldgems@aol.com, klouisamay@aol.com, http://www.hisurbanpresence.org/

- Praise for more work opportunities for some of the homeless folks that His Urban Presence serves. Pray as we seek to serve those in the community who are homeless or struggling to get back on their feet. We especially would like God's guidance into how best serve the folks we serve in this time of the Covid.
- Pray for God's guidance for what He wants in the future. There are possibilities with partnering with other ministries.
- We live busy lives including serving in ministry, relationships with friends, and being parents. Pray for energy, strength, and wisdom to balance the different priorities.

# RICK and LEAH ROOT, Experience Community, Colorado Springs rnl@weccs.org, www.weccs.org

- We want to praise the Lord for providing for our needs of guidance, strength and encouragement during a very busy unexpected season. He has been our sustenance in every way.
- Pray as we are able to help with a number of Family Life conferences these next weeks.
- There has bee a lot of loss in our extended family these last two months. Pray as we and the extended family work through the losses.



#### SHEIKA and HAKA SAMBUUDORJ, in *Ulaanbaatar*, *Mongolia* with Witness Mongolia

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- Sheika plants churches and trains church planters in Mongolia. Haka ministers to medical professionals in Mongolia and works with disabled children. They have three children, Tungana, Tebo, and Megeii.
- Praise that the churches are able to meet in person again. They are also still supplying relief packages to people who need these.
- Praise that doctors and medical workers have received Christ as a savior while they going through the difficult times dealing with Covid cases in the

medical system. Praise the Lord, our God is good all the time.

- A few months ago we were led to hold a marriage retreat just for non-believers. We prayed a lot for the time. Ten couples attended. All the couples benefited. We hope to follow this up with some evangelistic events for the couples.
- My daughter, Tugana, has been accepted at Lower Columbia College in LongView, WA. She plans to take
  medical classes with a vision to reach out to children. She wants to became a speech therapist. Pray school
  documents process fast and she can get more scholarships and have her school tuition covered.
- My son Tebo`s next two years at Wheaton Academy are important for college or university. May he be able to study hard.

#### KRISTIN LANE, Indonesia with Network of International Schools, teaches at Bandung Alliance

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- Pray as she resumes teaching after her trip for Christmas back to the US.
- Pray more students will come to BAIS.
- Pray for wisdom for the Indonesian government as they deal with Covid. Happily cases have went down so the country is opening up more.





#### DOUGLAS ALIRO, Kampala, Uganda

- Douglas, a friend of Jim and Anne Pocock, ministers to a variety of people from slum dwellers to college students through individual meetings, small groups and house churches.
- Praise he has been able to engage with many college freshmen. Pray God will guide him and continue to give him ministry opportunities. Pray also he will continue to have good health.
- Praise for many other relationships God has helped him develop with people. God continues to give him many opportunities to share his faith.
- Pray as he works with Mrs. Justine to plant a house church. Especially pray against distractions.
- Pray for renewed strength and a good recovery as he recently had a bout with Malaria

## LOREN MUEHLIUS, LightSys, Colorado Springs, helping missionaries with mapping www.LightSys.org, www.missioninfobank.org

Feb. 26 – March 6 I plan to go to a North African country to teach one or two people from the country how to make maps of the church data they have collected. Pray as these plans are developed and as we put together materials for the training. Hopefully some of these materials can be sent before the trip. Travel during our Covid times can be more unpredictable or complicated so pray as this is worked out.



- Work continues on the Global Recordings Network (GRN) project. We have made progress on the new app that is being created. Several others are working together on this but you could pray for Allan from GRN who is coordinating the project and Mark, John, and myself who are working on the map, data, and app. Pray we work well together. We also need wisdom with technology where we have two others helping.
- LightSys has Christian college students come to our office for Code-a-Thon on their Spring break. The Spring breaks at some colleges begin in late February but most are in March. At Code-a-Thon the students write programs for mission organizations, learn about missions, and deepen their relationship with God. This time allows them to see that God can use people with computer skills in missions. Pray for preparation of the students as well as we at LightSys work on logistics for nearly 30 people. Pray for good health and deepened relationships with God.



### EVERETT and TERRIE BARKER, R.E.A.L. Pharr, Texas

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- Pray for Everett as he continues to help some young men from our church through Bible Study and The Truth Project.
- Pray for open doors back into Jefferson school for an after school club. We have done a prayer walk through the school and hope to do some events for the teachers. We also attended a Thanksgiving dinner for teachers at another school, so it may be possible to

do a club in the future there too.

- Pray for wisdom and discernment as we serve in each area of ministry.
- Pray for our health and the health of our family.
- Continue praying for our son, Andy, and his difficult family situation. Not only are he and his wife separated
  and working out a divorce agreement, but two of his daughters have significant health issues. We are
  concerned both as grandparents and parents. May God work a miracle in the marriage and in healing of the
  two girls.

#### MARLIN and RUTH BRUBAKER, Reach Beyond (formerly HCJB Global), in Colorado Springs

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- Our year long sabbatical began August 1st. We would appreciate prayer that God will guide us through this time and that it will result in renewed energy and vision for our continued ministry with Reach Beyond.
- Sarah is looking forward to go to South Africa in May to work in an orphanage with a Cedarville University Global Outreach Team. Pray that God will work through her and use this experience to prepare her for whatever God has for her in the future.
- Emily is currently teaching private lessons including french horn, trumpet and baritone. She enjoys this and hopes to have more students take private lessons.
- Please pray for Ruth's foot to heal soon from a bone bruise.

(Contact Loren (<u>lorenmapper@gmail.com</u>) to include prayer items including short-term trips)

