

FBC Ambassador Prayer Items

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- We are seeking to have a Thanksgiving meal for the community. Pray as we seek God's guidance for this and work out details.
- 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.



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

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- November will be another slow ministry month for us. We were just notified in October that our daughter-in-law, Amy (Andy's wife), is in the hospital undergoing an emergency appendectomy. With four kids (ages 10-16) we felt that we should drive out there to Oklahoma City to help out while Amy recovers. That is where we are now. The rest of the month we have no travel planned at this time. I (Ron) am

mentoring a pastor from Seattle on leadership via Zoom meetings. Mikel Ann is mentoring a woman who is struggling with life issues. Other than that we are waiting on the Lord for international travel to become more clear so that we can plan our ministries in Ukraine and another overseas country in early and mid 2021 respectively. Thanks for your faithful prayers for us.

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

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- Praise: Technology has been working well during online school.
- Prayer that we would be able to start school on campus soon.
- Jakarta, the capital and largest city in Indonesia is having a rise in cases. Pray this would level off and decrease.
- Continued perseverance in this season.



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.
- Praise that the meetings last month of orientation for new missionaries and returning missionaries went well.
- Eric: Praise that a report about churches in Mongolia was recently released. This has reminded Mongolian pastors of the need to plant new churches and many realize they weren't trained how to do this. This provides an open door to church planting teams which are coached. They don't seem to understand the difference between coaching and teaching so it seems likely I will need to demo coaching before they truly understand it. The Mongolian government has continued the closure of public meetings into next year. This includes church services. Thus pray for timing for a rescheduled training time on coaching. I continue 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.
- Praise for an opportunity to help Joe Filer with a church planting ministry in the U.S. and for God to give me wisdom as I help.

STEVE and DONNA THURMAN, in Idaho in US, but will take some trips overseas - Team Kiwi
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- We are thankful to have attended and Steve speak at the annual Grace Evangelical Society conference at the end of last month.
- 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.
- 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.
- Seek God with us that, as we look ahead to 2021, we need the Spirit to guide us, we need the Lord's wisdom, and we need clarity as to how God wants us to serve Him. We are doing all we can to work hard in this pandemic era of "shut down" confusion, but we are asking God to kick open doors and set us free to travel and teach as much and as often as we've done in the past.



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- Finn's sister, Ruth, passed away in September. Although she was in declining health, this came quite suddenly. She's been the caretaker of her husband, who has Huntington's Disease. Please be in prayer for husband Tom and the care he needs without Ruth, Ruth's children and grandchildren, as well as Finn and other family members as they process this unexpected loss.
- Several months ago, our son Davin noticed a marked decrease in the strength of his left arm, compared to his right. Our obvious concern is that his head trauma, sustained when a taxi hit his scooter in Taiyuan about 4 months ago, is now showing aftermath that was initially undetected. Please pray that Davin will find the right doctor, and that good medical and rehab care will be effective to help him regain strength. Also pray for Rainy, Amaiah, and Mila as they continue their lives in China without us there.
- Finn's brother Paul continues to "hold his own" after rallying due to family visits this past Father's Day, but we realize this is likely only temporary. Now with Ruth's passing, seeing that their residences are both in the same vicinity just south of the California border, should we plan a family get-together? COVID restrictions still influence large gatherings, as well as individual family members' life and work situations. Please ask for wisdom to know when and how to proceed with planning.
- Last and not least, as Finn & I take on these challenging family and health dynamics, please pray for us to grow in grace, patience, endurance, and love in our interactions with each other.

RICK and LEAH ROOT, Experience Community, Colorado Springs

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- Leah's dad passed away in July. Pray for comfort for her 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 for direction and clarity for our future. Pray for Sophi to adapt to school adjustments for this year.
- Pray that we see and take advantage of any opportunities that God provides for us to minister and connect during this mysterious time.



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 for the believers who live in western Mongolia as they live in a very remote area and also there are few believers.
- 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.

LOREN MUEHLIUS, LightSys, Colorado Springs, helping missionaries with mapping
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- Praise the Christian mapping e-mail group webinar last month went very well. There was good interest and discussion among participants. I think we all learned from the main presenters.
- Praise that work on the Central African Republic maps is finished. However, there is a problem with a number of the maps and some processing will also need to be done on them to make them more useful. Pray as Lee, a volunteer, works on this.
- Last month I helped a researcher of people groups in South Asia and a person mapping church data in a southeast Asia country with mapping. I am also cleaning up some administrative border work in the African country of Ethiopia. The admin borders will be used to display the density/lack of density of churches in the country. Pray as I work with these people and other people and also on the Ethiopia administrative borders.
- This month I hope to get back to creating some maps which can be displayed on our map server.



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- Praise the children's team continues to produce a weekly program using the same format as last year's after school program. Praise also that our Bible teacher and Everett were able to pray for kids during a drive-thru back to school event. Pray our children and youth will grow in Christ.
- We and our house got through Hurricane Hannah okay but a wall of our church building blew down and there were other leaks. Pray as repairs on this are worked on and pray for others in our area who were affected by the hurricane.
- The Providing Hope Food distribution continues. Pray for food donations for this to continue and pray the *Daily Bread* devotional guides distributed are read and provide encouragement. We had some vandalism to our room where clothes are stored. Happily after some effort this is now cleaned up and only a wall air conditioner was taken. Pray for those who did this.
- We are very thankful that none of our immediate family or extended have been affected by the virus. Terrie's mom is in a very safe assisted living home in Missouri and we are thankful that she is healthy, and that Terrie's brother and sister are nearby. We are all missing real hugs and touch, like many of you.
- Terri has recently been diagnosed with allergies to cow's milk and eggs. She is trying to get used to "different" in this already different world.

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 they are at school and deal with these COVID times.



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