

# ***FBC Ambassador Prayer Items***

## ***August 2020***

### **FINN and SANDY TORJESEN, TEAM and Evergreen, in China**

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- We thank the Lord for our unplanned extra time here with Davin's family and these rapidly changing granddaughters as well as friends (still much relating and conversations happen by phone).
- Pray for Finn's health. We aren't sure why, but his stamina is reduced, his upset stomach and belching are increased and we feel concerned about the upcoming arduous trip with 4 legs through 5 airports.
- August 2nd we have a flight back to the US which is still confirmed. Pray for these busy final days of preparation to leave. We have no idea how long we'll be gone this time since China is not admitting anyone but Chinese citizens at this time. When will we see our family, dear coworkers and Chinese friends again?
- Rainy's sister Ray is leaving with us. Thus pray for Davin, Rainy, Amaiah and Mila as they will have fewer family members near. We have all been here for Davin's accident and recovery, have mourned for my mom and their parents together, babysat, spent regular time together ....it's hard to leave.
- Pray as we go from a country easing up on Covid restrictions back to the US, back to my 90 year old father whom we want to protect but also spend time with after the death of my mom. My sister Kathy has just moved with her children to Colorado, so there will be more family involvement there.



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

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- Leah's dad passed away in July. Pray for comfort for her mother, family and extended family.
- Praise the Lord is providing for our financial needs through Leah's job and Rick's extra projects.
- We have a wonderful home, running cars and great neighbors.
- Pray for direction and clarity for our future. Pray for Sophi to adapt to

school adjustments for this year.

- Pray that we see and take advantage of any opportunities that God provides for us to minister and connect during this mysterious time.

### **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.



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

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- Debbie: Debbie is the Senior Director of Personnel for our organization, One Challenge. In that role, she is responsible for all of the personnel sent from the United States. This involves about 125 families. Many are going to very dangerous places. She also has a tendency to err on the side of caution, and she knows it. Her prayer request is for the ability to balance risk with strategic ministry, and make the best

decisions for our organizations and the people she is releasing. Currently she is trying to care for a number of our OC folks that are caught outside of their home country. Pray for wisdom with this.

- Eric: The Mongolian government has continued the closure of public meetings, including church services. So we will not be able to plan for an alternate date for the church planting coaching meeting until sometime in the future. Happily, I am not now getting opposition from any leaders that are part of the decision to carry on, but I

can tell from the way they phrase things, that they still do not understand that I am coaching and not teaching a class. It seems likely I will need to demo the coaching before they truly catch on. Thus pray, hopefully soon, the coaching conference can be rescheduled. I am also trying to help my partners in Mongolia, Thailand, and the Philippines. There are a number of people whom I coach in other countries who I am continuing to work with.

**STEVE and DONNA THURMAN, in Idaho in US, but will take some trips overseas - Team Kiwi**  
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- Praise that as of August 10 we will have been married 47 years.
- The coronavirus pandemic is creating cancellations and suspensions in our ministry plans and dates, wisely so. Please pray that God will give wisdom to those who are making these important decisions, and that Steve and Donna will please the Lord in the decisions they make regarding participation.
- Steve is studying for the annual Grace Evangelical Society conference which will be held in October. He has been asked to teach both a plenary session and a workshop. His plenary session: "Man, Sin, and Free Grace." His workshop session: "Growing a Grace Culture in your Church and Ministry."
- Steve is connecting regularly with those he has taught in various countries, encouraging and counseling them during these uncertain days. Specifically, he is in contact with pastors in Nepal, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Myanmar, and New Zealand. Many are deeply concerned, some are "losing" their ministries, some are fearful, all are deeply concerned about the impact on those they love and serve, and all are concerned about the financial impact on their meager financial funds and retirement accounts. Steve asks for "compassionate wisdom."
- Donna faithfully follows up with Kenya work, communicating with Ugunja pastor William Omollo, determining what needs are, and helping the students there, especially those Team Kiwi is financially supporting through university. The pandemic has thrown everything into extreme uncertainty; schools are shutting down; churches are questioning whether or not they can or should meet; health, safety, and finances are at stake.
- Opportunities are abundant to serve others during this pandemic. Our next door neighbors are in their mid-80's, neither has believed in Christ, she fell and broke her wrist, and God has opened a huge door to come alongside and comfort them. Donna is making meals, we are delivering groceries to their door, etc, etc .. please pray for this "older couple" that they will stay safe, and that Steve and Donna will be used by God to soften their hearts toward the Cross.
- Requests regularly arrive for Steve to come and teach .. in Nepal and Myanmar especially. He wants to go! Pray for wisdom which of these to pursue with many travel uncertainties with the coronavirus pandemic.



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

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- Due to COVID-19 we are doing online school until the end of the year. Please pray for perseverance and wisdom on how to do this the best for the kindergartners.
- Pray that we all would stay healthy. Protection for our community here.
- Continued peace during this hard season.
- Praise God is working in the midst of this hard season.

**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.
- Pray as our family seeks to minister to people in our community, other pastors and church leaders, and our church. For our church, City Vision Church, we have our services online, so people can still attend.
- Pray as we seek to use these troubled times to be witnesses for Jesus. We want to be an encouragement to Christian leaders and people who haven't found Jesus.





**LOREN MUEHLIUS, *LightSys, Colorado Springs, helping missionaries with mapping***  
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- The summer internship program ended at the end of July and went well. Pray the students remember and apply what they learned. Schools are facing decisions whether to hold classes in person. This decision and the uncertainty with it affects students so pray as they navigate this.
- Praise that I have finally been able to help a Mongolian lady begin work to map church data she has collected. Pray she can continue to make progress learning the mapping software.
- A person in another Asian country is mapping church growth data. Pray as I help him with this. He is using a different mapping software than I am familiar with so pray as we both learn. I also plan to continue to help people map data in a North African country.
- There continues to be some interest for the Christian mapping e-mail group to have a webinar in September. Pray as details for this are worked out.

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

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- Pray that we can find a way to get Biblical programming into the Evins Juvenile Center. Pray that the administration will be willing to enable video programming through some type of electronic delivery. Pray for staff and employees that are Believers to be able to share their faith in the absence of us from the "outside".
- Pray that the Halfway house ministry will open up again as well. After 4 months or more of not going in, it will be like starting over. Pray that Everett will be able to connect with a Reyes, a former resident, that wants to begin a ministry in adult and juvenile correction facilities. Pray for wisdom and discernment as to God's leading and timing if this is His will to happen.
- Pray for the Lord to give us wisdom and discernment as to how best to proceed with children's ministry. We are waiting to see if any clubs will be able to meet in the coming school year. Not only are we concerned about restarting the Kingdom Cowboy club, but we have been hoping to begin a new club(s) in other schools this fall. If the virus continues to keep us from traditional ministry, pray that we will innovate new approaches to reach the children and their families.
- And of course, pray that we will stay healthy physically, emotionally and spiritually through out this time.

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

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- Ruth's mother has COVID-19. She also has some underlying health issues, but happily she has been feeling better. Pray this improvement continues and pray for her husband dealing with the extra work to care for his wife.
- 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.
- Ruth's back is still bothering her some. She still needs to have her follow-up appointment, which was postponed because of the virus. Please pray for wisdom and healing.

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