

FBC Ambassador Prayer Items

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- Praise the Lord! Davin's motor scooter collision late last Thursday night was life threatening and he has recovered as far as we can tell from all but bruises, abrasions. He came home from the hospital today. The cab driver's insurance paid the bills. Pray for complete healing and no surprise complications to pop up or to pop up at the right time with wisdom to deal with them. Also, please pray for this driver to be blessed! He was kind throughout this and we really want blessings for him and his situation.
- It was hard to be blocked from a return to Colorado as my mom went into hospice and transitioned into her "real" life. Pray especially for Dad in this time of tough adjustment and for all of us. It doesn't feel real even though we are grateful for the technology that has let us stay in close touch all this time.
- We have no tickets yet to return to Colorado. Flights have been cancelled for May, possibly for June and we must just wait. It was horrible to be away from Mom and Dad in the last weeks but with the trauma of Davin's accident, it's been a blessing to be here. Pray for the Lord's plan and timing as well as how this impacts our relationships as we testify to the Lord's faithfulness through all this. Again, we need the Lord to help us solve visa problems. What's the Lord's reason and purpose for these delays? May we respond to people and situations with His love and hope. Please pray also for me. I do feel like the heaviness of all of this is overwhelming me and need the Lord's help and grace.

SHEIKA and HAKA SAMBUUDORJ, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia with Witness
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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.
- There have now been several cases of the coronavirus in Mongolia but happily no deaths. All public meetings, including church services, are prohibited at least until end of May. So far my family does regular hospital visits to both the Mental and Burn hospital, taking care of/encouraging them to use this critical moment for Christ. We are also working with pastors and leaders in the body of Christ, organizing and hosting many different of small groups in our home to be bold and brave to overcome and to be light and salt among the community and to our nation. For our church, City Vision Church, we have our services online, so people can still attend. Due to closure of schools & kindergartens many kids are highly at risk while their parents gone to do their job and earning the money for their family. in Mongolia it's very common to lock their kids & leave them alone whole day. But my family and our church are making sure and getting responsibilities that children are healthy & protected against possible violence, malnutrition, neglect. Thus it is great to be able to use these troubled times to be witnesses for Jesus. Pray for this.



KRISTIN LANE, Indonesia with Network of International Schools, teaches at Bandung Alliance
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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 kindergarteners.
- 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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- We have two big prayer developments. First, due to the effects of the coronavirus around the world and after consulting with the leadership of the Kathmandu Institute of Theology (KIT) in Nepal, we have decided to cancel our travel plans to teach in Nepal from mid-August to mid-September. This entails the cancellation of flights and



accommodations for that trip. Please pray that this will go smoothly and we'll be able to either get a refund for our tickets or get rebooked for 2021.

- Second, we will now be teaching this course via Zoom. That will entail quite a bit of learning on our part to use the Zoom program (for actual classroom work) and the Moodle program (for access by the students to lecture notes, assignments, exams, etc.). Since we are not too strong technically, this is a major prayer need and will be a pretty high learning curve for us. The twelve hour time difference will also be a challenge. Normal teaching hours in Nepal are from 3-6 p.m. weekdays for three weeks. Those hours were set because most of the students are taking this Master's program while still holding down jobs/ministries. The school is looking into seeing if those hours can be modified so that we're not teaching from 3-6 a.m. daily. It may end up being evenings there (6-9 p.m.) which would be mornings here (6-9 a.m.) or early morning there (6-9 a.m.) which would make it evenings here (6-9 p.m.). Please pray that this can all be worked out so that maximum and effective learning can take place. We'll be teaching 45 classroom hours on Christian Leadership and Church Management weekdays from August 17 through September 4. Thank you for your prayers for us at this challenging time.

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 recently, 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.

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.



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

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- Praise the set of maps of North Africa and Middle East countries is done, though there may be some edits. 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.
- We plan to have 6 interns this summer and due to other internships canceled because of COVID-19 we also have 5 students who want to volunteer at LightSys. Pray for work involved

to handle this many students. Happily 4 men have volunteered to be project managers. Doing things remotely, it is more difficult to personally relate to the students. Pray this could be worked though and still happen. Summer programs begin May 11. We are still figuring out whether some or all the interns would be able to come to Colorado Springs later in the summer. Pray for wisdom in this decision.

- We hope to have the third webinar for the Christian mapping e-mail group this month. We are still looking for a person to present, so pray for this.

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

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- Unfortunately the Engaging Challenging Youth training conference scheduled for March had to be postponed due to coronavirus precautions. Pray that it could be rescheduled (maybe June?).
- Pray the kids who would normally be in the after-school Kingdom Cowboy Club. Pray they will remember what they have learned and embrace the truths of God's word in their hearts and lives.



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.
- Emily and Sarah have finished up their college semester this week except for some lab assignments and clinical practice that Sarah still needs to do for her nursing class. Please pray about summer jobs for them, 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.

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