

FBC Ambassador Prayer Items

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RON and MIKEL ANN PRITZ, in Colorado Springs One Challenge Associates
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- February will be a month of preparation for teaching missionary candidates in Ukraine. Our pattern has been, each year, to travel to Ukraine and teach at a missionary training school just outside of Kiev. The school is held in a Christian summer church camp in the camp's "off season". The students are carefully selected and commit to a two year period of training and practical ministry. We train them in Bible Study Methods and Christian Leadership over the two weeks that we are with them. All training is done through a translator into the Russian language. The students come from Ukraine, Russia and several nearby nations. Normally a class is 15 to 20 students. This year, due to Covid, the class is only 10. So, now that we are pretty sure that we can travel (at this point the door is open again), we will be preparing ourselves for this ministry. We are both trying to finish up our Covid immunizations and will also have to go through quite a bit of extra steps to travel to and from Ukraine. Please pray that the Lord will keep the door open for this important ministry. We plan to travel and teach there from April 15 through May 1.

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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.
- Our son Davin does have nerve damage (probably as a result of his April accident) to his upper left arm, making it weak. He and his family did make a trip to Beijing, consulted with the surgeon chosen as best for this procedure on his nerve compression. Sadly, Covid has caused regulations so that surgery must be put on hold. As he must wait while experiencing increasing weakness, please pray for Davin and his family. It's discouraging and a little frightening. Please pray for healing, the right treatment, the timing and the Lord's work in the hearts and faith of Davin and each of us during the wait.
- 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.



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



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- Like so many, we are feeling "handcuffed" these days. The pandemic has made impossible any international travel, and it may take most of 2021 to be able to fly again across the seas. And so we ask for your prayers, that we will not grumble, be impatient or ungrateful. We thank God for you and your kindness to us as we "wait on the Lord" to give us a green light to travel and teach again.
- 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, a nation in south Asia. 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!
- We have friends, neighbors, golfing buddies, and others in our life who have coronavirus, or are recovering. Some are anxious regarding their adult children who have/had the virus. Lord, we need wisdom-love as we wind our way through this pandemic, caring for ourselves and others.

JOE and JENNIFER FILER, Utah, Freedom Church Movement

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- Our *Reproducing Grace* book to be used as a textbook in Bible colleges & seminaries.
- The board of Freedom Church Movement, that God would lead and direct our steps.
- 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.
- 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.
- Pray for Drew and Zech as they have a heavy school load this semester at Grace School of Theology, along with their jobs. Pray for balance, concentration, endurance and strength.
- Pray for ministry among the Apostolic United Brethren cult in Utah, Montana and Arizona.



ERIC and DEB SMITH, in Colorado Springs at One Challenge

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- For Deb, wisdom still needed in working with our missionaries who are trying to discover new channels for ministry due to the turns in the road from covid this past year. Many are seeking His direction and as Personnel Director, Debbie is a part in helping to coach and mentor them in this process. Also one wife is in a country across the ocean from her husband and due to travel restrictions they are seeking the best way to reunite.
- For Eric, praise for the workers in a number of countries that he coaches with church planting. Pray for wisdom as he does this.
- For the opportunity to travel to Mongolia to open up in 2021.

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 how God has used Douglas in sharing Jesus with others. He would like to see increased numbers in outreach, which leads to increased house church plants in communities, with more men being a focal group.



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

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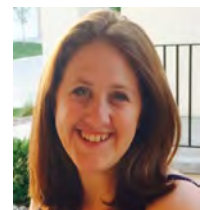
- Sheika plants churches and trains church planters in Mongolia. Haka works with medical professionals in Mongolia and serves as a physical therapist. They have three children, Tungana, Thingsaa, and Megeii.
- Pray as our family seeks to minister to people in our community, other pastors and church leaders, and our church. For our church, City Vision Church, we have our services online, so people can still attend.
- The strict quarantine has been loosened though there are still restrictions due to COVID-19 in Mongolia. 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.
- We continue to have the desire to plant a church in a rural area. Pray for us to keep this vision, as we feel it is from God, and be prepared when the opportunity comes.

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

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- 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.

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

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- Leah's dad passed away in July. Keep praying for comfort for Leah's mother, family and extended family.
- Praise the Lord is providing for our financial needs through Leah's job and Rick's extra projects. Pray the Healing Journey class will be helpful to the ladies attending.
- We have a wonderful home, running cars and great neighbors.
- Pray that we see and take advantage of any opportunities that God provides for us to minister and connect during this mysterious time.



LOREN MUEHLIUS, *LightSys, Colorado Springs, helping missionaries with mapping*
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- It would be great to have a webinar for the Christian mapping group in February though we currently don't have anyone lined up to present. Pray for guidance with this.
- Pray as Lee, our mapping volunteer continues work on the Central African Republic language maps. He is now inserting missing place name labels on maps, so pray as we figure out the best way to fix these.
- I continue to work with several folks mapping church data for their country. Pray these mapping efforts are useful for church planters. I am also working on some maps of some North African and Middle East countries for the same organization I had done work for a few months ago.
- LightSys' Code-a-Thon is normally a week when computer skilled students come to our offices to learn about missions and write programs for mission agencies. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we hope to do an abbreviated version by having two weekends in March where this can be done remotely. We are also thinking of offering a whole week Code-a-Thon in May at our office. 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.

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- Please pray for us as we seek God's direction in various aspects of ministry within the COVID restrictions. (Schools, Halfway house and Juvenile detention are still "closed" to outsider volunteers.)
- Pray for Everett as he begins ministering part time as Regional Mobilizer for Texas with MissionNext. (MissionNext helps match individual seeking to serve in missions with agencies looking for candidates.)
- Pray for one of our sons and his wife that have separated - that God will transform their hearts and minds to become one again in Him.
- Pray for the health of our granddaughter, Gloria, who has been experiencing signs of epilepsy and/or Lyme disease.
- Praise that we are able to continue video recording children's ministry programs for our church. Pray that the programs will be effective in reaching into homes.



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 this Spring semester will probably have a compressed schedule like Fall because of COVID times. The compressed schedule puts more pressure on the students.

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