

FBC Ambassador Prayer Items

April 2023

JIM POCOCK, short-term trip to South Africa with Engineering Ministries International

- Jim Pocock volunteered for a short notice need in the South Africa office of Engineering Ministries International (EMI). He will be leading a team on the design of a hospital addition/renovation and helping on other architectural projects. Anne is staying behind this time because of other travel they already have planned in May and this summer. Please pray for Jim's effectiveness in helping and for Anne while she's on her own for three weeks. The dates for the trip are April 6 – 26.



ERIC and DEB SMITH, in Colorado Springs as One Challenge Associates

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- Praise that the Vietnam trip went well, though there was a delay in returning. May God renew Eric's energy and health.
- Eric will schedule Zoom calls later in the month with the folks in Vietnam. In order to facilitate better discussion, he will set up four different Zoom calls to break the twenty coaches into smaller groups. They have caught the vision of how coaching could advance the Kingdom. Pray for wisdom for application in their culture. Eric has purchased tickets for September to go back to Vietnam and will bring a missionary from Mongolia to this upcoming training.
- Continue to pray for the church planters in Mongolia. There is a possibility of beginning a coaching network in another city in Mongolia.

SHEIKA and HAKA SAMBUUDORJ, in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia with Witness Mongolia

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- Sheika plants churches and trains church planters in Mongolia. Haka ministers to medical professionals in Mongolia and works with disabled children. They have three children, Tungana, Tebo, and Megi.
- Pray as we seek to encourage a church planting couple in Khvod which is about 1000 miles west of Ulaanbaatar, the capital. We also disciple new believers in the church. Every three months we visit the area. The couple would like to have students come to the church. Pray more people will find Jesus. Sheika also meets with other pastors in the Khvod province.
- Please continue to pray for The Seeds of the Heart Medical Ministry. Several doctors have become believers. Pray as we seek to minister to doctor's physical and spiritual needs.
- Pray as our children pursue education opportunities. Tungana is currently at a Lower Columbia College, a two year college in the US. When she finishes study in December 2023 she would like to study at Abilene Christian University as a Communication Sciences major. Tebo is currently a senior at Wheaton Academy. Pray as he decides what college to go to this year. Megi still lives in Mongolia. He goes to school there and helps the ministry by leading teen groups, and helping in the children's ministry and worship too.



FINN and SANDY TORJESEN, TEAM and Evergreen

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- Our son Davin and his wife Rainy are very thankful for your thoughts and prayers. The family is very happy to be together again after Davin's hospital stay. He has an electric wheel chair which is making getting around easier. It is great he is back at school and delighted to be back with students and coworkers and they're delighted at his return. In getting back and forth, taxis have been kind and helpful and the security guards at both school and the apartment complex couldn't be more willing to help Davin and his chair in and out of the vehicle. Please pray with us for continued healing, the start of therapy when possible and the IVIG treatment he received to be effective and help him increase strength. It may take several weeks to see a result.
- Since our previous China visa is now invalid we are applying for a new visa. We are close to being able to submit it. Pray as we do the final steps and that the application will be favorably received.

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

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- Instead of Kenya, Steve now has more time to focus on 1) the Grace Evangelical Society (GES) conference in May, and 2) researching and writing the OT commentary—please pray for him.
- At GES, Steve is teaching “To Hell with my Thoughts” and “Grace (and more) to the Humble,” and he would appreciate your prayers—challenging topics, for sure.
- Donna is “wrapping up” the graduation of our Kenyan students, driving for “Cancer Can’t,” and always caring for so many in her life and ours—please pray for her.
- Our Fellowship Group is going well, but we spend the bulk of our time with unbelieving friends, who break our hearts regularly. Please ask God to keep using us.



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

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- Please pray for the Church in Ukraine. The attacks on the country by Russia are devastating the country but giving a platform for the Church to show the love of Christ. Dozens of the 60+ students that we have taught over the years are still in the country, most of the men serving in the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Please pray for protection and that this terrible war would end soon without giving the evil forces a victory.
- Please continue to pray that the Lord will make His plan clear to us for future ministry. We need to make some significant decisions in the not too distant future. Thanks for praying with us that we'll know the direction He wants us to take.

ED and KAREN ALDRICH, His Urban Presence, Colorado Springs

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- Praise for work opportunities for some of the homeless folks that His Urban Presence serves. Pray as we seek to serve those in the community who are homeless or struggling to get back on their feet. We especially would like God's guidance into how best serve the folks.
- Pray for God's guidance for what He wants in the future. There are possibilities with partnering with other ministries.
- We live busy lives including serving in ministry, relationships with friends, and being parents. Pray for energy, strength, and wisdom to balance the different priorities.



RICK and LEAH ROOT, Experience Community, Colorado Springs

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- As we walk into a new season for the ministry, we would appreciate clarity for how God would have us spending each day with long term and short term investments (in relationships). That He would guide us along His path as we know He is the only one who knows what is Best. We have a number of opportunities to teach and mentor and we truly want to step in where the Lord would lead, not just to be busy. We are also coming up on spring and that brings us to more outside focused work. We want to be prepared for these things with by planning and maintaining our equipment so that it is ready for the next season.
- Hard stuff continues with our extended family around the losses and grief that we have faced over the past year. We feel God's presence and know He is at work but desire His will as we walk through more challenging situations.

DOUGLAS ALIRO, Kampala, Uganda

- Douglas, a friend of Jim and Anne Pocock, ministers to a variety of people from slum dwellers to college students through individual meetings, small groups and house churches. He is very happy for our prayers.
- One place where Douglas ministers is at Makerere University in Kampala. He has worked with Somali, Ethiopian and Eritrean students who are seeking to learn English. This is a way of using the Bible not only to teach English but to share the Jesus story afresh.



MARLIN and RUTH BRUBAKER, Reach Beyond (formerly HCJB Global), in Colorado Springs



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- Pray for Marlin's work at Reach Beyond. May he have wisdom as he helps the organization with computers.
- Some radio partners in Africa have visited local radio stations and appreciate how the local station is reaching out to their Muslim community in some very meaningful ways.
- Pray for their daughter, Sarah as she is in her last semester at Cedarville. She is planning a trip to a country in North Africa for the summer.
- Please pray for Ruth as she seeks treatment for back, neck, and elbow pain. May God give wisdom to her and the folks treating her.

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

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- Praise that the three weeks in March of Code-a-Thon went well. The students saw how their skills could be used in missions. A quote from one student on their evaluation form, "this week helped me get a heart to serve and be more of a help to others in the field." There were many other positive comments. The students also made progress or finished work on the programs for mission organizations that they were working on.
- Praise that we received many positive as well as constructive comments about the Global Recordings Network map. Pray the map continues to be useful and that we can prioritize and work on suggested enhancements to the map.
- Praise in March we could have another webinar for the Christian mapping group. The presenter was delayed from presenting due to some technical issues, but at least these were finally worked out. We continue to look for other things which could be helpful to members in the group and to let other believers who work with mapping know about the group.
- Praise I was able to update some maps for the Korean version of the *Operation World* app. There is still some other work necessary by other folks to get the app finished, The *Operation World* book is a great prayer guide for the countries of the world. Pray that work on this goes well.



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

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- Praise that our son Andy was able to visit us. He brought his four daughters.
- We travel to Illinois Friday, April 7th, to celebrate the life of Everett's brother, Ralph Barker, who passed away Tuesday, April 4th. He was a faithful servant of the Lord who fought the good fight. Please pray for his dear wife, Donna, their 3 beautiful daughters and their families. Pray for Everett and his sister, Beverly, in the loss of their brother. Until

we meet again, we cherish his memory...we loved and miss him so much.

- We covet your prayers as we travel north for Ralph's visitation and funeral, April 10th and 11th.
- Please pray for the Lord to direct us to a home to purchase, as we are renting right now until at least July. We are open to staying here in the Rio Grande Valley and would consider moving somewhere further north.
- Pray for Andy and his fiancée Alicia to know God's wisdom and discernment as they plan their upcoming wedding and details for their life as a blended family! We are so happy for them!
- We continue ministering in the Kingdom Cowboy after-school Bible club with an average of 14 kids each Monday afternoon. We had 17 last Monday! Terrie leads music and Everett runs computer audio/video.
- Everett continues as a regional mobilizer for greater Texas with MissionNext (MN). He is doing the leg work to exhibit at the EDM (Evangelism, Disciple-Making, Mobilization) '23 Collegiate student leadership conference. This is May 7-11 in Ft Worth. He also submitted a grant proposal seeking funding for a project called the Great Commission Mobilization and Awareness Campaign. He will continue working on the overall details and launch of the campaign.

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