

FBC Ambassador Prayer Items

September 2020



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- Every staff member was tested for the Corona Virus and praise that all 80 people came back negative! Praise God!
- We are teaching courses online. Please pray that we can be in person soon.
- Many new staff members are unable to get visas. Please pray that they get visas soon and are able to join us in Indonesia.
- Praise God is working in the midst of this hard season.

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- A call on 8/26 revealed that Finn's sister, Ruth, had passed away. 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.



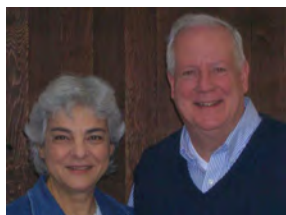
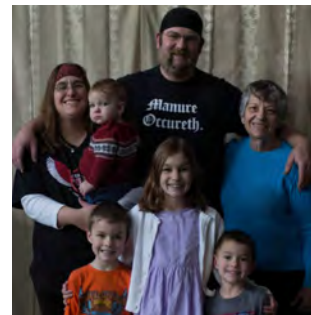
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- Leah's dad passed away in July. Pray for comfort for her mother, family and extended family.
- Praise the Lord is providing for our financial needs through Leah's job and Rick's extra projects.
- We have a wonderful home, running cars and great neighbors.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



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 are not able to plan for an alternate date for the church planting coaching meeting until a future time. 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.
- 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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- 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 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.



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.

- In addition to this week, next week four of us church planters will be traveling around the western part of Mongolia about 4000 miles to visit nomadic families. We hope to share good news to the people and give them Kazakh bibles. We did planning for this in August. The Kazakhs are Muslim and they are originally from the country west of Mongolia, Kazakhstan.
- 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.

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.
- This is an unusual year for college students. Emily and Sarah are back at Cedarville where there are in-person classes. Pray there are no large outbreaks of COVID-19.
- 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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- 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 and for me to have wisdom how to help.
- Praise that I have been able to continue to help a Mongolian lady work to map church data she has collected. Pray she can continue to make progress learning the mapping software.
- A person in another Asian country is mapping church growth data. Pray as I help him with this. He is using a different mapping software than I am familiar with so pray as we both learn. I also plan to continue to help people map data in a North African country.
- A mission agency, SIL, would like to create electronic versions of language maps done in the 1990's for a country in Africa. 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. Pray we can work through one remaining obstacle and hopefully don't encounter others as we make the maps.
- Plans for a webinar for the Christian mapping e-mail group have slowly been progressing. Two people have agreed to do longer presentations. Pray as we work on dates for the webinar. Some members of the group are in western Europe, so we hope to select a time that is workable for them as well as us in the U.S.

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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. Will any clubs will be able to meet in the coming school year? Beside wanting to restart the Kingdom Cowboy club, 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.

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