

FBC Ambassador Prayer Items

June 2020



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

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- Praise & Prayer: We're so grateful that Dave's total knee replacement surgery (done on May 13th) is progressing well through rehab--he's already walking well with a cane. His pain is very manageable so we're focusing on increasing his knee motion and strength. Please ask for him to be able to sleep at night, and that the rehab outcome will be good. Thanks for your ongoing prayers!
- From the U.S. side of the ocean, we are quite mindful of the seemingly daily increasing geopolitical tensions between the big country, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the U.S., Australia, etc. Please pray for a number of workers who are displaced because of the pandemic, that they'll be able to get back to their country of service in His timing. In the meantime, ask that we, the Body, will be sensitive to know how to serve within our neighborhoods and communities.
- Ask for travel mercies and great family times together as we plan to drive to Arizona for a week with our daughter & son-in-law, Melissa & Matt, and their two kids the week of June 22
- Please continue to pray for Hand-cut Cards being shipped from China amidst chaotic post-COVID shipping dynamics. Pray the cards will arrive undamaged, and as timely as possible.
- Two children in our SOAR Program have been matched to Forever Families. Please ask that COVID-19 travel restrictions will not interfere with Gotcha Days (early summer) for these and other children, and also keep asking for Him to prepare hearts of other forever families to be drawn to adopting a child.
- Please pray for leadership transitions that are currently taking place in Evergreen. Pray for wisdom for those who are taking on new positions of responsibility. Also, please pray for two families and one couple who will be moving to other places of service (Singapore, Taiwan, and the US) as well as for several new members (from Canada and Australia) who are currently raising support to join the team.

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- May 27, United emailed to tell us our June 9th flight is canceled. Finn spent time on the phone and rebooked for June 17th but we realize that also may not work out, now in part because of strained relationships between our countries that affects permission for American airlines to fly in and out of China. So, do we change carriers and/or our route? Do we wait? Also, we did lose our 10 year/multiple entry visas but the visa office here is giving us month-by-month extensions as our travel plans require.
- Please continue praying for Finn too. He's grappling again with stomach issues and weakness which has a lot to do with all this uncertainty, need to keep changing travel plans, emotions of our past months, etc.
- I know you are also praying for God's grace, mercy, and perspective during these days of isolation, tension between countries and people, fears of virus but also the many repercussions of trying to stay out of its path. I pray our very first loyalty and focus is the Lord, His Kingdom and the ability to have eyes to see what He's doing through this and in us and our relationships.

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.



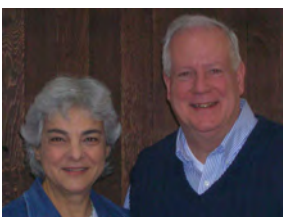
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- There's not too much from us for June. We'll be focusing on learning how to use Moodle and Zoom for remote teaching here in Colorado Springs to students located in Nepal. The Kathmandu Institute of Theology (KIT) will host the Zoom meetings and provide most of the technical support from their end. So June will be spent working with them to get the systems all set up for the teaching that begins mid-

August. Please pray that we will have patience and perseverance as we prepare for three weeks of teaching via Zoom in August and early September. Thank you for your partnership with us in this way.

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.



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 closed down all public meetings, including church services, at least until the end of May. 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.

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.

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*

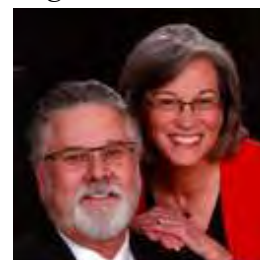
<http://100fold.it>

- 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.



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 as there will soon be a leadership transition at Reach Behond, for God's guidance and direction for the future.
- Please pray about summer jobs for Emily and Sarah, as it is different this year from what they were expecting. The restrictions in Colorado have loosened a little for now but we're not sure what that looks like for the summer.
- Ruth's back was doing a lot better for a while, maybe due to the steroid shot she had at the beginning of March, but it is bothering her more again. 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 we were able to begin the LightSys summer internship program on May 11. Seven interns and 4 volunteers will be in the program. At the end of May three of the interns came to Colorado Springs, to do the program onsite. One local volunteer also is joining them. Pray for all the interns and volunteers for their work, discussions on spiritual growth, and as they hear mission speakers. Pray their spiritual lives will be deepened and they will see how their skills can be used in missions.
- LightSys usually has a retreat in July for staff and interns. We are deciding if we will have it this year. Pray for God's wisdom about this.
- I quality controlled the work on administrative areas for three more countries for the organization which is seeking to map churches. There is still interest in maps showing where churches are for a country in Africa and Mongolia, but there hasn't been progress on them.
- Our third webinar for the Christian mapping e-mail group didn't happen last month. There is some interest to have a webinar in July so 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 have wisdom and discernment for how to use this unique time in history for God's Kingdom and purposes as we serve Him here in the Rio Grande Valley.
- Pray for healing of small physical issues in these earthly, aging bodies!
- Please pray that we will be discerning in our activities and that the Lord will protect us from harm and keep us healthy physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Pray for wisdom whether to reschedule the Engaging Challenging Youth training

conference that was planned for March.

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