

FBC Ambassador Prayer Items

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RON and MIKEL ANN PRITZ, in Colorado Springs One Challenge Associates

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- April is a busy travel month for us, Lord willing. In this day of Covid that means much more preparation and stress than in the past. Our April 15 departure to Kiev, Ukraine means getting Covid testing and results in hand before leaving, within an almost impossible time frame. We're looking for a testing site that will give us written results while we wait. We'll need the same thing on our return from Ukraine on May 1.
- We will be teaching two full weeks, 6-7 hours per day. Our teaching will include a course on Inductive Bible Study, Leadership and lessons on Christian Counseling and Temperaments. It will be a busy time. We have 10 missionary candidates, all committed to at least two years of active missionary service (the first 8 months being the training in which we have a part).
- Pray that the Lord will go ahead of us in all the hoops we have to jump through to travel internationally and keep us healthy the entire time. We both have had our Covid vaccinations, so that is a blessing. Thanks for your prayers for us during this busy April ministry in Ukraine.

JOE and JENNIFER FILER, Utah, Freedom Church Movement

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- Pray for those who have joined our nationwide Free Grace Church Planting Network in a number of states and for those from other states who plan to join.
- Our *Reproducing Grace* book to be used as a textbook in Bible colleges & seminaries.
- Pray for the Grace Groups that have started, that they grow and multiply and that they turn into house church networks. Pray for new ones to start and multiply.
- The board of Freedom Church Movement, that God would lead and direct our steps.
- Pray for Drew and Zech as they have a heavy school load this semester at Grace School of Theology, along with their full-time jobs. Pray for balance, concentration, endurance and strength.
- Pray for ministry among the Apostolic United Brethren cult by Grover and April in Utah, Montana and Arizona.



ERIC and DEB SMITH, in Colorado Springs at One Challenge

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- Debbie:
 - Training programs for new workers are beginning virtually in April, with an in-person 2 week program in June, Lord willing. Pray for deep connections to happen, even over the internet. May the Lord prepare each one for His service overseas.
 - We have a venue to have a week long refreshment program for our on-going workers the first week of July. Pray for the Lord to bring each person who most needs this time together and for our leaders as we prepare the details, but also our hearts to serve them.
- Eric:
 - The local church that we attend in Colorado Springs has just closed a sale on their current property. They have asked Eric to facilitate a search for new property that is suitable for the ministries that the church anticipates in coming years.
 - Eric is helping our OC 70 year sports ministry to rethink how sports can be used to disciple people. The athletes have done most of the work. Eric is helping them turn their thoughts into action plans.

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

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- Repairs on our house from the windstorm will probably take a number of months. Pray as this work is done and praise for all the support from many people and God through this time.
- We know workers and pastors in Myanmar, Nigeria, Kenya, and a country in South Asia who are dealing with various challenging issues. Please pray for them.



- These ministries are “sitting, waiting” for us, and we ask for your prayers regarding them: Kenya; Sri Lanka; Myanmar; New Zealand; eastern Australia; and very possibly, hopefully, one other country. Also, so much can happen in the United States once the vaccines have their full impact. Thank you for praying. We’re ready to go!



RICK and LEAH ROOT, *Experience Community, Colorado Springs*

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- Continue to pray for direction for the ministry as there are lots of opportunities to minister, we’d like to be focused where the Lord would have us.
- We are still experiencing the waves of Leah’s dad passing last year. Continue to pray for the family as we adjust to that as well as other changes happening around us.
- Thanks be to God for His faithfulness and for counting us worthy of suffering in little ways so that we can comfort those we are called to serve with new understanding

and empathy.

FINN and SANDY TORJESEN, *TEAM and Evergreen*

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- Please pray with us about our work in this new year. When will travel, obtaining visas, gathering with people be more "normal" again? And as we wait for that, we pray for wisdom, energy and the ability to continue to connect, to encourage and serve others in our prayer life.
- We are always in need of more love for the Lord and others, for growth in grace and Christ likeness, for His guidance, strength and joy.
- Thank you for praying for Davin and his family. Because the doctor doing the surgery now needs a report from the Beijing doctor before scheduling the procedure, we are all still waiting. This whole process is about much more than Davin's arm and only the Lord knows fully what He wants to do in and through this and that's what we want most.
- Please pray for believers in China. Our friends ask us to pray for faithfulness and courage. Pray that increased pressure will turn many to the Lord and that China will be filled with God's Word, God's Spirit at work impacting the Chinese people that God loves.



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.

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

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- Sheika plants churches and trains church planters in Mongolia. Haka works with medical professionals in Mongolia and serves as a physical therapist. They have three children, Tungana, Thingsaa, and Megeii.
- Praise for some easing of the lockdown in Mongolia. We can attend some small church activities in person. We hope in May to be able to have larger services in churches. We have planned some 2021 activities and some other evangelical events.
- There are several families interested in church planting. We would like to do more research and drive in the countryside to see where God might want us to plant a church. We hope this would be in 2021 or 2022.
- Haka is doing well and continues to disciple those doctors who received Christ and were baptized.
- Tungana is helping with our youth ministry at church. She is also preparing for an exam for international university overseas. She would like to study speech therapy. Currently Mongolia lacks people in this field.
- Thingsaa (16) is in Chicago studying at the Wheaton Academy.





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

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- Praise for a great Easter break.
- Due to more COVID-19 cases the Indonesian government has decided all schooling will be online. Pray for teachers since they all need to teach this way. Kristen has been doing this since March, but it is hard on her. She hopes this will change later in the year with lots of provision for plexiglass, masks, etc. It is hard to teach kids to read in online classes.
- Pray more students will come to BAIS.

ED and KAREN ALDRICH, His Urban Presence, Colorado Springs

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- 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 coronavirus.
- 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.



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

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- Marlin continues to be heavily involved in a big project for Reach Beyond's home office, working from home.
- Pray for the new president of Reach Beyond, Daniel Enns. The organization is exploring options to sustain their ministries, including the possibility of partnerships with like-minded organizations.
- Please pray for wisdom for Reach Beyond, that God would direct us as a ministry and provide according to His will so that we can continue the fruitful ministries that are happening around the world.
- Pray for our daughters Emily and Sarah as they have a busy and concentrated

semester at school.

LOREN MUEHLIUS, LightSys, Colorado Springs, helping missionaries with mapping

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- Praise the March weekend Code-a-Thon Ideation in went well. The students enjoyed it and were able to prepare some ideas for programs/apps. In May we hope to offer a whole week Code-a-Thon at our office. This is a time where students learn about missions and work on programs for mission agencies. An impact from the week is that students see that their computer skills can be used to help missions. Many students will be done with their semesters at that time and COVID-19 may be more controlled. Pray as we contact students, professors, and for wisdom planning details for these events.
- The group I have worked with to map where churches are or aren't is working on a large project to create a geographic database of low level administrative borders of the world. They will plan to map church data to these administrative areas so church planters will know where churches don't already exist.
- Work continues to show the distribution of churches in a north African country and a southeast Asia country.



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- Pray for our After-School Bible clubs to be able to resume in the Fall. Pray that these clubs will expand into other schools and for other churches to become involved. Praise-the principal is a Christian and so is her husband, the newly appointed district superintendent!
- Pray that the Lord will lead us to the best places to do several 3-day VBS outreaches within housing complexes or colonias.
- Pray for Everett as he leads our church's Mission committee in building outreach strategies and overall missions awareness within the church body.

- Pray for Everett in his role as Texas Regional Mobilizer with MissionNext. Pray as he promotes service opportunities of mission agencies to churches, colleges, and individuals across the state. May many sense God's call to missionary service.
- One of our sons has separated from his wife. Please pray for the marriage to be restored and that our granddaughters will be drawn closer together and to the Lord.
- As always, we are grateful for your concern for us and the ministry here in the RGV. May God bless the FBC family.

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