

FBC Ambassador Prayer Items

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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. Surgery in Beijing is being planned although his appointment to consult with the surgeon got canceled because of Covid and the doctor won't just meet by video call. Please pray for healing, the right treatment and the timing. Doing this in another city and having a family with 2 young girls presents challenges. It seems his school's medical insurance is good and will cover expenses.
- 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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- We are beginning our 70s, but please thank God with us that He has given us excellent health, enthusiasm, and strong spiritual motivation. We feel, Lord willing, that we can go on for many more years, and we're thrilled about that. Retire? Why? God is using us and we are loving it.
- Thank God with us that He has given us many opportunities to teach: New Zealand always calls, our ministry in Kenya is there for the taking, Australia has opened up with new possibilities, the Grace Evangelical Society wants us to teach at their annual conference and in "regionals" around the States, various churches ask Steve to preach (and do Men's retreats), Myanmar is requesting we teach at Yangon seminary, and the list goes on. But the "yield sign" that is COVID-19 has us on our knees, waiting. But vaccines are appearing on the horizon, for us and for millions around the world.
- Pray for spiritual protection, that we be pleasing to God, that we be true to the Truth, have clarity with the gospel, and have wisdom.
- Pray that we have friendships that sharpen, for unity across racial-ethnic lines, and sensitivity to the poor.
- Thank God with us that Donna is working well with William Omollo in Kenya, and that ministry with his church and our university students is going strong. We pray this will be a ministry for the rest of our lives. It is a great blessing for us and, we pray, for our Kenyan friends as well.

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.
- There have been more cases of COVID-19 in Mongolia, so as of the end of December the country is under strict quarantine again. 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.



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

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First two items are for Deb, the last two for Eric.

- 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.
- January 4-8, Lord willing, we will have in-person mixed with virtual interviews and orientation for 3 potential new units who want to be long term missionaries. Pray for creativity as we mix virtual and in-person connection, as well as following wise

protocols for health.

- Praise that the heart pacemaker procedure seems to have went well.
- For the opportunity to travel to Mongolia to open up in 2021.

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

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- Praise for the opportunity to get back to states and be with family for the Christmas season.
- Prayer:
 - That we can start back on campus in January.
 - We will have more students 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. Praise abundant finances came in for a Christmas project to supply hand warmers for folks on the street. Pray these remind people about Jesus' love for them.
- 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.

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

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- Our January is quite low key at this time. We are still waiting to see if Covid travel limitations will allow us to fly to Ukraine the last two weeks of April and into early May. If travel is possible and we are able to get vaccinated, we are planning on making the trip to teach young missionary candidates from Ukraine and several other countries. We are also on hold for teaching in a country in Asia in August/September. At this point that trip is not looking too likely. However, if things change rapidly and the vaccine becomes wide-spread, we hope to make that trip as well. So January is mostly waiting to see what God will do. Thanks for praying with us.



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

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- Leah's dad passed away in July. Praise for a good Christmas season with family in spite of the circumstances and keep praying 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 is 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.

ARCH RUTHERFORD, in U.S., teaches at times in countries in Asia, *BEE World*
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- I write and teach courses for BEE World's multilingual curriculum created to train pastors and Christian leaders in countries where they are severely restricted because of politics, persecution, and/or poverty from getting a biblical education.
- Pray for wisdom what future training to work toward. Having used Zoom for teaching in November, the possibility is to use it for future teaching.



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

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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 were able to travel safely in December to be with our sons and families for an early Christmas holiday.
- 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.
- Praise for the opportunity for all of our daughters to be here for the Christmas season.
- 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 to be refreshed by their Winter break. Probably this Spring semester will have a compressed schedule like Fall because of COVID times.



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

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- Praise the Dec. 11 mapping webinar went well. It was good to see the interaction among the attendees and we learned how World Vision is using mapping for their work. We will hopefully have another webinar in February, so pray as it is planned.
- Lee, our mapping volunteer continues work on the Central African Republic language maps. One task will make the maps more useful. This work can be monotonous. Secondly, we noticed some place name labels were missing on some 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. One of these involves mapping church data around the world. My main role there is to quality control administrative border datasets. 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.
- In previous years LightSys has hosted teams of students from different Christian schools during their Spring break. The students wrote programs to help mission organizations with their work. This was a great way to show students that their computer skills were useful to mission agencies and to help mission agencies. We will need to make some changes to the program if it takes place this year, since it may not be best for students to travel on their Spring breaks and also many schools are canceling their Spring breaks. Thus pray for wisdom what we should do.

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