

FBC Ambassador Prayer Items

October 2020

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



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- 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."
- 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.
- 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.

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.
- Plans are to hold an orientation for new missionaries this month. Pray for this, since the current COVID situation creates complications.
- 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.



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.

FINN and SANDY TORJESEN, TEAM and Evergreen

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- Finn's sister, Ruth, passed away last month. 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 weeks 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.
- We are grateful for our safe return to the States and the opportunity to begin to process, in-person, Mom's loss with family members, as well as reconnect with Adam & Denise. We have also already begun to pursue reconnecting with Finn's doctors for his stomach, energy, and other issues. One hopeful referral, however, has been hindered by the fact that the attending doctor has no available appointments prior to January! Please pray for God's provision for an alternative provider and guidance as we seek effective treatments.
- 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

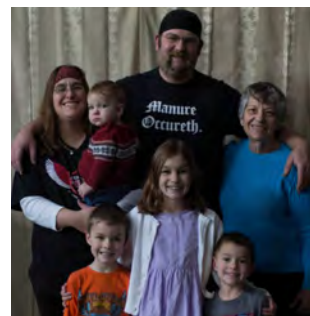
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- Leah's dad passed away in July. Pray for comfort for her mother, family and extended family.
- Praise the Lord is providing for our financial needs through Leah's job and Rick's extra projects.
- We have a wonderful home, running cars and great neighbors.
- 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.

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.



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

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- Mikel Ann and I have no ministry outside of Colorado Springs this month. We will be at home and I will be recovering from foot surgery that I had on Sept 24th. We have heard that our missionary training ministry in Ukraine will now go forward assuming that international travel is possible. Though no dates are set, we expect the training will happen in the first three or four months of 2021. Thanks for your prayers

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.
- Praise for an opportunity to visit some small churches in rural western Mongolia. We sought to encourage the churches and believers. Pray for these believers 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.



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

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- For Everett and Terrie as they are travel from September 26 through October 5th. They be visiting friends and supporters as well as speaking at a mission conference in Wolcott, Oct 2-4.
- For Everett as he speaks on God using ordinary people on mission to accomplish extraordinary things for His glory.
- For Everett's health as he is dealing with fatigue and some respiratory issues. (Thank the Lord it's not COVID!)
- For an end to COVID concerns that have restricted our ability to conduct after school Bible clubs, as well as the halfway house Bible study, and the ministry at the Evins Juvenile Center.
- Everett as he looks for ways to interact and disciple former halfway house guys as they contact him.
- That we may have discernment and creativity in finding new ways to minister the Gospel while social distancing.

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.
- Ruth's back is still bothering her. 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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- The webinar for the Christian mapping e-mail group is scheduled for Oct. 5. Pray for good interaction between attendees and that they will be challenged and encouraged by how others are using mapping to help Christian organizations and missionaries. One of the main presenters oversees mapping at Samaritans Purse and the second work with a system to map churches around the world. Pray for networking relationships to develop through the webinar.

Pray that technology will work well.

- A missionary collected a lot of church data from the Philippines. Due to medical reasons he has had to return to the U.S. Another missionary is working with an organization to put the information on the internet. Pray as he works on this.
- Praise that a report about churches in Mongolia has been released. Pray it will challenge pastors in Mongolia to plant churches where they are most needed. One map was in the report and others will probably be created and used in presentations. I also plan to continue to help people map data in a North African country.
- A mission agency, SIL, wanted to create electronic versions of language maps done in the 1990's for the Central African Republic. The maps were done with very old software. With God's help we have been able to

get the old mapping software to run on a newer computer. A volunteer has taken over the repetitious task of opening up each map and creating pdf files. Pray the maps will be useful for language workers.

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