

FBC Ambassador Prayer Items

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- Praise God allowed us in April to get new 10-year visas to China! Both of us traveled there on April 30. In the first week we have helped Rainy and Davin care for their daughters. Please continue to pray for Davin and his doctors as they seek to treat his condition. We plan to be in China until July so we can accompany Davin, Rainy, and their family on their trip to the U.S.
- Later we look forward to getting back to Taiyuan, Shanxi to reconnect with friends and former coworkers. We have things to wrap up, since our "Covid departure" August of 2020 was delayed but then abrupt when flights resumed. Our trip back to Taiyuan probably will be delayed since on May 7, Finn took a hard spill onto his left knee. No bones seem to be broken but tissue is injured and he's sore and stiff. Pray for healing and wisdom in adjusting our plans as he needs.

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

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- We have been very thankful for good health. A slight bump in that road was April 13, when Steve had corrective surgery related to his minor bout with prostate cancer in 2009. This will be followed by 6-8 weeks of recovery. Sadly, Steve had to cancel his teaching at the Grace Evangelical Society conference in May which disappointed him. Pray he heals quickly and well.
- Donna is planning a trip to Australia and New Zealand, for ministry and to visit family and friends. Pray for plans for this.
- Myanmar has opened up, and Steve would give his right arm to go back and teach his former Burmese students and to encourage Arrow grad, New Zealander Bevan Smith, who is a missionary there.
- Steve continues to research and write on the OT commentary—he'd appreciate your prayers.
- Steve continues to "mentor" and be asked to mentor even more, which he loves.



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

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- Pray as Eric works to revise and adapt the materials he has developed, get them translated in Vietnamese, and to recruit others who are good coaches to help him carry this ministry into the future.
- Eric continues with Zoom calls with the folks in Vietnam. In order to facilitate better discussion, he has 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 and are eager to learn. 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. Pray for them to establish networks. 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.



- Praise for the fifth anniversary of the City Vision church which God used us to plant. Pray God will provide a pastor. We are slowly reducing our commitments planning as God directs to plant a church in the province of Gobi-Altai. This is west of Ulaanbaatar the capital.
- 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.



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 pray for us as we determine some important future ministries and relationships. I (Ron) am in contact with our OC folks in Ukraine to try to determine if there is any potential ministry there in the near (2-3 years) future. Their response will help us determine what the Lord has for us going forward. Thanks for praying for us during this important transitional time.

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- Praise for Lori's upcoming graduation from Pikes Peak Early Colleges & Pikes Peak State College. Pray for next steps for her and adjustment of family.
- 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.



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

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- 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. 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.

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

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- Marlin and Ruth are on a three week trip out east to attend Sarah's graduation and visit family, friends and supporters. Pray the trip goes well and especially pray Ruth's back does okay with all the driving.
- 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.
- 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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- We continue to make some enhancements on 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 we had another webinar for the Christian mapping group. Unfortunately the scheduled speaker wasn't able to make it. We had another person fill in. Thus we had fewer people at the webinar than previous webinars. We had great discussion and those who were able to make it enjoyed it. Pray as we plan webinars for future months.
- Today it was great to talk with folks from the North African country about helping them with a map which shows church information. I was happy to see they have a technically knowledgeable person who I think has the time to help with the map. Pray we will be able to make progress on the map. The folks are putting together data for the sample province, so pray this goes well.
- A missions researcher is planning to write a book about the people groups of Myanmar. I hope to create some maps of these people groups for him. He will probably adjust and edit them making changes, but I can at least provide him with a starting point for over half of the people groups.

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