

FBC Ambassador Prayer Items

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

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- Direction on how to prioritize the things we feel called to while doing things that will create much needed income.
- Finances to catch up from being short on support and extra bills.
- Praise I, Leah, have a part-time job as an in-home senior care provider. Pray for help to establish a new schedule especially in the complex times we live in.
- That lives would be impacted for the kingdom as we serve in the ways we see God directing us.



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.



DAVE and GLENDA WILSON, *Evergreen-China, currently in U.S.*

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- Praise for a safe trip to Arizona to see Matt & Melissa and our two wonderful grand kids. What a privilege (and fun!) to spend that time building deeper relationships!!!
- Due to COVID, our July 9th return to China has been postponed yet again till August 24th. Will it happen? Because only He knows, please ask that we will depend on Him for our thoughts and work during these continuing uncertain days.
- Dave is working hard on card company logistics from Stateside. Two boxes of replenishment cards have arrived, but four others continue to encounter various challenges and delays due to COVID shipping chaos. Please ask that this needed inventory will arrive in the States soon, and in good shape.
- Glenda is doing tele-medicine with a stroke patient in China. Please ask for open hearts to spiritual ideas as well as good physical recovery for this 57-year-old man and his lovely wife.

- THANKS for your prayers: Dave's rehab from total knee replacement surgery 7 weeks ago is going super well. We're grateful for no lasting complications and that he's getting increasingly active.
- Praise that we'll be able to worship together with you all in-person--looking so forward to that blessing!!!

FINN and SANDY TORJESEN, TEAM and Evergreen, in China

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- Our wait for tickets back to the US is pushed back yet again. We just were told that United now has no flights in and out of China in July. Finn rebooked (I think this is the sixth time) for August 2nd from Shanghai (instead of Beijing) through S. Korea and on to the US. Will it work this time? Rainy's sister will travel most of the way with us and now we all once again need visa extensions. What's in our passports is marked "humanitarian" in place of visa type since there has not been a way for us to travel for several months. We are grateful to be "stuck" in our China home and not between places, as we know others have experienced.
- Finn's heart has been especially sore lately with the news of his brother Paul not doing well at his care center in Mexico. We heard he had not been eating or drinking and visitors had not been allowed due to Covid-19. The manager arranged a room so that Paul's wife and children could travel, get over the border and spend time with him and at this point, it seems that's just the medicine to perk him up for now. Please do pray for Paul and his family.
- Our delay gifts us with family time that we don't take for granted. But it also drags out our difficulty of communicating by email due to persistent computer trouble and the firewall here. I can read messages on my phone but keeping up with answers is a challenge. Thanks for understanding.

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



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- 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.



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

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- July will be another relaxed month for us with our focus being on our family and preparations for our August/September Zoom teaching ministry for the Kathmandu Institute of Theology (KIT) in Nepal. From July 1-13 we will be in San Antonio, TX and Mustang, OK visiting our kids and grand kids. The rest of the month will be spent working on our materials and the technical set up for teaching 45 classroom

hours of Christian Leadership and Church Management at KIT via Zoom. Teaching begins August 17 and ends September 4. I will be teaching from 6-9 a.m. each weekday morning, which is about 6-9 p.m. in Nepal. Thanks for praying for our time with our family and our prep time for teaching.

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.
- We made a trip in June to visit several rural towns and three rural churches to encourage the Christians. We hope to do another trip in July.
- Mongolia had parliament elections on June 24 and 10 of the candidates were Christians. Two of them were church members from City Vision Church.
- Pray as we seek to use these troubled times to be witnesses for Jesus.



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.
- After consulting with Edward in Myanmar, we made the decision to postpone my March trip until the virus problem subsides and travel can resume overseas. Pray for wisdom in rescheduling the trip. Pray if Edward and Hannah would be able to visit the USA in October.

ERIK and DAWN MUGELE, OneHundredFold, living in Colorado Springs

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- The final correction and publishing layout of Genesis, Exodus, Psalms, and Proverbs has been completed in the Chinantec language. The final print layout is being completed and sent to a printer in Mexico for final publication. We are grateful to God that this is almost completed. Please pray that the logistics can be worked out once the final printing of the books is done to get them to the remote Chinantec church.
- Please continue to pray for time to work on the new discipleship tracking tools that being deployed for OneHundredFold as well as wisdom for doing it well. We now have multiple new ministries waiting to start using those tools.



STEVE and SHAN LEWIS, in Colorado Springs, BEE World and Rocky Mountain Bible College

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- Pray as courses are being developed at Rocky Mountain Bible College and Seminary with the assistance of BEE World that can be used locally as well as around the world.
- Pray as Steve desires to transition more of his time from Rocky Mountain Bible College to work with BEE World and the partnership between the two organizations.
- Pray as Steve produces a course in church history and pastoral theology for work in East Africa.



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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- Marlin continues to be heavily involved in a big project for Reach Beyond's home office, working from home.
- We have heard some exciting things about how some of Reach Beyond's online ministries have really taken off with increased numbers during this time with so many people in the world spending more time at home. Please continue to pray that God will use Reach Beyond to bring people to faith in Him.
- 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.

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

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- Praise the internship program has went well. This month we will have four of the seven interns and one of the volunteers working out of our office. Pray for all seven of the interns and the three volunteers for their work, discussions on spiritual growth, and as they are more exposed to missions. Pray their spiritual lives will be deepened and they will see how their skills can be used in missions.
- I worked more on the administrative areas of Ethiopia for the organization which is seeking to map churches. Pray that as church data is added the mapping will be useful for church planters. Church data will come soon for the country in Africa so I will be able to do more work with that. I still hope to help with mapping church data of Mongolia.
- There is some interest in the Christian mapping e-mail group to have a webinar in July so pray as details for this are worked out.

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