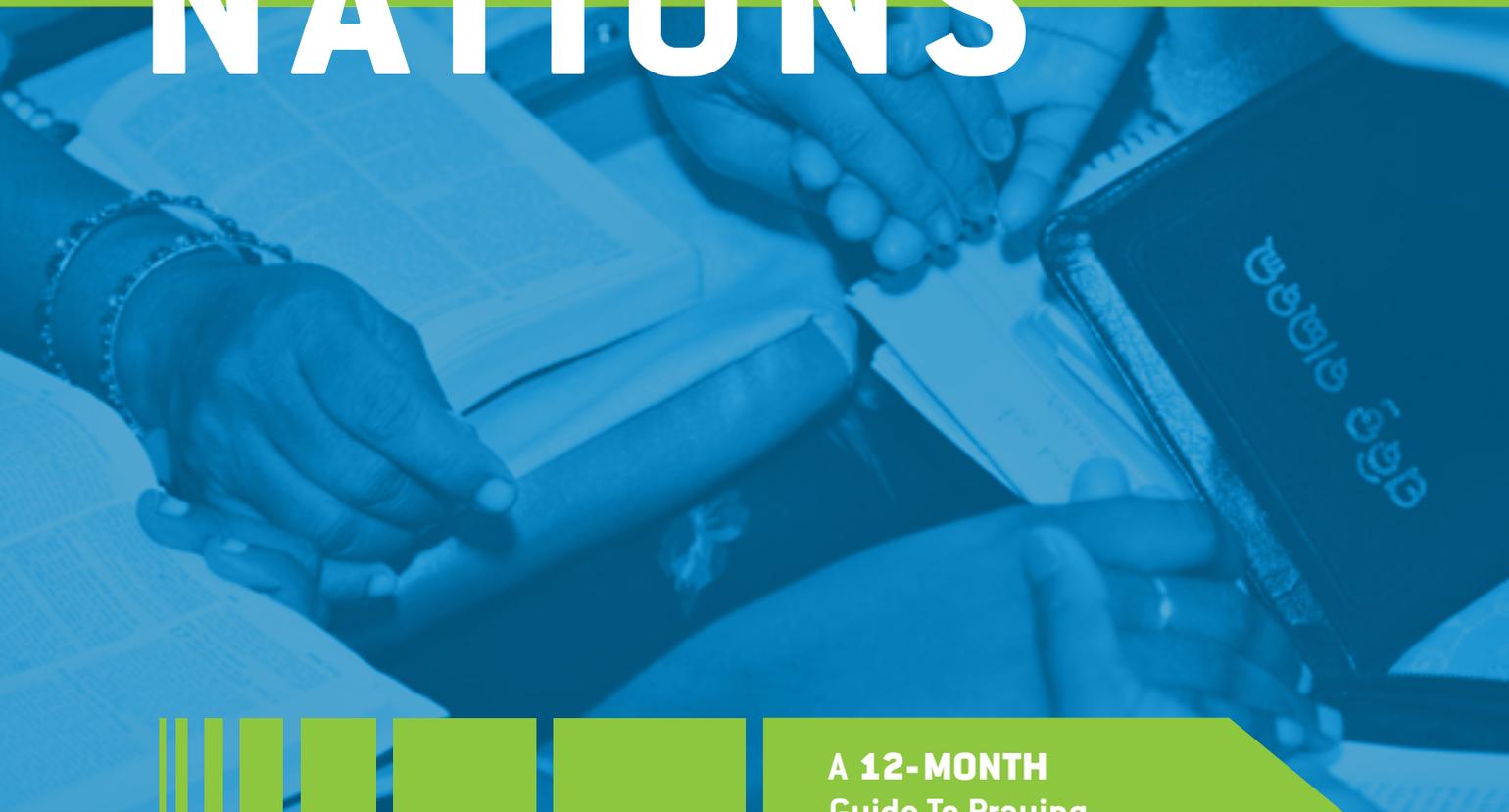


PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS



A 12-MONTH
Guide To Praying
For Our Missionaries

A Letter From Our Chairman



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“Hope of the Nations” is this year’s World Missions Conference theme. The phrase is taken from Matthew 12:21, where Matthew quotes Isaiah telling of the coming Messiah, who will faithfully bring justice to the nations. This is our Hope!

We have been reminded in so many ways this year how much the world needs to know Jesus, and of how these missionaries are truly our partners in taking his Hope to the world. What an opportunity we have to share in this work through our prayers. As we have supported and encouraged them, they have in turn challenged and encouraged us. This prayer guide will be a daily reminder of how beautifully God is working through these partnerships, and how blessed we are to be a part of them.



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PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

ALL THE NATIONS YOU HAVE MADE SHALL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, O LORD, AND SHALL GLORIFY YOUR NAME. PSALM 86:9



DAN BURNS

Pastor of
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What will lead the nations to come and worship Jesus? As Reformed Christians, we correctly emphasize that it is the sovereign work of God, orchestrating the circumstances and hearts of individuals and communities so that they cry out to God and trust in His Savior, Jesus. At the same time, we acknowledge that God loves to respond to the prayers of His people. God has constituted His people as a kingdom of priests so that we would pray for the nations of the world. We intercede on their behalf, that God might have mercy on them and draw them unto Himself. According to Romans 10, he does this by sending messengers who preach the gospel so people will hear it, believe in Jesus, and call upon Him for salvation.

The prayer calendar is designed to help you fulfill your priestly function by guiding you in praying for our international partners. Some of our partners are American missionaries, serving either long-term or mid-term (noted as First Responders), including 14 of our own members. Others are National Partners serving in their own countries, including most of our ten Strategic Partners. These partners serve in a variety of ways, including church planting, leadership development, youth ministry, holistic ministry among the poor, Bible translation, and a number of support ministries. The prayer calendar will guide you through one of our seven regions of the world each month to help you and those in your family or community pray for these mission partners. These prayer requests reflect our partners' overall prayer needs for the year and can be supplemented by the monthly prayer updates, which can be requested at 2pc.org/subscribe.

I pray that your intercession on behalf of our mission partners and the people they serve will cause your hope in the Lord to grow. As you learn more about what God is doing through our ministry partners and see prayers answered, our confidence that Jesus is the Hope of the Nations will increase. Consider asking one or two partners to send you their personal updates, that you might be more regularly updated and encouraged with what God is doing in their specific location. Let the world missions office help you get connected to your partners in a new way this year.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Listen to how Paul prayed for the Ephesians in Ephesians 3:14–19:

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Let us follow Paul's example by praying that our missionaries, and those whom they serve, might be strengthened by Christ in their inner being, and that they might experience God to the fullest.

IDEAS ABOUT PRAYER FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

PRAY that they will have a consistent, meaningful devotional life in the Word.

PRAY for strong marriages, good parenting skills, and for the missionaries' families in their home countries.

PRAY for their emotional needs—an assurance of God's love and presence.

PRAY for their adaptability to the culture, fluency in the language, and good relationships with national workers.

PRAY for the people whom they serve — that they might meet Jesus, be transformed by the Gospel, and be equipped to proclaim the Gospel faithfully to their own people.

PRAY for unity and maturity in the national churches that are being established.

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EUROPE

Eurasia



MONTH 1

“Give counsel, grant justice; make your shade like night at the height of noon; shelter the outcasts; do not betray the refugee.” *Isaiah 16:3*



LEONARDO DeCHIRICO

STRATEGIC PARTNER / CHURCH PLANTER - ROME

Leonardo serves as the pastor of Breccia di Roma, a dynamic Evangelical Protestant church plant in the heart of Rome, Italy. Last September, it launched a daughter church in San Paolo, a nearby community of 130,000 people. Reid Karr and a few other key leaders had already been developing relationships in that community for a year, and they were commissioned and sent out in September. Leonardo continues to teach evangelical seminary students with other colleagues in a cohort intensive program throughout Italy, as well as engage with Catholic

scholars in Catholic-Protestant dialogue. He has recently developed a Reformation Walk, following the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. He invites students of all kinds to retrace Martin Luther's steps, recounting the issues faced and addressed by the Catholic monk when he was in Rome. In this way, he engages students with history and introduces them to key gospel concepts. Leonardo also has developed a pastoral residency program to train and equip future church leaders from within his own church context.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for wisdom, insight, and perseverance as Leonardo leads his church to engage the secularized population of Rome with the living gospel of Christ.*
- *Pray for the new daughter church plant in San Paolo, along with Reid and Steppie Karr, that they might engage their community with the gospel and become established as a church.*
- *Pray for faithfulness and effectiveness for Leonardo as he equips seminary students for gospel ministry and mentors pastoral residents in Breccia di Roma.*



JONATHAN & AMY PRUDHOMME (BENJAMIN) CHURCH PLANTERS - CASALECCHIO

Jonathan and Amy Prudhomme have been part of a church planting team in Casalecchio, a suburb of Bologna, Italy. In a country that has “a form of religion without true faith,” the Prudhommes and their team are building relationships to share the hope found in the gospel of Christ. The team is encouraged by the growth in church attendance and by the many good questions that some of their seeking friends are asking. Amidst this encouragement, Amy and Jonathan’s lives have taken an unexpected turn. Shortly after the birth of little Benjamin last August, Amy became

gravely ill and had to return to Memphis for treatment. Presently, they are living in Second’s mission house while Amy slowly recovers. The Lord has redeemed this time of questioning and suffering as they have seen His sufficiency. Jonathan has been able to take seminary courses at an accelerated pace. Amy and Jonathan have been near family, friends, and compassionate and competent medical personnel who have ministered to them during this time. They are grateful for God’s tender care and look forward to their return to Italy in the near future.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the Lord will give full healing to Amy so that they can return to the field.*
- *Pray for the Lord to use this present suffering for future ministry opportunities.*
- *Pray for the Lord to bless their teammates while they are away from Casalecchio.*
- *Pray that the Lord will break through complacent and hard hearts with the power of the gospel, bringing many Italians to saving faith.*



STEVE & LIZZIE DONLEY

YOUTH MINISTRY - CLUJ

After a year of preparation, Steve and Lizzie arrived in Cluj, Romania, last December. They are excited to begin their new call working with youth and college students as a part of a Josiah Venture team committed to evangelism through the local church. Their first order of business upon arrival was to settle into their apartment and buy necessities like a bed, a couch, and a table. They have begun spending

time with their teammates, Darius and Bia, along with their baby Luca, and are enjoying their company. The Donleys feel so blessed to have teammates to receive them and help them adjust and learn how to navigate a new city. They look forward to beginning their ministry with students in Cluj, which is a major university town, second only to the capital, Bucharest.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for endurance, health, and focus as the Donleys adjust to life in Cluj.*
- *Pray for a fruitful first year of relationship-building with students in Cluj and that the Lord would open the students' ears and eyes to the gospel.*
- *Give praise for the Donleys' teammates, and pray that they would encourage and support one another's families in their efforts to reach the lost in this university city.*



THEO & RIENEKE VISSER

STRATEGIC PARTNER / CHURCH PLANTER - ROTTERDAM

For more than a year now, Theo Visser has been at work expanding his newest endeavor, Intercultural Church Plants, in the European Union. Having planted two intercultural churches in Rotterdam and having launched the Intercultural Church Planting Network in the Netherlands, he is now working to identify, equip, and empower catalysts to do this same work throughout Europe. He has already identified and partnered with an individual in the U.K. and is now holding training conferences in order to expand his network. He is seeking key partners in strategic

locations across Europe, including France, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and Spain. Theo organizes conferences to equip and envision intercultural church planters, and he spends many hours coaching church planters and network leaders. He hopes to set aside time in the coming year to write, thus transferring his training and envisioning seminars into training curriculum for broader audiences. Theo's wife Rieneke is the creative mind behind Songs2Serve (songs2serve.nl), a site that specifically provides worship music for intercultural churches.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the Lord would raise up catalysts, strategic country leaders who can envision and equip intercultural church planters in their specific settings.*
- *Pray for Theo to have understanding and insight into each church planter and country catalyst that he coaches so that he might serve and empower them effectively.*
- *Pray for the music ministry of Songs2Serve, that intercultural worship music might help church planters draw people from diverse national backgrounds together to worship Jesus.*



GIOTIS KANTARTZIS

STRATEGIC PARTNER / PASTOR/CHURCH PLANTER - ATHENS

Giotis Kantartzis, pastor of First Greek Evangelical Church of Athens, continues to equip and mobilize church planters through his network of churches in Athens. Axarcheia and Glyfada, churches recently planted by First Evangelical, are in the process of planting their own daughter churches this year, while First Evangelical has begun a ministry to the homeless in their community that they are praying will grow into a church. Each of these churches has also invested in small apartment houses to develop ministries for refugees. These projects house one Greek family in a small complex with four to six refugee

families, often from Syria, for three to six months. The goal is to serve refugees who are settling into Greek life and help them understand how to live and operate in their new country through a positive experience of community. Through this model of authentic friendship, these churches are introducing Muslim refugees to loving Christians who can holistically minister to them as new residents of Greece. In addition to his church and church planting ministries, Giotis enjoys researching and writing theological articles for the Greek Evangelical Church as a way of serving the broader community.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the Lord would bless each of these new church plants representing new church families, and that God would draw people to faith, create Christian community, and strengthen the leaders engaged in church planting.*
- *Pray that God would bless the refugee families as they continue to adjust to life in a new country. Pray that they would experience God's love in Christ through the Christian families living in their complex.*
- *Pray that Giotis would have insight to encourage each pastoral resident, church planter, and church leader, as he and his fellow pastors equip the next generation of church planters in Athens.*



GEORGE TOLIÁS

NATIONAL PARTNER / CHURCH PLANTER - ATHENS

George Toliás is the pastor of Glyfada, one of the daughter churches of First Evangelical in Athens, Greece. George was raised in a Christian home since his grandmother came to faith through the work of missionaries in Greece. He studied theology both in Greece and in the U.S. (Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia) before returning to Athens to plant a church in Glyfada. His vision was to reach the professional community in this affluent area of Athens, but the refugee crisis of 2015 brought tens of thousands of refugees to that area of his

city. The young church responded by serving their immediate needs and eventually developing ministry for their longer-term needs. The church has not only developed a temporary housing opportunity, but also offers training in writing a resume, applying for college, and finding a job. They are now working to plant a daughter church in Pagrati, a nearby neighborhood with a university. A team is already in place to serve and minister to students, and they hope to launch worship services this year.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for George as he serves as a pastor to this new congregation in an area that has seen much change.*
- *Pray that the young church can faithfully serve refugees as they recover from their past trauma (since most fled because of war) and attempt to integrate into European culture. Pray that they would meet Christ in this process.*
- *Pray for the team serving students in Pagrati, that they would develop meaningful relationships in that community that would lead many to faith and become the nucleus of a new church.*

MIDDLE EAST

1040 Window



“So she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, ‘you are a God of seeing’; for she said, ‘Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.’” *Genesis 16:13*



AILEEN COLEMAN

STRATEGIC PARTNER / FOUNDER & NURSE - ANNOOR SANITORIUM

Working with Dr. Eleanor Soltau, nurse Aileen Coleman started the Annoor Sanatorium in the Middle East in 1965. Fifty-four years later, Aileen is still actively engaged with Annoor, bringing not only physical healing but also sharing the light of the gospel with the Bedouin living in the deserts of a Middle Eastern country. In Arabic, “Annoor” means “The Light,” and through Aileen and the rest of the staff, the light of the gospel has shined in her country and reverberated throughout the world.

Aileen reported that last year there were four instances when people in various parts of the world found unexpected connections to Annoor because of loved ones being healed there. Despite bureaucratic delays and mounds of red tape, foreign medical personnel have received visas and permits to continue practicing in their country. Unfortunately, the southern clinic was closed last year because the visas of the staff were denied.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that God would continue to show favor to Aileen and all the staff at Annoor, particularly in the eyes of the government, and that visas and necessary medical permits would continue to be granted.*
- *Pray for the patients at Annoor as they hear and experience the gospel.*
- *Pray for Aileen’s continued health and stamina as she represents Annoor to the world and represents Christ among the Bedouin.*

HERB & HEATHER

ADMINISTRATOR AND NURSE - MIDDLE EAST

Herb and Heather work at the Annoor Sanatorium, serving the poor and needy with loving and compassionate health care. Herb serves as the director of the Sanatorium, while Heather heads up the nursing staff. The hospital was founded to serve Bedouin from the deserts of several Middle Eastern countries; however, because of the hard work of the Annoor founders, Bedouin patients have decreased. Now TB patients come

from prisons, refugee camps, war zones, garment factories, and large cities. Many patients come from very difficult circumstances, living in camps in remote locations with limited resources. Two recent male patients from a camp located in “no man’s land” in Syria successfully completed treatment for TB. They returned to a camp where the bordering countries are not allowing aid or supplies and the others with TB are not being treated.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for ways to minister to the camp in “no man’s land,” where children are dying and the conditions have deteriorated.*
- *Pray for the patient who is evading treatment and hiding from the authorities who want to either force him to receive treatment or deport him to his country of origin.*
- *Pray for the team at Annoor, that current employees would receive their residency permits and that new team members would join them (and receive those same permits).*



LAURA

FIRST RESPONDER / TEACHER / COMMUNITY OUTREACH - MIDDLE EAST

After two years teaching the children of missionaries at Annoor Sanitorium, Laura felt the Lord calling her to another ministry. While at Annoor, she realized that there are so many refugees who have experienced pain and suffering and who feel disenfranchised, lonely, and without identity. They need someone to come alongside them and show them the love of the Father, the gifts of the

Son, and what it means to be part of the body. For this reason, she feels strongly that the Lord is calling her to work with refugees. To do that work, she needs to know their language. She will spend 2019 in a nearby city, learning the language and being part of a training program to learn more about the culture, the majority faith, and tools to share the Gospel with the people there.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for her interactions with teachers, fellow students, neighbors, and random acquaintances as she acclimates to this urban mission setting.*
- *Pray for mastery of both Arabic and gospel communications.*
- *Pray for strong friendships with other Christians serving in many capacities there.*
- *Pray for discernment and clarity in God's call on where and how she can work with refugees now and in the future.*



BRIAN & JOANNE

CHURCH PLANTERS - ARABIAN PENINSULA

Brian and Joanne continue to be encouraged by all that the Lord is doing at Covenant Hope Church. Non-Christians are regularly attending church services, and many are inviting friends. They are experiencing such wonderful fellowship following their weekly services that it is hard to greet all the guests. Brian sees a culture of discipleship taking root, exemplified by an Indian woman and a Filipino woman who are meeting regularly to study God's word together. This cross-cultural, spiritual friendship is truly radical for this region of the world.

The church body is now able to meet in a building on the edge of town, but this presents transportation issues for many wanting to attend. They originally met in a strategically located neighborhood, but recent government regulations banned all Protestant churches from meeting in rented space. Their city is also experiencing tremendous economic pressure, and many members' jobs have been affected. Despite these hardships, Brian and Joanne are seeing the Lord at work and are grateful for prayers lifted on behalf of Covenant Hope Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that church members and visitors would hear and truly understand the gospel each week at Covenant Hope Church.*
- *Pray that all who want to attend church services would not be deterred by transportation or logistical issues.*
- *Pray that God would continue to bless the Christian community and fellowship at Covenant Hope Church and increase opportunities for discipleship.*

MICHAEL & CAROLINE

TEACHER - MIDDLE EAST

Michael teaches in the English department at a university, which has given him an opportunity to interact with colleagues by encouraging them and sharing God's truth. One co-worker has attended Sunday services. They are praying that this co-worker, and others whom Michael has befriended, will have open hearts to hear God's truth. Michael's first friend he made

since moving to the Middle East is an atheist but has been willing to talk about God. They are praying for this friend's salvation. Michael, Caroline, and the kids had an opportunity during the holidays to share American traditions and the true meaning of Christmas with friends. Building these relationships has opened the door to share God's love and truth.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the ongoing health issues Caroline has experienced that doctors have been unable to diagnose.*
- *Pray for Michael's relationships with co-workers and for wisdom as opportunities come along to demonstrate the love of God.*
- *Pray for wisdom and strength as they raise their children to be godly children.*



MIKE & STEPHANIE

TEACHER / ITEN SPECIALIST - MIDDLE EAST

After teaching at Arab Baptist Theological Seminary for six years, the Lord called Mike and Stephanie back to the U.S. Upon returning, they spent two and a half months on sabbatical in a small, rustic, isolated cabin in the Cascade Mountains. While they wondered if this time away after thirty-five years of ministry would be worthwhile, they wisely heeded the counsel of friends, using the opportunity to spend time with the Lord and seek His will for their next phase in service. The Lord blessed their time and used it to confirm His call for them to stay

with EPC World Outreach. Mike now serves with International Theological Education Network (ITEN) as a specialist for Missional Theology and Practice. Mike teaches, mentors, and writes materials to train younger missionaries who will equip their own people to live on mission for God among the unreached, particularly in the Muslim world. Stephanie serves along with Mike and is still discerning the best opportunities for her. Mike and Stephanie are still adjusting to life in the U.S. and are grateful to be close to family as they launch a new ministry.

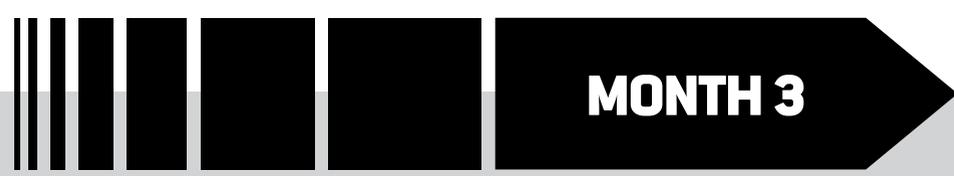
PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that God will anoint Mike with His Spirit as he teaches and writes.*
- *Pray that God will give both Mike and Stephanie great insight into the specific needs of the people that they mentor and that they would demonstrate the grace and truth of the Lord Jesus to those under their care.*
- *Pray that their immutable God will give them His great stability in this time of change.*
- *Pray that many who are now unreached will hear the gospel and receive salvation.*



CENTRAL / SOUTH ASIA

1040 Window



MONTH 3

“And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” *Acts 4:29-30*

JONATHAN & SHARON (ALICIA, GIA) PASTOR / LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - SOUTH ASIA

Jonathan serves in a large city in South Asia, both as the pastor of his church and as a trainer with Development Associates International. Two years ago, Jonathan and Sharon took on leadership in their multicultural church Fusion and in that time, through prayer and God's miraculous intervention, have achieved both legal registration and received their tax certificate. They are working in one of the biggest business districts in their city.

This past Christmas, they presented an open-air Christmas program with police permission and protection. Abe, a church elder, has accepted the call to serve as the pastor and will begin those duties in April. Jonathan and Sharon will move to Sharon's family's hometown in that country this summer. Jonathan continues to train young leaders throughout South Asia in servant leadership through DAI's network of church development programs.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Abe and Lai in their transition to church leadership over the new few months.*
- *Pray for Jonathan's continued training of young Christian leaders in servant leadership.*
- *Pray for Sharon as she homeschools their girls, in addition to running the Khushbu project.*
- *Pray for many professions of faith through the Khushbu project.*

RAJU & CATHERINE

PHYSICIAN / KACHHWA TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRIES - SOUTH ASIA

Since 2002, Raju and Catherine have served in South Asia at Kachhwa Christian Hospital (KCH), a twenty-bed mission hospital focusing on holistic treatment of the poor and marginalized. Along with hospital services, KCH intentionally focuses on community health and development, vocational training, primary education, and leadership training. The hospital is thriving and is currently adding a new intensive care unit to better treat those patients with more critical illness.

Multiple schools have been established to educate the children and introduce them to the gospel. Several church plants are growing, with pastors being trained at Kachhwa in theology and ministry. Last November, Catherine hosted her annual women's conference with help from a short-term team from 2PC. The local community of believers is being built up in faith and love through The church on The KCH campus, youth meetings, parenting workshops, and women's retreats.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please pray for Raju and Catherine as they model the grace of the gospel in their hospitality, teaching, training, and discipling.*
- *Please pray for God's direction for them as they continue to form networks among ministry partners to multiply gospel opportunities.*
- *Please pray that the Lord would provide hope in Christ to this community and free them from poverty, sickness, and spiritual blindness.*



THE YOUNGS

CHURCH PLANTER / AREA DIRECTORS FOR UWM - SOUTH ASIA

The Lord has called the Youngs to a dual role in His plan for world evangelization. They serve as the Area Directors for UWM in Asia and are part of a church planting team in their South Asian country. As in all Kingdom work, the Youngs experience many challenges and joys as they follow God's call. In 2018, they faced the loss of close friendships as several of their teammates had to return to the States from the mission field. This loss of fellowship, combined with increased restrictions in the place where they serve, made ministry difficult. Added to these were the health concerns of aging

family members. Amidst these obstacles, the Lord brought them joy and encouragement through several training programs. These programs gave them spiritual refreshment and new tools to aid them as they mentor newer missionaries. One great joy was participating in the baptisms of two of their local friends. Seeing the spiritual growth of several indigenous Christians has greatly encouraged our mission partners. The Youngs have seen the Lord at work in South Asia, and they praise Him for His faithfulness and for using them in His service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the Lord will give the Youngs open doors for the gospel and perseverance in a difficult place of service. Pray for protection from the evil one.*
- *Pray for the Lord to call new servants to rebuild the Youngs' team and that He will bring healing, restoration, and direction for those who have had to leave.*
- *Pray for the new believers in South Asia to grow in their faith and have a strong witness of Christ's gospel.*



TIM & TANYA

CENTRAL ASIA YOUNG LIFE - BISHKEK

Tim and Tanya serve together in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, ministering to youth, young adults, and those with special needs. Tim used his gifts in health and fitness to start a fitness club, Viking Fit. He uses the club as an outreach to the youth in their community to share the love of Christ. In October, Tim and Tanya, along with their ministry colleague Pona, started a Capernaum Club for kids with special needs. They have also

launched Capernaum Fitness, a weekly ministry to those same kids that helps them with developmental exercises, designed specifically for their needs. Tim is also training some of the youth to be personal trainers so that the club can accommodate more kids. In addition, Tim leads a daily discipleship group and teaches two weekly Bible studies. Recently, they have had to relocate the club due to issues with their landlord.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that Tim and Tanya can quickly find a new location for their gym and that the kids will be able to get there.*
- *Pray for Tim, Tanya, and their team to be able to oversee the ministry both in writing specific exercise plans for the kids with special needs and in developing a network of relational ministry volunteers needed to run the ministry.*
- *Pray for preparations and logistics as they put on their first ever Capernaum and fitness club camps in June 2019.*
- *Pray for them as they are expecting their first child in August of 2019.*



RUSLAN & ZHANNA (ROSTIK, DANISLAV, GLORIA, ODELIA)
STRATEGIC PARTNERS / CENTRAL ASIA YOUNG LIFE - ALMATY

Ruslan serves as the regional director of Young Life Central Asia, and Zhanna serves as the Former Soviet Union Director of the Capernaum Project, Young Life's ministry to kids with special needs. In the past year, Young Life has expanded into Tajikistan, as well as launched new club ministries in cities in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan. In February of 2018, Young Life Central Asia held its annual leadership training conference with nearly 200 staff and volunteers in attendance. The Capernaum Project also launched new clubs in Central Asia and held their first

ever Former Soviet Union Capernaum Leaders Conference last September. Zhanna's vision is to launch Capernaum Ministries in every city where typical Young Life is operating, perhaps even leading the way in some cities with restricted access. Ruslan and Zhanna are both transitioning into strategic leadership roles over a broad ministry and struggling with the reality of less time in direct ministry with teenagers and kids with special needs. Nevertheless, by casting vision and equipping and supporting key leaders in their ministries, they are touching thousands of lives.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Ruslan and Zhanna as they continue to equip staff and volunteer teams to expand Young Life Central Asia into new cities.*
- *Pray for their ability to recruit, equip, and strengthen young volunteers to serve both typical kids and those with special needs.*
- *Pray that God will give both Ruslan and Zhanna the ability to give leadership to a growing team of senior leaders while continuing at an appropriate level in direct contact ministry.*

LENDEN & GEMMA (JAZZY, AUBREY) CHURCH PLANTERS / CENTRAL ASIA

What would it be like if English was your native language and your school was taught in Russian, while your classmates spoke the language of the country where you live? This is what school is like for Jazzy and Aubrey, who are doing well in their third year of life in the capital city of a Central Asian country. Their parents, Lenden and Gemma, moved the family to the capital city of this Central Asian country to be part of a church planting team in a place that is

88% Muslim. As team leaders, Lenden and Gemma wear many hats, such as providing leadership training, directing outreach initiatives, coordinating vision trips, and leading Bible studies. They are grateful for Third Millennium resources that they use to train young church leaders. Lenden and Gemma's desire is that many in their city will come to know the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Their family continually looks for ways to draw people to Him.

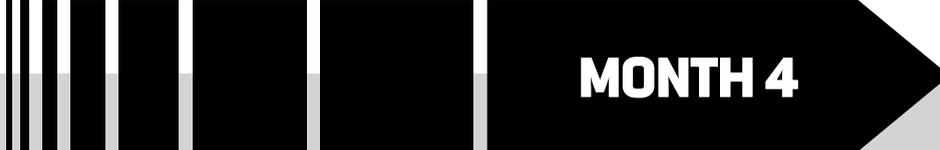
PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the Lord to give this young family all that they need to serve Him well and protect them from any attack from the evil one.*
- *Pray that Jesus will continue to be their first love and that the overflow of this love will impact the city and nation for Christ.*
- *Pray for the Holy Spirit to open hearts of the people in Central Asia to receive the salvation that is in Christ.*



EAST ASIA

Eurasia



MONTH 4

“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name...” *Isaiah 42:6-8*

DAVID & ALIECE (ZEBADIAH, ZEMIRAH, ZIERA)
TEACHER & TRAINER - EAST ASIA

David and Aliece are ministering, mentoring, and counseling locally and throughout East Asia. Both taught classes at a seminary last fall, training missionaries to serve minorities in East Asia. David taught Doctrine of Church, and Aliece taught Biblical Counseling for Children at other locations in East Asia. David preaches twice a month at local churches and provides discipleship

training and pre-marital counseling. Earlier this year, they participated in a conference serving 800 national leaders. David translated for speakers and Aliece gave two workshops on Biblical Counseling and Discipleship. David will be sponsoring a similar conference in the fall of 2019. Aliece continues to equip churches and church leaders in Biblical counseling.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for David while he translates a 700+ page commentary – that it would cross language and cultural barriers, and that those reading would be blessed by God.*
- *Pray for David who regularly teaches intensive courses at various seminaries, typically teaching forty hours of lecture in five days.*
- *Pray for Aliece to balance teaching, supervising at a counseling center, and homeschooling their children.*
- *Pray for their children as they travel, minister, and develop friendships where they live.*

TIM & HUILAN (ETHAN, MICAH, CIANNA)
LEADERSHIP TRAINING - EAST ASIA

Tim and Huilan serve in East Asia and have watched longtime friends and co-workers detained by police for refusing to accept government supervision of their churches. Twenty staff members, elders, and deacons have been charged with “illegal business operations” or “disturbing the peace” and await trial. Dozens were detained at “re-education centers” and eventually were released after a week of “training.” Some were sent back the following week for attempting to gather for public worship.

Church members have been prepared for such detentions for some time and ask for God’s comfort and strength to endure what is now upon them. Harassment continues, as does their faithful witness to cellmates while in prison. Several inmates recently vowed to attend church after their release because of the gospel message they had been given. Tim and Huilan are currently on home assignment in the U.S. and are praying about how to return in the summer of 2019.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for gospel seeds to spread as a result from this persecution and for the persevering faith of these Christians suffering for their faith.*
- *Pray for Tim, Huilan, and their kids to be able to return to East Asia.*
- *Pray for the seminary library and staff. Literature is one of the more sensitive aspects of their ministry, and the government tightly controls what kinds of material the people are permitted to read.*

DAVID & LISA

LEADERSHIP TRAINING - EAST ASIA

David and Lisa serve in East Asia where they started two first-generation Discovery Bible Studies. One of the groups has now started a second-generation group. Last fall, they had an opportunity to minister to students who had come down from the mountains for health check-ups. They took the students to the aquarium, and Lisa was able to talk with them about creation and the uniqueness of the creator. Recently, the police have made two unannounced visits to David and Lisa's home, taking pictures of items in their home and the people in their home. They are still not sure why. They were told that foreigners

will have police visits once a month. As a result, they have chosen to be more careful in their communications. They are currently fostering a special needs child, Bella. Bella's village leader has notified David and Lisa that Bella needs to attend a government-approved school. Unfortunately, those schools are not taking new students due to crowded conditions, and the private schools approved by the government are very expensive. Because Bella's doctor is requiring her to have treatments, they are currently allowed to have a tutor for Bella, but they are not sure how long that will last.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for wisdom and discernment in their ministry efforts and for their safety.*
- *Pray for Bella as she started taking hormone shots to help her grow, and for an affordable, long-term schooling option for Bella.*
- *Pray that many in the minority people group they serve would turn to Christ.*

PAUL & NORA (ELIZABETH)
STRATEGIC PARTNER / PASTOR - EAST ASIA

Paul has served as the pastor of Blessings Church, a dynamic and growing church of about 700 in East Asia, as well as the academic dean of a newly established local seminary. He brought his wife Nora and daughter Elizabeth to Memphis for three months in the fall of 2018 for a sabbatical after fourteen years of pastoral ministry. However, the recent government crackdown against unregistered churches in East Asia has left him in a precarious position. His colleague and friend Wang Yi is imprisoned for preaching, and Paul is openly under police surveillance 24/7. Police regularly visit Paul's

church, and he knows the threat is very real that he will soon join his colleague in prison. Nonetheless, he preaches every week and is training church leaders to continue his role should he be taken. Presbyterian ministers take vows when they are ordained, including the following: "Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?" Paul is facing the reality of that vow as he leads his church in turbulent times.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Paul to be a faithful witness to Christ as he preaches and shepherds his church under the close watch of the communist government.*
- *Pray for peace for Paul, Nora, and Elizabeth as they daily face the threat of Paul's arrest and indefinite imprisonment.*
- *Pray for the members of Blessings Church, that they might mature in their faith as they continue to witness to Christ's presence in a hostile environment.*



ENOCH

STRATEGIC PARTNER / CHURCH PLANTER TRAINER - EAST ASIA

Enoch serves as the director of the East Asia Partnership, a dynamic connection between a network of unregistered house churches in East Asia and a few dozen Western Churches who seek to support and empower this rapidly growing network. Enoch, who is an East Asian citizen, is based in the U.S. but travels extensively to his home country to train, coach, and encourage house church pastors. In generations past, house churches literally referred to small fellowships who met in the homes of individuals. The term now includes unregistered urban churches,

whose members sometimes number in the thousands. These churches, whose membership nationwide may number over thirty million, have drawn the attention of the communist government, which has further restricted their activities by arresting and imprisoning leading pastors. Enoch's travels and seminars to East Asia now incur significant risk, as the possibility of his detainment or arrest is no longer theoretical. Nevertheless, Enoch faithfully returns regularly to equip and support pastors in key cities throughout the country.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Enoch's protection as he travels throughout the country, that he might have freedom to serve and train key leaders in East Asia.*
- *Pray for Enoch to have wisdom to work with national church leaders as they organize seminars and training conferences in the new reality of open hostility from the government.*
- *Pray for Enoch's faith to continue to grow as he depends upon the Lord in difficult days, and that his family would experience God's peace, even when he travels in threatening conditions.*



WANG YI

STRATEGIC PARTNER / PASTOR - EAST ASIA

Wang Yi is the pastor of Early Rain Church and one of our long-time partners in East Asia. He helped establish a Reformed presbytery in East Asia and opened a seminary in his church. He and other leaders have a vision for church planting, and their presbytery is growing with both a dozen new church plants and over one hundred seminary students. Unfortunately, this growth has not gone unnoticed by the communist government. They have attempted to restrict and control the house church movement, implementing oppressive laws that require church teaching and funds to be controlled by the government and prohibit teaching children the faith. Wang Yi was vocal and public

in his refusal to accept such demands, leading hundreds of pastors to sign a statement entitled, "Joint Statement by Pastors: A Declaration for the Sake of the Christian Faith." Wang Yi and his wife were arrested on December 9th and charged with "subverting state power." One hundred church members were arrested, and twenty remain in custody, charged with running illegal businesses and disturbing the peace. Wang Yi wrote a letter prior to his arrest, which echoed statements of Paul found in Philippians. Whether in prison or free, he wants nothing more than to help Chinese citizens come to know and follow Jesus Christ.

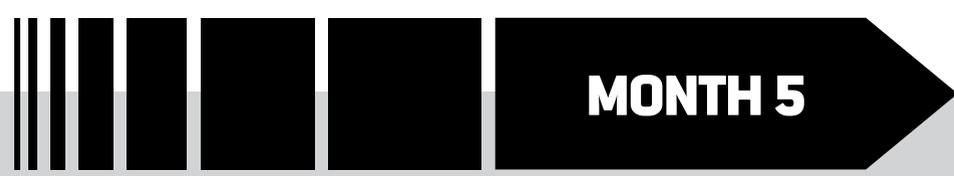
PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Wang Yi and his wife, Jiang Rong, that God would sustain them while they are in prison, that God would sustain their children while they are separated, and that God would move in the justice system to release them immediately.*
- *Pray for the other imprisoned members of Early Rain Church, that God would sustain them and their families and bring about their immediate release.*
- *Pray for the members of Early Rain Church, whose property has been seized and whose members have been arrested, harassed, and followed. Pray that their faith may remain strong and that they might continue to be a witness to God's presence in East Asia.*



SOUTHEAST ASIA

1040 Window



MONTH 5

“Lift your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!” *Psalm 24:7-8*



JACKIE

CHURCH PLANTING TEAM - SOUTHEAST ASIA

Jackie is in her third year of ministry in Southeast Asia and reports that her country now feels like home. Jackie knows that this acclimation is a precious gift from the Lord, as He has equipped her to learn a new language and adopt new customs in her ministry at Covenant City Church (CCC). The Lord has also given Jackie energy, skill, and a heart for a wide range of ministry. She leads a bi-weekly English club with non-believers and is happy to see her non-believing friends open up and desire deeper relationships. Seeing people come to faith and receive baptism at CCC has greatly encouraged her. At CCC, Jackie leads Bible

studies and meets with women one-on-one. She also spends time developing church leaders. Jackie's heart's desire is to bridge the gap between those in the church and her non-believing friends. In a culture where racial, socioeconomic, and religious differences keep people apart, she longs to break down barriers with the love of Jesus. Jackie recently began an online program through RTS to obtain a master's degree in Biblical Studies. She will be on home assignment in Memphis during the spring of 2019. As Jackie leans into God's design, He is equipping her to bear eternal fruit.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the Lord to bless and guide Jackie in the best use of her time for His Kingdom purposes.*
- *Pray for Jesus to bring many of Jackie's non-Christian friends to saving faith and use her to bridge the gap between many disparate friend groups.*
- *Pray for an outpouring of the Spirit of Christ to bring many in her country to Himself.*
- *Pray for the Lord to protect and bless Covenant City Church.*



JOSH

FIRST RESPONDER / TEACHER - SOUTHEAST ASIA

Josh Berkey completed his four-year term with Memphis Teacher Residency and is going to Southeast Asia to teach with one of Second's strategic partners. Josh spent six weeks in China in 2013, an experience which God used to ignite a passion for serving in a culture that did not have the same access to gospel resources as his own. Josh wanted to serve overseas and do that in a capacity that the local population would view as regular work. The Pelita Harapan Foundation has established a number of

Christian private schools (SPH) in and around his new country. These schools are taught in English and incorporate both Christian education and high-level academic training for future leaders in Southeast Asia. A portion of the tuition from these schools goes to fund other schools throughout this country who serve in some of the most under-resourced parts of the country. Josh will teach high school math and be involved with Covenant City Church, pastored by another partner, Tezar Putra.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Josh as he transitions from life in Memphis and prepares to live in Southeast Asia. Pray that he will be able to adapt to the culture quickly and begin to understand the language.*
- *Pray that Josh will be able to connect with students as he teaches and invests himself in the lives of Southeast Asians, many of whom do not know Christ.*
- *Pray for Josh to be able to connect well with a new church and be able to serve and develop genuine community in that context.*



TEZAR & TATIANA (ELENA, LIAM)
CHURCH PLANTERS - SOUTHEAST ASIA

Tezar serves as the pastor of Covenant City Church (CCC), which is now in its third year. After a move to a larger location in the central part of their city, Covenant City Church has grown to 150 members. They have seen multiple professions of faith and will move to two Sunday services in April to accommodate growing numbers. They thank God for the privilege of learning theology, apologetics, and church history from one of their elders, Dr. Gray Sutanto, who completed his Ph.D. last spring from the

University of Edinburgh. An additional elder is completing his preparation and hopes to be ordained later this spring. CCC hosts monthly service projects with an orphanage nearby and began a program to help provide scholarships for high school graduates from that orphanage who want to attend university. Three are attending university prep school now. Tezar hopes to add an additional pastor to the staff of this growing young church plant.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that God would open many hearts to the gospel and lead them on the journey to saving faith in Christ.*
- *Pray for the power of the gospel to inspire and instruct the young orphans they are meeting and serving.*
- *Pray for the many details and logistics of organizing a growing church, especially space, timing, and leadership training.*

NICOLE

FIRST RESPONDER / CHURCH PLANTING TEAM - SOUTHEAST ASIA

Nicole grew up as a missionary kid in Bogor, a small town of two million located just south of Jakarta. She returned to the U.S. for high school and college, working after graduation as a missions intern at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, MD. When Nicole began her university studies, she wanted nothing to do with world missions. However, when she attended a conference and saw missionaries reporting on her former country, her heart was moved. She participated in

short-term mission projects in China, Morocco, India, and Indonesia, where God confirmed her call. She has been appointed with Pioneers to return to her country to be engaged in church planting among the majority population. She plans to be involved in training Bible school students and working professionals in how to engage Muslims with the gospel. She also hopes to work in engaging various churches in her city with the vision of reaching their Muslim neighbors.

MONTH 5

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Nicole as she returns to her former country of residence, not as a child of missionaries, but as a young adult missionary. Pray for a good transition back to her country in the summer of 2019.*
- *Pray that God will raise up a support team to pray for Nicole's ministry.*
- *Pray for the 25+ million residents of her city, most of whom are Muslims. Pray that through individuals and churches, they would encounter Jesus and be drawn to saving faith in Him.*



JOHN

CHURCH PLANTER / BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT - SOUTHEAST ASIA

John works as a platform developer, helping to create small businesses that can enable church planters to live among unreached peoples in the islands of Southeast Asia. Great progress has unfolded as their team continues launching new affiliates in their profit-sharing business. They are building cages to grow sea cucumbers, with twenty running all along the coastline. These cages provide many under-resourced families

with income as they tend the cages for twelve months. Other unengaged Muslim communities are asking for cages and training as well. John and his team hope to set out 100 family cucumber cages in three communities in 2019. Church planters are receiving training for more focused and intentional sharing of the gospel. Three new families are joining their team this year.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for favorable relationships with government officials from village to national levels.*
- *Pray for protection (from greed especially) in the interconnected business relationships and for peacemaking efforts when conflicts and jealousy occur.*
- *Pray for abundant grace for Carlene and their daughter as John travels more this year.*
- *Praise God for church planters joining them. Pray for more church planters and for those already in the interview process.*

PARI CHURCH PLANTING TEAMS

STRATEGIC PARTNERS / CHURCH PLANTING - WEST JAVA

The Indonesia Partnership, of which Second is a founding member, supports four current and two developing church planting teams among Sundanese Muslims in West Java. These teams are made up of two or three Indonesian families who focus on a district of up to five villages in areas that are a few hours' drive from Jakarta. Church planters serve the communities by opening libraries or developing educational programs in the villages. These initiatives are followed up with individual evangelistic meetings and

eventually home churches. Each of these teams evangelizes hundreds of people every year, and they have seen dozens of former Muslims turn to Christ. New believers have in turn shared with their relatives and neighbors. As a result, more are turning to Christ because of the new believers' testimonies than from the work of the church planters! Nevertheless, persecution is high, both for the new believers and for the church planters, and some had to relocate because of real threats of physical harm.

MONTH 5

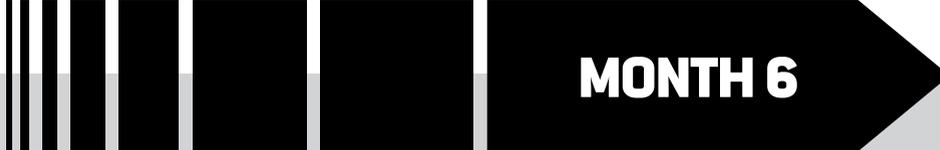
PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the Paul, Peter, David, and Judah teams, along with the two new teams yet to be named, that God will give them unity as a team and effectiveness in gospel witness.*
- *Pray for the Sundanese Muslims of West Java, that God will open their hearts to the saving work of Jesus and draw them, through these teams and others, to saving faith and into fellowship with other believers.*
- *Pray for the director of PARI, Yusuf Supriyono, as he coordinates, supports, and continues to recruit new church planters for this ministry.*



AFRICA

Southern Hemisphere



MONTH 6

“When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”

Psalm 34:17-18



FAITH BLANCHARD

FIRST RESPONDER / COMMUNITY OUTREACH - KAMPALA

Faith Blanchard is a senior at Rhodes who is planning to graduate this May. She has served on short-term teams in South Africa and Uganda, and plans to return to Uganda this summer to serve both in a local church and at the Kisigu Health Clinic in Kampala. She served the Bidi Bidi Refugee Camp with Joyce Lomo last summer and returned to

Uganda in December to explore working in the clinic. She will partner with a local church to mentor youth and be involved in community outreach, and possibly she will sing in the choir like she did on a recent trip. Faith plans to return to the U.S. in 2020 to pursue an advanced degree in Physical Therapy.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that Faith will be both a learner and a servant as she mentors and invests in young people in Uganda.*
- *Pray that God will grant Faith solid connections with friends and mentors during her year of ministry in a new country, even allowing her significant progress in the local language.*
- *Pray that God will give grace to Faith in the ups and downs of her first year living overseas.*



LARRY BROWN (CAREY)
BIBLE COLLEGE PROFESSOR - LILONGWE

Larry is a professor at African Bible College, and he teaches World History, Church History, Systematic Theology, Daniel and Revelation, and Hermeneutics. He occasionally preaches at Maula Prison and at various Malawian churches. The prison ministry is especially crucial since some have been given long sentences for things as simple as stealing a chicken. Others have not been released in a timely

manner because of high fees demanded from the prisoners to process their release or outright demands for bribes. The Malawian church has its challenges because many worshipers have not been taught even the basics of the true gospel. Carey is a diligent student who has been elected by the students to serve as class president. He was chosen as the captain of the basketball team and is also playing soccer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the upcoming presidential election this year. Pray for peace and stability to continue so the Lord's work will not be disrupted.*
- *Pray that Larry will be effective in teaching his various subjects in a way that will shape students minds and hearts in a Christ-centered way.*
- *Pray that Carey will continue to make good choices and will be a testimony to his friends.*



HEATH & ANGELA MANY (REES, MARY TAYLOR)
SURGEON/OBSTETRICIAN - TENWEK

Heath and Angela have worked at Kenya's Tenwek Hospital since June 2014. Heath is a general surgeon and residency program director, and Angela is an OB/GYN. Three new general surgery residents and three new orthopedic residents began work at Tenwek in January. An OB/GYN residency program was approved by PAACS, with the first proposed site at Tenwek, possibly as early as January 2020. The Many's are also excited about

the possibility of starting a neurosurgery program in the next few years. Although hospital work keeps them very busy, they enjoyed working with Christian Academy of Knoxville students and local pastors who built a home for a widow and her granddaughter last summer. They are thankful that Heath passed his Surgical Critical Care boards and that God continues to bless their residency programs as they train Christian surgeons in rural Africa.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Heath to have wisdom in the many challenging situations that come along with residency leadership.*
- *Pray for Angela and the OB/GYN department as they work toward development of an OB/GYN residency.*
- *Pray for their daughters Rees (8th grade) and Mary Taylor (5th grade) to know Jesus, and for their parents to have wisdom in parenting them.*



SCOTT & TINA LAWRENCE (JAMES, JON NATHAN, JOSHUA)
OPHTHALMOLOGIST - ADDIS ABABA

The Lawrences moved to Ethiopia in 2015 to demonstrate the love of God through restoring sight to the blind, caring for the poor, giving hope to the hopeless, and mentoring future leaders in eye care. Scott, an ophthalmologist at St. Paul's Hospital, is mentoring residents in clinical and surgical skills. He is starting a course in medical ethics this year. Hundreds

of sight-saving cataract surgeries have been performed during a recent project in eastern Ethiopia. Scott is starting one of the first ophthalmology subspecialty fellowship programs in the country. This will allow training in glaucoma surgery and management. Their children are doing well and have enjoyed competitive track and field meets.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Scott to not only mentor residents in surgical skills, but also to show the love of Christ in all he does.*
- *Pray for renewed strength and health for the entire family, especially during the cold and flu season in Ethiopia.*
- *Pray for those who receive new sight physically to also receive spiritual sight for the Father.*



JUDY MBUGUA

NATIONAL PARTNER / DIRECTOR OF HSF - NAIROBI

Judy Mbugua is the founder of Homecare Spiritual Fellowship in Nairobi, Kenya, where she guides several ministries and programs. One of them is the Homecare Retreat Center, which has forty-four beds and its own water supply (an important factor in Kenya). The Center is available for prayer groups, conferences, weddings, and family gatherings, with proceeds supporting other ministries within Homecare Spiritual Fellowship. These include the Bethel School of

Dressmaking which serves youth from the Kibera slum, the Fadhili Women HIV/AIDS Program, a mentoring program, prayer, and evangelism. Judy doubled the number of students in her sewing class by adding a new instructor last fall. In 2018, Judy celebrated her 50th anniversary of her salvation and her 70th birthday. She guided HSF through the year, with the theme “staying awake and prepared.”

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that God will be honored, and many will come to a saving faith through the ministry of Homecare Spiritual Fellowship*
- *Pray for the continued prospering of Homecare Spiritual Fellowship.*
- *Pray that the students at the dressmaking school would succeed in their studies and would be fully equipped with the Word of God.*



STEVE & MARION SPENCER (STEPHEN, ESTHER)
UNIVERSITY FOUNDERS - JOHANNESBURG

Can you imagine leaving a vibrant ministry that has been your work for thirty years and moving away from the security and love of three generations of family to initiate a new ministry more than a thousand miles from home? That is what Steve and Marion Spencer did when they said goodbye to their ministry and family at African Bible College in Lilongwe, Malawi, and answered God's call to begin a distinctly Christian university in Johannesburg, South Africa. Steve and Marion are launching Genesis University, designed to be the first comprehensive Christian university in this country of nearly

57 million people. The Spencers have built a team of committed advisors and have begun a capital campaign to start this important work. Genesis University has the following mission statement: to provide an exceptional, biblically-centered, church-based education that equips men and women spiritually, academically, and vocationally to impact the nation and the world for the glory of God. Steve and Marion will be involved in planning in the U.S. until their visas are approved sometime in June. Then they, along with their three youngest children, will move to Johannesburg to launch this new school.

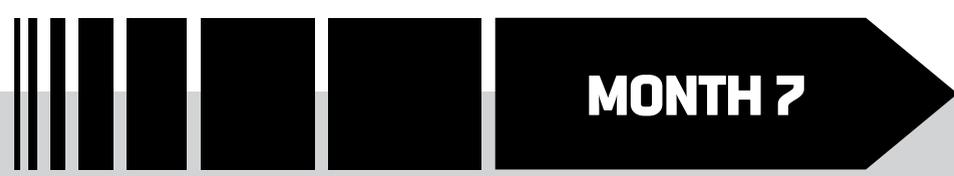
PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the Lord to bless and guide Steve and Marion in this new phase of service. Pray that He will continue to give them clear direction so that their trust in His marvelous goodness will build as they watch Him work.*
- *Pray that 2019 will be a blessing for Genesis University, providing for each need of this new Christian liberal arts college.*
- *Pray that Genesis University will bring glory to God and bless all of South Africa as it equips students for service.*



LATIN / SOUTH AMERICA

Southern Hemisphere



MONTH 7

“In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith...may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” *1 Peter 1:6-7*



GABRIEL MORALES

NATIONAL PARTNER / CHURCH PLANTER / ADMINISTRATOR - MERIDA

Gaby Morales serves as the administrator for the Shalom network of churches and the Blas Paschal School. He also coordinates about eight short-term teams each year. He came to saving faith as a teenager and eventually met Bryce King, a missionary at the time serving in Merida (who is currently serving in Memphis at Esperanza). Bryce encouraged Gaby to study in the local seminary, which he did, and where he later served as an administrator until 2005. Gaby

was part of the team that planted Shalom church in 1993, which has now grown to 750 members. Gaby serves the mother church, along with the daughter churches, as the administrator of the church network system. Gaby has coordinated the youth mission team from Second that has partnered with Shalom over the years. Gaby also works with other churches on the Yucatan Peninsula, helping pastors receive training and support in their smaller churches.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Gaby to have wisdom balancing his ministry roles in the church, the school, and with mission teams.*
- *Pray for the daughter churches of Shalom, that they will be able to engage new communities with the gospel and serve them effectively.*
- *Pray that Gaby will be able to wisely coordinate ministry resources, both within Mexico and from the U.S., with ministry needs in the Yucatan.*



JUAN & MARIA PATT (STEPHANIE, JOANNA)
NATIONAL PARTNER / PASTOR - BELIZE

Juan, who works as a church planter and pastor in Belize, has been re-elected to serve as the president of his presbytery for the next three years. Two new leaders (Isaias Botes and Ishmael Vallejos) were added to the Executive Committee, which has evaluated the presbytery's strengths and weaknesses and has created a strategic plan to address the current needs. Juan's ministry continues to grow as the Lord raises up new leaders. Twenty-five area church leaders attended a training hosted by Prince of Peace Church and

presented by ReadySetGo, a Christian evangelical sports movement in Europe and Latin America. Last fall, a soccer ministry was initiated at Prince of Peace for children ages 8-15, with Jeremy and Carlos leading the effort. The next step will be to host a marathon to encourage sister churches in the area to engage in this outreach. Prince of Peace is also seeking to expand its women's ministry, while Harvest Presbyterian Church, a church in neighboring Calcutta which they have re-launched, wants to start a computer class ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the executive body of the presbytery as they work together as a team and oversee the vision and growth of churches, especially in leadership.*
- *Pray that the sports ministry opens opportunities to reach out to both the children involved and their parents.*
- *Pray that the computer classes at Harvest Church will build relationships with people in the community.*
- *Pray for Juan and Maria as they both fill several distinct roles in kingdom service.*



CRAIG & STACY POHL (KARIS, AIMEE)
CHURCH PLANTER TRAINING - SANTIAGO

The Pohls serve at Lonquen Presbyterian Church in Santiago, Chile, where Craig is helping the church to implement their outreach and church planting strategy. He recently helped the church organize a marriage seminar and a church-wide renewal retreat. In the midst of these ministry activities, the Pohls have faced medical challenges. Craig needed back surgery last fall, and Stacy has been facing issues related to significant circulatory issues. This has required a brief medical

leave to the U.S. Nevertheless, when Craig preached from Isaiah, he reminded his church that if they feel like they are walking in the dark, stuck in a fog, or even enjoying a crystal-clear day, the right course is always to trust in the presence of our gracious and sovereign Lord! “Who among you fears the Lord, and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God!” (Isaiah 50:10)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for their family and church leadership as they seek the Lord’s guidance in preparation for their new ministry year beginning in March.*
- *Pray for Stacy and Karis, who are being evaluated and treated at BJC Hospital/Washington University Medical Center in St. Louis, MO, for Venous Thoracic Outlet Syndrome (TOS) and circulatory issues.*
- *Praise that Craig’s back surgery was successful and will provide long-term relief from severe sciatic pain.*



GUILLE & DEBBIE MACKENZIE (CATALINA, CAMILLA, BENJAMIN)
NATIONAL PARTNERS / CHURCH PLANTERS - BUENOS AIRES

Guille and Debbie serve in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where Misión BETA continues its pastor incubator program. In 2018, Misión Beta started a two-year program in partnership with City to City to train church planters and develop a safe environment where pastors from various churches can work together, coach one another, and bless each other. The program started in March 2018 with fifteen pastors and church planters at different levels of experience. Another program started at La Misión is a ministry

formation class for leadership, with twenty-five leaders actively involved in preparing themselves to better serve the Lord. Finally, the church has started a mercy ministry in response to an extremely cold winter in Argentina and the deteriorating economic situation. Through this ministry, Sopa Solidaria (Relief Soup), they send teams into struggling neighborhoods on Tuesday and Thursday nights to deliver soup, coffee or tea, and clothing to the homeless.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the increasing numbers of homeless people in Buenos Aires and for God's blessing as the church shares the gospel with them.*
- *Pray that God would prosper the leadership and church planting programs.*
- *Pray for Guille's health and continued strength.*



MARCELO ROBLES (VICKY)
STRATEGIC PARTNER / CHURCH PLANTER - BUENOS AIRES

Marcelo is currently the moderator of the Argentine Presbyterian Church and is church planter and pastor of La Misión, which has five congregations in Buenos Aires, Argentina. La Misión's ministries focus on training church planters and campus pastors, caring for children, serving the poor, and establishing university students in the faith. They have a vision for ten congregations by 2025 and fifteen by 2030. Marcelo is the founder and director of the Argentine Evangelical University Network, which is connected to the 21st Century University, the largest private

non-denominational university in Argentina. The Network helps establish and operate university centers in churches and evangelical schools throughout the country, allowing for the development of courses on evangelism, Christian worldview, and apologetics. Currently 15,000 students are enrolled throughout Argentina. In August 2018, La Misión hosted a Faith and Work Congress, with 300 university students and young professionals attending. La Misión is also ministering to Venezuelan refugees, hosting six families while they look for work and address their legal situations.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Marcelo's continued wisdom, stamina, and grace as he serves in these various capacities.*
- *Pray for Vicky, Marcelo's fourteen-year-old daughter, that she would grow and mature in faith and life.*
- *Pray for the 2025 vision of ten congregations with sixty to eighty members, a pastor, and at least two elders.*



KYLE & CLAUDIA ZIMMERMAN (ISAIAH, SARAH, ABEGAIL)
DEVELOPMENT & OUTREACH - BUENOS AIRES

The Zimmermans serve at La Misión Palermo in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where one of their focus areas is the youth ministry. Along with a sports camp in the summer of 2017, they are starting a carpentry class for youth at the Fatima campus and a youth development program in Merlo. Kyle has begun taking graduate classes, which have provided tremendous enrichment and insights into the business

culture in Argentina, as well as an opportunity to connect and meet different businessmen and businesswomen in Palermo. In the fall, he was able to speak with the head of McDonald's for Latin America, and they discussed how to help youth in the shanty towns with job training. Claudia continues to serve as an administrator at La Misión as well as on the leadership team of the youth ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Argentina, which has seen 45% inflation and an accompanying increase in poverty and crime.*
- *Pray that the sports ministry would flourish and that many young people would come to know the Lord.*
- *Pray that Guillermo, the Zimmermans' Christian friend who is in prison for a violation prior to his conversion, would continue to grow in his faith and that his mother would be comforted.*



MOBILIZATION & STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

Global



“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.” *Proverbs 16:3*



DARYL & MARLENE BUSSERT

DIRECTOR OF JAARS AVIATION SAFETY - WAXHAW

Daryl and Marlene live in Waxhaw, North Carolina, where Daryl is the director of JAARS International Aviation Safety. JAARS is a branch of Wycliffe Bible Translators that oversees their missionary aviation projects worldwide. Last summer, Daryl and Marlene conducted a flight program audit in Papua New Guinea. After the audit, one of their PC-6 aircrafts was involved in a non-injury accident, so Daryl went to Indonesia from New Zealand while Marlene traveled home. JAARS has already begun to take a more

prominent role in training safety officers for their field locations. Daryl will attend the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) Safety and Training course in February to see how their organizations can work together to better equip field aviation safety officers. Their audit in 2019 in Cameroon, Africa, will have a heavy training component in addition to the normal audit activities. Another emphasis will be to complete documentation of the department processes and procedures for eventual turnover to a new director.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for God's timing and clear choice in a new director as Daryl looks forward to providing reinforcement for his replacement.*
- *Pray for the staff at JAARS as they meet the challenge of upgrading their occurrence reporting system.*
- *Pray for God's grace and protection over all missionary aviators carrying the gospel and supplies all over the world.*



ANDY & BROOKE (ABIGAIL, ESTHER)
CAMPUS OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL NETWORK - BIRMINGHAM

Andy serves as the Director of Operations for Campus Outreach International Network (COIN) and is primarily responsible for growing the number of new international staff from fifty to about two hundred in the next five years. Andy went to New Zealand and Australia in November 2018 to visit current partners, where he met with two CO missionaries sharing the good news in Brisbane. Andy had the privilege of training Sarah and Kasey in Birmingham one year ago. Six new staff who were trained in Birmingham head to New Zealand and Australia in early 2019. He also traveled to

Asia to visit a possible location for a new CO expansion team and see some old friends and current partners. Andy spent some time in Taiwan and Hong Kong, where he preached at their treasured partner church AIC. He also had the opportunity to speak at chapel at Christ's College, a small Christian liberal arts college. After spending time with Brooke's family in Texas over Christmas, they headed to one of CO's four New Year's conferences to promote opportunities for faithful laborers to be sent out in 2019, 2020, and beyond.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for endurance and a renewed sense of purpose in 2019 for all Campus Outreach laborers across the world.*
- *Pray that the Lord would raise up more international staff with a heart for reaching lost college students with the gospel of Christ.*
- *Pray that God would bless their marriage and their daughters and bring them all into deeper relationship with Him.*



NORM & RUTH ANN LEDUC

EXECUTIVE TEAM & DEVELOPMENT FOR PIONEERS - ORLANDO

Norm and Ruth Ann Leduc are currently based in Orlando where they work with Pioneers, serving on the executive team and engaged in member care. Ruth Ann was able to visit Eastern Europe this past year, where she rejoiced to see the Spirit's leading and healing. There she met with the Bosnia Launch Team, a group of fifteen adults in Sarajevo who have spent two years in language and culture acquisition. They are now ready to launch into a new area in Bosnia to sow

the seeds of the gospel. Norm and Ruth Ann have also reported on the ongoing refugee crisis in that region, citing the huge numbers of displaced people from the Middle East. They shared specifically about one Syrian couple who heard the gospel in a refugee camp and are now sharing the good news with others. As they look to 2019 and beyond, they are seriously considering a return to the field, perhaps where their hearts are tied to Eastern Europe.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the Bosnia Launch Team as they engage a new community to sow the gospel.*
- *Pray for the new believers in Turkey, most of whom are refugees.*
- *Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for the Leducs as they seek the Lord's guidance in their next phase of ministry.*



GREG & SALLY LIVINGSTONE

MISSION MOBILIZERS TO THE MUSLIM WORLD - ALTADENA

Greg and Sally Livingstone have been missionaries to Muslims for nearly sixty years. At age 78, they are still actively and passionately working to reach Muslims with the good news of the gospel. Greg spends much time recruiting the next generation of disciple-makers to take the gospel to the unreached. He visits “closed” countries to learn specific needs and encourage the few Christians there. In 2018, Greg made two significant trips. The first was to Malta to meet the small but growing number of Libyan Christians where he learned of progress in developing Christian media in the heart language of the Libyan people. He left this trip

with two longings: for Libyan Christians to be able to unite for worship and fellowship and for Christians with medical or teaching skills to go to that country as ambassadors for Christ. The second trip was a vision trip to Iraq where he learned of the great need for missionaries. Because of the disruption of the Iraq War and the threat of ISIS, 90% of evangelical Christians have fled Baghdad. The eight remaining evangelical missionaries asked for help in ministering to the unprecedented number of Shi’ite and Sunni Muslims who are more open to the claims of Christ than ever. Greg is asking the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into that field.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the Lord to sustain Greg and Sally, giving them the health and strength they need to continue to labor for Him.*
- *Pray for the Lord to raise up a new generation of missionaries who are burdened for the Muslim world.*
- *Pray that Christ will establish His church in places that have been hostile to the gospel.*



BOB & JANIE TILL

REFUGEE MINISTRY - COLORADO SPRINGS

Bob and Janie Till, who work for Greater Europe Mission, continue their work ministering to refugees in Europe while connecting with and supporting other missionaries throughout the continent. They spent much of October and November 2018 in Athens, where there was a 50% increase of refugees arriving compared to fall 2017. Despite the hardships in Greek refugee camps, God's work has flourished. There have been twenty new believers baptized and nineteen professions of faith on the island of Lesbos. Most of the baptisms were new believers who were witnessed

to by other new believers and most are from Muslim backgrounds. In December, the Tills re-initiated the Syrian prayer circle, which is in its fourth year. In those years, several thousand individuals were activated through the prayer initiative to work among the refugees in the camps, tent settlements, and cities of Europe, Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey. Many have come to faith along the journey and in new host countries. Many dollars have been given for relief, evangelism, and church planting efforts, as well as training new believers to reach their own people.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with the twelve million Syrians displaced by war.*
- *Pray for the volunteers in the Greek refugee camps who are trying to make a difficult situation a little bit better.*
- *Pray for those at the Greek Bible College who are ministering to refugees and sharing the Gospel with them.*
- *Pray that those refugees who face persecution because of their conversion to Christianity will receive asylum status in European countries.*



RONNIE & JANE

PREACHER / TEACHER - MOSCOW

The Lord is using Ronnie and Jane in much of Europe and the Middle East to strengthen His church with His Word. While government registration challenges thwarted their work in Russia for much of 2018, God allowed Ronnie to travel to nearby countries to bless pastors and Christian workers in conferences and teaching seminars. The Lord has also

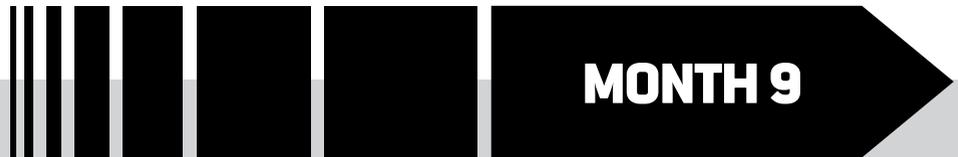
guided Ronnie in writing a daily devotional, *The Path to Discipleship: A Year in John 1-11*. This book is blessing many in both Russia and the English-speaking world. Ronnie and Jane will be in Memphis during the first part of this year to help with twin baby grandsons and to participate in First Evangelical Church's missions conference.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the Lord will give Ronnie and Jane a daily filling of His Holy Spirit and bless them with vision, strength, and perseverance for each task that He has for them.*
- *Pray for the Lord to open doors to the places of His choosing so that Ronnie can train and encourage Christians in many parts of the world.*
- *Pray that the Lord will use *The Path to Discipleship* to strengthen His church and to draw many to saving faith.*

EUROPE

Eurasia



“...that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...” *Ephesians 3:16*



ROB & TUNDE FUTÓ (HAJNI, CSENGE)
CHURCH PLANTERS - BUDAPEST

After many years of strengthening the traditional Hungarian church, God called Rob and Tunde Futo to plant a new church in the center of Budapest, Hungary. In February 2015, a few believers gathered as a “start-up” group to begin Cornerstone Church with Rob serving as pastor and Tunde as the worship leader. This January, Cornerstone became a particularized church and ordained its first three elders. The church now has over one hundred regular worshippers, a children's Sunday School, a youth ministry, and several small group Bible studies. Rob

not only pastors Cornerstone, but often speaks at Christian conferences. Tunde is in the process of getting her counseling degree in order to “connect the dots of their congregants’ needs to the love and power of Christ.” The Lord has given Hajni and Csenge, the Futos’ teenage daughters, hearts of compassion for the lost. The girls hold investigative Bible studies at their school to introduce their classmates to the love of Christ. While this family’s life is full, the desire of all their activities is to bring glory to God as they share His gospel.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for clear guidance and protection for the Futos as Rob shepherds the flock at Cornerstone.*
- *Pray that Tunde’s counseling courses would be a great help in their ministry.*
- *Pray that Jesus will continue to use Hajni and Csenge to draw many teenagers to the love of Jesus.*
- *Pray that the Lord will pour His Spirit on each ministry at Cornerstone Church.*



CHRIS & DEBBIE GIBSON

MISSIONARY CARE - BUDAPEST

Debbie and Chris are deeply convinced of the need to provide counseling, crisis intervention, and pastoral care from the field. The Gibsons have created Sunrise House, a safe haven in Budapest for EPC missionaries to seek refuge, find answers, and spend quality time with God. They enjoy face-to-face ministry with missionaries who visit Sunrise House, but also use Skype and other means of distance communication to counsel and encourage World Outreach workers in

the field. They currently have renovation projects underway to better equip Sunrise House to meet the needs of families visiting this year and in years to come. Last year, they traveled to Indonesia and Thailand, where they trained six couples working throughout the Muslim world. The Gibsons recently returned from a trip to Lebanon, where they were able to provide spiritual encouragement to three World Outreach workers serving there.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for missionaries in the field to seek help and support when they need it.*
- *Pray for several missionary families that the Gibsons are currently counseling, who are struggling with their marriages and parenting.*
- *Pray for the Gibsons, that they would stay focused on the Word and be refreshed by the Holy Spirit as they walk with missionaries through very difficult circumstances.*



LESLIE & ECHEHARD KUHN (CORINNA)
GREATER EUROPE MISSION TEAM COACH - BERLIN

Greater Europe Mission (GEM) has experienced much growth over the past few years. As GEM's new staff arrive, they need to be welcomed and trained well. Leslie was asked at the annual conference last year to collaborate with a team to develop resources, curriculum, and training seminars for mission fields which do not have such a system in place. GEM's Focus City initiative begins in Frankfurt this spring, and Leslie has been coaching the couple that will be

leading this initiative to develop standards in training and partnering with local churches and communities. Leslie and colleagues have taken a course designed specifically for missionaries on the topic of onboarding, which is the process of integrating new employees into an organization and its culture. Leslie is encouraged that GEM is becoming more intentional about onboarding and that she's able to be a part of such an exciting process within her work community.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the Lord would watch over GEM's long-term staff and help them persevere as they continue to train missionaries throughout Europe.*
- *Pray for a successful launch for GEM's first Focus City initiative in Frankfurt.*
- *Pray for Leslie, Eckehard, and Corinna, that the Lord would give them greater love for each other within their home and for their community.*



VALERY & JANNA MOROZOV

NATIONAL PARTNERS / WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS - ST. PETERSBURG

2019 marks the twenty-year anniversary of the Lord's call to Valery and Janna Morozov to lead Wycliffe Bible Translators Russia. Wycliffe works to translate the Bible so that people groups can have access to God's Word in their heart language. During the last twenty years, Wycliffe Russia has sent close to fifty translators to places like India, Ghana, Ethiopia, Senegal, and many regions of the former Soviet Union. Last year, translations of Job, Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes were completed in Kalmykia,

the only Buddhist region of Russia. The Russian Orthodox Church gave a special medal to the Wycliffe translator because of this valuable work. In the Caucasus mountain region, one Wycliffe translator developed a written language for the heart language of that region. His wife was very moved when she read the Lord's Prayer in the language of her childhood. Valery and Janna praise God for a fruitful ministry and look to the future with hope. They hope to serve the Lord for as long as He gives them the opportunity and strength.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the Lord to continue to bless and grow the ministry of Wycliffe as its missionaries give the Word to many people who have no access to the Bible.*
- *Pray for the Lord to use the new Bible translations to draw many to faith in Christ and to grow believers in their faith.*
- *Pray for the Lord to continue to bless and guide Valery and Janna as they lead Wycliffe Russia and minister to people in St. Petersburg.*



CLARK & KHRYSTYA NORTON (EMMA)
YOUTH MINISTRY - LVIV

In 2009, Clark moved to Lviv, Ukraine, for an eleven-month internship to work with Mission to the World and their university ministry. Clark quickly realized that eleven months was not long enough to serve the young men in Lviv. From 2009 to 2013, Clark worked with the ministry while God was working in Khrystyia's heart as she read the Word and spent time in Christian community. In February 2013, Khrystyia gave her life to the Lord. They were married in April 2015 and are serving at Holy Trinity,

a church plant in Lviv, Ukraine. Clark and Khrystyia were asked to start a teen ministry, which launched in 2018. They serve both the children of church members and some youth from the community. Recently, ten new members were added to the church, and a leadership team for the teen ministry was formed. Their daughter Emma was baptized on October 28th. It was a special time as they reflected on God's work in their families in recent years and over the decades.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the care of covenant children and for building up the next generation of believers.*
- *Pray for God to raise up people in churches throughout the denomination who will disciple teens.*
- *Pray for God to equip Clark as he leads and mentors a new volunteer group of young men who have expressed a desire to become leaders in the teen ministry.*



HANS & CAROLIEN EUSER

STRATEGIC PARTNERS / CHURCH PLANTERS - ROTTERDAM

Hans and Carolien Euser have served as the directors of the Intercultural Church Planting (ICP) network in the Netherlands since 2017. Theo Visser served as the visionary founder, and now Hans and Carolien are working to build out the organization to fulfill that initial vision. They moved to Rotterdam and connected with one of the intercultural church plants in the area. They are now working to give structure to the training, coaching, and empowerment of the 30+ church planters

engaged in intercultural churches. Hans writes, “When we see the beautiful diversity of the nations, we can catch a glimpse of the Creator Himself. Seeing Him and getting to know Him better is eternal life. This is ICP’s motivation for and main mission in serving the King of the Universe among the peoples in the Netherlands.” Hans and Carolien have built a leadership team to help implement this vision, a team with people originally from Iran, China, Burundi, and Hungary.

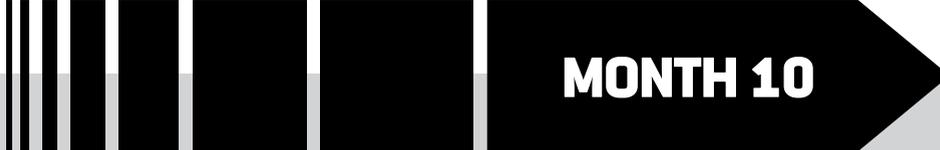
PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Hans and Carolien to effectively coordinate their team in their efforts to support existing church planters.*
- *Pray for the new group of church planters that will begin a two-year training cycle in April of 2019.*
- *Pray for their network day in the spring and for the European Training conference in May, that God would equip and give vision to new church planters.*



MIDDLE EAST

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MONTH 10

“...Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” *Acts 18:9*

GREG & ELIZABETH

CHURCH PLANTERS - MIDDLE EAST

Greg and Elizabeth were married last June after they completed the TAG program in Michigan. There they lived in a Muslim community to better learn how to love those from a Muslim background. After serving refugees in the States, they both felt led to work with refugees in the Middle East and have joined EPC World Outreach's Engage 2025 team to serve Syrian refugees in a variety of ways. With

their teammates' visas in question, they were not sure that they would be able to serve with them. Once those issues were resolved, the path was cleared for them, and they left on February 5th to serve in the Middle East. Praise God for working in ways that are not always understandable and for team relationships that are already growing strong.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for language acquisition and meaningful practice sessions with the new refugee friends they will be making.*
- *Pray for their new marriage, that it will blossom with love and encouragement for one another.*
- *Pray for all the details of their transition: deciding where to live, learning the language, and learning to navigate their way around a foreign city.*
- *Pray for deepening relationships with team members, supporters, and refugees in their country.*



NICK AND AMANDA (ELLIE, HAZEL, GUS, EVERETT) CHURCH PLANTERS - MIDDLE EAST

Among the challenges facing missionaries is the need to obtain long-term visas from foreign governments. Nick and Amanda faced such a challenge last year. While Amanda and their four young children received their visas, Nick's was denied. This denial not only affected their personal ministry but would prevent new missionaries from joining their church planting team. As they waited and prayed, Nick and Amanda continued building relationships with the people of their region. Nick found that the Lord used the denial for His purposes. Many of this couple's refugee friends are worried about visas as well and could identify with Nick's plight. While they

waited, Nick continued to be part of a local soccer team and taught math at a refugee center. Amanda ministered to women via a weekly Bible study and a Crochet Project, a time when local women gathered to make blankets for the needy. Their family continued to host local friends hoping to build bridges for the gospel. Finally, on November 9th, Nick's birthday, his residency visa came through. After 386 days of waiting, the Lord provided this important document. Nick and Amanda are glad that they can continue in the ministry to which they have been called and that now several others can join their church planting team.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Praise and gratitude for God's perfect timing in providing Nick's visa and for relationships built because of the waiting process.*
- *Pray that the Lord will give His unity to Nick and Amanda's team as it expands, showing each person the best means to build up the body of Christ and to reach out to others.*
- *Pray for the Lord to give this team holy boldness and winsomeness in sharing the good news, as He points them to people who are ready to receive God's gift of salvation.*
- *Pray for the Lord to direct Nick and Amanda to have a healthy balance between home life and ministry during this season of their lives.*



ROBBY & JOYCE

PASTOR / GROW PROJECT DIRECTOR - MIDDLE EAST

While Robby was serving as a pastor in a large Middle Eastern city, he and Joyce learned of the plight of poor pre-school children whose parents, for the most part, were low-paid immigrant workers. These children were in daycare settings which were at best, nominal, and at worst, inhumane. Because of this crisis, the Lord led them to start Philemon Project, a pre-school that demonstrates the love of Jesus through compassionate care and quality teaching for children ages 1-4. In 2017, Philemon Project expanded its

ministry under the banner of GROW. The name GROW echoes Robby and Joyce's vision: to grow whole and healthy children into whole and healthy adults. GROW helps underserved pre-school children to develop cognitively, socially, and spiritually while providing parental training through its adult mentoring ministry. With the vision of planting GROW facilities through their country of service, Robby and Joyce are grateful to launch a second GROW site which will demonstrate Christ's love to the most vulnerable.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the Lord to continue to bless and guide Robby, Joyce, and other leaders in the new work of GROW.*
- *Pray that the Lord will use GROW to draw children and adults to saving faith in Jesus.*
- *Pray for the Lord to provide all that is needed to protect the poor women and children in the city where Robby and Joyce serve.*



DAVE & ROBIN

MERCY / REFUGEE MINISTRY - MIDDLE EAST

Dave and Robin reside in Nashville, TN, where Dave is Director of Servant Group International. Local refugee programming continues to expand, and they have plans to turn their downstairs office into a refugee ministry center. They hope it will be a place where volunteers and refugees can meet for programs and activities like sewing, exercise, job training, and STEM workshops. Over thirty women attended the fall session of Walk and Talk in the Park, where American church women and Muslim

women met to form friendships. Dave and Robin were also busy training staff, some who were preparing to depart for Iraq and others who were leading teams to Greece. They have added some great staff and a new national partner to their Greece team, while still praying for God to provide six short-term teams to go with them to help with the work. January and February are typically their strongest months for recruiting for Iraq, and they are praying for eight new team members.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Dave as he cares for his mother and her health issues.*
- *Pray that the Lord would provide eight new team members for Iraq.*
- *Pray that God would provide six short-term teams to help Dave and Robin's efforts in Greece.*
- *Pray for God's blessing on the refugee ministry center and for wisdom as they address various construction issues.*



HALEY
NURSE - MIDDLE EAST

Haley moved to the Middle East in April of 2018. She is currently engaged in intensive language training in preparation for future ministry as a nurse at Annoor Sanatorium. Last fall, Haley was allowed a break from language study and an opportunity to work at Annoor, the tuberculosis hospital where she hopes to serve long-term. Her time with the Bedouin people

there reminded her of their poverty and deep need for Jesus. A week of focused prayer helped Haley put into perspective the spiritual needs in her country. Haley also moved to a new apartment, and her neighbors have been a true blessing to her during this year of transition. She greatly enjoyed coming home briefly to celebrate Christmas with family in Tennessee.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the two women with whom Haley is studying God's Word. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of their hearts to His truths.*
- *Pray for this generation in her country to seek the peace and justice that they long for in Jesus, not in governments, wealth, or other false hope.*
- *Pray for Haley's interactions with her language helpers as she spends many hours a day with them, which often provides opportunities for deep and personal conversations.*

STEPHEN & BELINDA

REFUGEE / OUTREACH MINISTRY - EUROPE

Stephen, an Egyptian by birth, has a passion for sharing Christ with Muslims. In 2013, Stephen started the European Training Center (ETC), which provides Biblical and discipleship training for leaders from Muslim backgrounds. The ETC offers support, encouragement, and training for them to mentor their house church groups. Belinda runs the day-to-day operations for the center, which holds classes six times a year. When they are

not at the center, they divide their time between refugee work in Northern Europe and their home in the U.S. Stephen also serves with EPC World Outreach, heading up their refugee ministry in Europe and recruiting Arabic and Kurdish speakers to help with the relief work. He travels often to pastor, pray for, and encourage relief workers and the refugees who have been displaced due to war and strife.

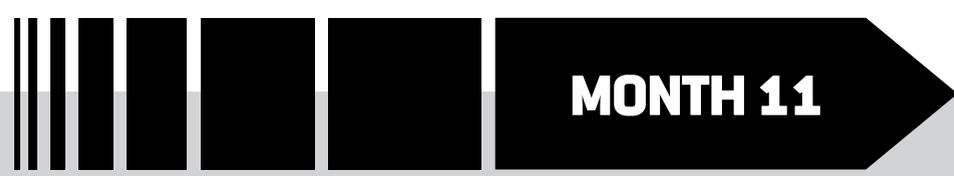
PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the ETC can equip and train eighty new believers from Muslim backgrounds this year so that they can disciple others with Christ-like character.*
- *Pray that the ETC can increase the number of teams they send from two to four, to do outreach among refugees in Germany.*
- *Pray for believers from Muslim backgrounds who suffer a great deal of persecution from family, society, and state. ETC training is aimed at helping them deal with persecution and oppression.*



EAST ASIA / AFRICA

Eurasia & Southern Hemisphere



MONTH 11

“For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God...”

1Thessalonians 1:9



PAUL & VIOLET BRIDGMAN

PASTOR - AKAIWA

Paul and Violet Bridgman have been working in Japan for their entire married life. Most of that time they have been in Akaiwa, Japan, where they have helped to establish Sakuragaoka Christ Church, which received a new pastor last fall. Over the past year, both have had surgery and have been involved with caring for elderly family members here in the States. Upon their return to

Japan, they continue to support the vision of Sakuragaoka Christ Church, engaging in conversational English to build relationships and holding weekly Bible studies in Japanese. Paul periodically preaches and is actively engaged in organizing seasonal outreach ministries. They were pleased to see the first class of deacons ordained and installed in January of 2019.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the continued growth and witness of Sakuragaoka Christian Church.*
- *Pray that believers will continue to be the body of Christ, grow into maturity, and reach out to family and neighbors who do not know the Lord.*
- *Pray for Paul and Violet's health as they both struggle with a variety of issues, several of which are chronic.*



ROGER & ABI LOWTHER (AIDAN, EASTIN, COEN, KAIZEN)
CHURCH PLANTERS / COMMUNITY OUTREACH - TOKYO

Roger and Abi have worked in Tokyo, Japan, for thirteen years, using their gifts in music and missions to reach the Japanese through the arts. They recognize art's ability to cause us to "yearn for perfect peace promised by the coming of the kingdom of heaven," and they use a variety of venues to engage Japanese with the gospel. They have written and recorded Japanese worship music. They host regular gatherings of artists, entitled Community Arts Tokyo, where they discuss recent films, hear from Christian

artists, and view and contemplate various expressions of Japanese art. Roger and Abi have a unique way of seeing how God's creation, man's fall, and Jesus' redemption can be seen in various ways in traditional Japanese art. They have also been engaged in leading a gospel choir with many non-Christian members. While they are both accomplished and degreed musicians, Roger has recently begun work on an advanced theological degree, listening to lectures during various commutes.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the Lowthers' concerts and Community Arts events would produce new relationships and healthy discussion of core gospel issues.*
- *Pray for the Lowthers' next Tokyo conference, All Things New, on June 15th.*
- *Pray for Abi's rehab following surgery for a torn ACL in December of 2018.*



JEFF & KATIE (EMERIE, EZRA)
CHURCH PLANTERS - TOKYO

Jeff and Katie have finished their second year in Toyko, Japan, and welcomed their MTW coordinator to Japan to visit missionaries and attend their General Assembly. They shared their plans for an upcoming church plant with the evangelism committee, now that Jeff has completed his two-year language school. Recently, Jeff began private language tutoring, focusing on listening and conversation. Many of their new friends are asking questions about Christianity,

often deep theological questions. One new friend, who speaks no English and has no background with the Christian faith, recently showed Jeff an interesting triangular diagram he found on the internet. The diagram was an attempt in a general way to explain the Trinity. Jeff's friend asked Jeff if he knew what it meant. While following up that question was not simple, it certainly represented an open invitation to engage in substantive spiritual dialogue.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for opportunities to share gospel grace in Japanese to those seeking to understand its goodness and implications for life.*
- *Pray for Jeff's language tutoring and the ability to communicate clearly with their Japanese friends and neighbors.*
- *Pray for their ongoing work organizing and doing outreach for their church plant.*



THOMAS & JENNIFER MCINTYRE (ASHLEE, TYLER)
CHURCH PLANTERS / COMMUNITY OUTREACH - ZHONGPU

Thomas and Jennifer send greetings from Zhongpu, Taiwan, where they lead worship, preach, assist with Sunday school, and lead one-on-one Bible studies. They report that their church continues to grow, and they are encouraged by the new seekers they are meeting. Their holiday calendar was full, beginning with a Thanksgiving outreach service, which included lunch with “Taiwanese style” American dishes. They held ten different outreaches in December with assistance from a short-term team from Singapore.

A “how to study the Bible” class began on Fridays in January. The participants were given a study Bible and a bookmark with helpful hints to make them more confident in individual study. The McIntyres have faced challenges in implementing their “exit plan,” the plan to pass their church to local leadership, in hopes of starting a church plant in an unreached area of Chiayi County. They are praying that God would provide new leadership soon so that they can work together for a few years to help with a smooth transition.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that 2019 would be a year of new baptisms, as many of their believers have yet to be baptized because of opposition from family.*
- *Pray for their daughter Ashlee, who recently gave her life to Christ. Pray that she would grow in her knowledge of and love for Jesus.*
- *Pray that God would continue to grow his church in Zhongpu, and that He would raise up new leadership for the church in His perfect timing.*
- *Pray for Jennifer and her numerous one-on-one Bible studies each week, that these women would walk with the Lord each day and put their trust in Him.*



PIETER ERNST

STRATEGIC PARTNER / DIRECTOR OF GAZA WORKS - CHOKWE

Pieter Ernst is the director of Gaza Works, a local organization in Mozambique designed to help the residents of under-resourced villages in Gaza to form discipleship groups that will eventually launch small collective farms. Pieter served for twenty years with World Relief Mozambique, which closed in 2017 due to funding and sustainability concerns. Pieter leads a staff of about twenty that organize and mobilize volunteers who lead discipleship groups in some of the poorest areas in their state. They also oversee twelve agricultural associations, which Pieter has helped them launch, which

consist of forty residents who tend to one large field. Each participant grows six rows of vegetables for the collective farm and one row for themselves. They sell the common crops and use the income to repay their debt, pay for supplies like seeds and fertilizer, and then share the profits. For many, the annual profit-sharing day represents the most money that they have ever seen at one time. Pieter's vision is that this combination of discipleship and financial empowerment would be used by God to bring hope and transformation to Gaza, Mozambique.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that Pieter would have wisdom and discernment to develop the organizational side of Gaza Works while sustaining the relational and agricultural components that he does so well.*
- *Pray that each of Gaza Works' agriculture associations would be blessed to be a blessing, that members might be better able to provide for their families as well as bless those around them.*
- *Pray for wisdom for Michaque and the eight discipleship group leaders, that they might effectively teach the Scriptures, lead people to faith, and multiply leaders who can do the same.*



GIBSON NKANAUNENA

STRATEGIC PARTNER / COUNTRY DIRECTOR, WORLD RELIEF - LILONGWE

Gibson Nkanaunena serves as the country director of World Relief Malawi. He and his family live in Lilongwe, Malawi's capital, where World Relief Malawi has its headquarters. Gibson oversees the ongoing work of World Relief in all the districts they serve and helps to expand their ministry into new districts. Gibson helps raise funds in the U.S. and Europe, both from churches and from relief and development agencies for all of their programs, while developing senior staff and implementing new programs to serve the most vulnerable in Malawi.

World Relief Malawi seeks to mobilize and give vision to local churches to care for the most vulnerable in their villages. While 80% of the country is listed as Christian, knowledge of the core teaching of Christianity is not common. World Relief seeks to unite people around the Word of God and then mobilize these people in their churches to serve the most vulnerable in their communities. They often engage in "seed projects," where people from a specific church use their own resources to help serve a vulnerable individual or family in their village.

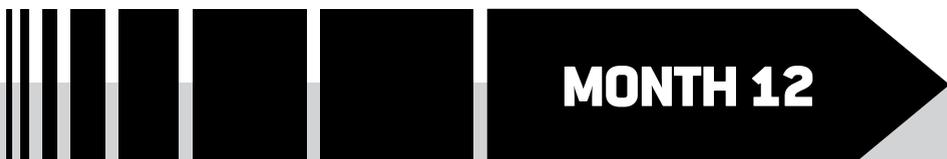
PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that God would give Gibson wisdom to discern the most significant needs of the vulnerable in Malawi, and then, together with his team, help mobilize the church to address those needs.*
- *Pray for healthy rain and a steady growing season for Malawi, which has suffered in years past from both drought and flooding.*
- *Pray that God would raise up senior staff to lead the various departments of World Relief Malawi, both in the national and district offices.*
- *Pray that Gibson would have wisdom to balance his family, his own church, and the demands of leading a major ministry. Pray that he would be regularly renewed in his own faith.*



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“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.” *Revelation 21:3*



DAVID & JOYCE BRILEY

BIBLE TRANSLATORS - SOUTHEAST ASIA

After spending over thirty-five years in Southeast Asia, Dave and Joyce are now living stateside. Dave still travels often to Southeast Asia for months at a time to work on completing the Bauzi Translation Project. They have completed the New Testament translation, as well as an audio recording last August for those who cannot read. Dave

will be stateside while he recovers from hip replacement surgery that he had at the end of January. They have completed a “shorter” Old Testament, but must now tackle translating difficult imagery and metaphors. Rudi, a Bauzi-speaker, told Dave that he longs to read what is missing.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the audio recording, with background music and sound effects, will be released soon.*
- *Pray for the logistics in distributing “Proclaimers,” the devices used to broadcast the recordings.*
- *Pray for Rudi, that he will be able to help the team with translations.*

JOHN & DAWN

REGIONAL MINISTRY DIRECTORS - SOUTHEAST ASIA

John and Dawn serve with Pioneers in South Asia and Mainland Southeast Asia (SAMSEA). This past year, they saw the Lord work in a powerful way when a government policy in one nation threatened great harm to believers. Within 48 hours, as intercessors trusted God for this seemingly impossible situation, the Lord saw fit to hear and answer their cries. Dramatically, the king of this nation involved himself, overturned the new

policy, and in so doing removed the threat from believers (see Prov 21:1). This story is included in their Christmas letter, where John outlines what he “does”: servant leadership and prayer. One area where these efforts played out in the past year was in a village ministry where twenty new believers came to faith. In January 2019, John, Dawn, and their team held their first regional conference with the theme “Holiness in Community.”

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for fruit from the Holiness in Community conference.*
- *Pray for John and Dawn’s continued stamina and the focus needed to serve the teams of this region well and to trust God for impossible things.*
- *Pray for their children and their spouses in their various areas of service.*



BRIAN & TERRI (AMY, CALEB)
STUDENT MINISTRY - CHIANG MAI

Brian and Terri minister at Mae Jo University (MJU) in many ways, interacting and establishing relationships with college students for the purpose of introducing them to Jesus Christ. They host evangelistic MJU student events in their home or at CM Sprout church, constantly inviting students to participate with Campus Outreach. They also help students with their English studies, watch or participate in recreational sporting events with students, and even have invited students to help decorate

their Christmas tree. In these ways, they can get to know students and have an opportunity to demonstrate how much they are loved by God. A freshman who recently attended the “You are Special” weekend had never heard of creation, God, or Jesus. He said, “I feel I’m now in between Buddhism and Christianity.” This gives them an opportunity for which to pray and encouragement to keep ministering so that this student, and many others, might give their lives to Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Brian and Terri as they develop relationships with students and work with Campus Outreach staff to launch new regions in Southeast Asia.*
- *Pray for their summer camp recruitment, March 25- April 8, 2019, and that MJU Christians will be actively involved.*
- *Pray that the student events would lead many to Christ who would become student leaders that would disciple their friends in the faith.*



RANDY & MARTHA HALBEDL

MISSIONS TRAINING - ALEXANDRIA

Randy and Martha spent 2018 in their new position with EPC World Outreach doing cross-cultural missions training and coaching. Based in northern Virginia, the Halbedls engaged with mission teams throughout the world, holding trainings and working with key team leaders. In addition to traveling to Indonesia, Malaysia, the North Caucasus, and various areas in the United States, Randy and Martha held trainings and coaching sessions via video

and phone conferencing. This allowed them to provide critical support for missionaries in hard-to-reach places. Along with providing support for current missionaries, the Halbedls are engaged in several assessments of mission candidates. They have also started two spiritual formation groups with prospective mission candidates and have begun online prayer and discussion groups for missionaries.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for wisdom for Randy, Martha, and the World Outreach team as they support missionaries in handling very complex situations, both in their mission work and in their personal lives.*
- *Pray that the online prayer and discussion groups would prosper and would be a source of support and comfort for missionaries.*
- *Pray that God would send more laborers to aid in these ministries.*
- *Pray that God would give these workers strength and wisdom to thwart the spiritual attacks of the enemy.*



BRANDON PRICHARD

STRATEGIC PARTNER / COUNTRY DIRECTOR, WORLD RELIEF - PHNOM PENH

Brandon Prichard moved with his wife and four young children to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, last fall to become the Director of World Relief Cambodia. Brandon had served with World Relief in Baltimore for the past eight years and was eager to pursue serving overseas. Brandon primarily serves the senior staff in Cambodia, who have ten to twenty years experience on the job. Part of his role is preparing them to have a Cambodian serve in this role in the not-too-distant future. Brandon is working hard studying Khmer language and culture while

already learning the various roles that the key national leaders play in the ministry. World Relief employs an integral mission strategy that builds development programs, like savings groups, mother and child health groups, HIV ministries, and anti-trafficking awareness around a core discipleship curriculum that integrates all the parts into a whole. World Relief serves both cell churches and traditional churches that now represent 2.5% of Cambodia's overwhelmingly Buddhist population.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Brandon and his family, that they would adjust to and begin to understand the language, culture, and society of the people of Cambodia.*
- *Pray for the senior staff in Phnom Penh, Romroth, Sokah, Sivan, Buenthun, and Sothea, that they would work well with Brandon, and that he would be able to serve and empower them in their ministry.*
- *Pray for the new districts, Tbong Kmom specifically, where World Relief is implementing the Church Empowerment Zone strategy, that people would be faithfully served in the name of Christ.*

JEFF & LYNNE

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT / CHURCH PLANTING - SOUTHEAST ASIA

Jeff and Lynne serve in Southeast Asia as team leaders and have committed to a five-year goal of starting a disciple-making movement in all fifty-two zones in their country. Their team periodically travels to different areas, prayer walking and doing spiritual surveys of the community. They are almost at the halfway point and are planning a retreat to pray, encourage, and equip ministry workers in mid-2019. The team is involved in online media projects designed to draw people of other faiths

into exploring Christianity. They have also held discussions with close-culture Christians from neighboring islands about serving among them in their country. When they return to their country from their current home assignment, they will shift their time commitments away from business platforms toward more direct national ministry, which will require Jeff to change his visa status from a business to a retirement visa.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for breakthroughs in the hearts of the people so that God may form an authentic local church from among the seventeen million residents of their country.*
- *Pray for the intercessors who will commit to pray regularly for the Southeast Asian people and for open doors in nearby villages.*
- *Pray for the children's educational needs and issues related to enrolling in an international school.*

MISSIONARIES IN TRANSITION

RYAN & GLENDA BOWLES

After seven years at Annoor, and much prayer, Ryan and Glenda decided to return to the U.S. Annoor is spearheading a new work on the U.S. side to recruit personnel and need staff on the ground with a working knowledge of Annoor and the Middle East. Ryan will work for the Annoor home office in the US part-time and work part-time in an orthodontic office in Knoxville, TN.

BILL & LAUREN FINNELL

Bill and Lauren Finnell returned to Memphis after serving in Madrid and Malaga, Spain, doing member care with TEAM and CRM. Bill is now helping to launch The Sanctuary Counseling Center in Memphis and Lauren is teaching ESL.

AUSTIN SMITH

Austin served for four years with Camps Outreach in Belo Horizonte in Brazil, where he oversaw numerous activities focused on evangelism, spiritual formation, and personal growth. He is now transitioning off the mission field and is seeking God's guidance for his next steps, possibly settling in Memphis.

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**ALL THE NATIONS
YOU HAVE MADE
SHALL COME AND WORSHIP
BEFORE YOU, O LORD,
AND SHALL GLORIFY YOUR NAME.**

PSALM 86:9





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