

*Please note that due to COVID-19, these prayer requests are fluctuating and may have been revised since they were received in mid-April.*

## **1 HUGH & JOANNE ROBERSON** Cru, USA/Asia

Pray for Hugh as he coaches Southeast Asia leaders via Zoom calls. With shelter in place orders around the globe, Joanne's role with the digital ministry of Cru has really ramped up. Pray for wisdom as she engages others around the world through digital conversations, especially those with other religious backgrounds. An Asian friend gave this simple SHELL acronym to the Robersons to increase focused praying during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**S** SCIENTISTS - to discover a cure, medical breakthroughs

**H** HEALTH WORKERS - for protection and strength

**E** EVERYONE you love - health and eternal life

**L** LEADERS of government, churches, businesses, etc. – for wisdom, divine guidance

**L** LESS FORTUNATE - for grace and mercy

## **2 ROSS & ROULA GEORGIU** Campus Crusade for Christ, Germany

Please pray for financial support. The couple is experiencing less support due to global changes and the NZ exchange rate. Pray that they would see much eternal fruit as sports people ask questions about life and eternity during these uncertain times, and that those leaders who didn't make this year's mentorship group will continue to be supported and grow their ministry. Pray for the stability of team members for the GSCA in 2020.

## **3 R & C** Asia

Please pray for their company leadership as they make strategic decisions regarding the future of EA work. Pray for their coworkers who are displaced and facing uncertainties about their future ministries and locations. Pray for R and C as they seek discernment and wisdom as to the Lord's will concerning their next steps.

## **4 KEITH PATMAN** Wycliffe Bible Translators, USA/Central Africa

Praise God for other means by which Keith and his team can coach their students in the Perspectives course, even while social distancing is required. The students are watching pre-recorded lessons on the Perspectives website and in some parts of the country are meeting virtually on Zoom. Amidst uncertain times of change, new opportunities arise to serve the Lord!

## **5 IGNATIUS & MARJORIE LAKRA** Source of Light Ministries, India

Please continue to pray for both Ignatius and Marjorie. At the present moment they are fine – God has been good to them and they remain healthy. The Coronavirus has not reached the small village where they are in lockdown. They appreciate everyone's prayers. God is still in control.

## **6 MARK & JANA FAUS** SIM, USA/Worldwide

Pray for Mark and Jana in their ministry duties as they are coordinating a project to provide relief to their global network of mission hospitals. Particularly at this time, it is an opportunity to be a witness for Christ.

## **7 BELA & ILDIKO DOBOS** Word of Life Fellowship (WOLF), Hungary

During the pandemic crisis, the Dobos have held online events since their country is on lockdown (as of May 1) and will continue to do so. In May, they hope to do an online training for their summer volunteers. Pray for the Lord's protection from the virus and His continued blessings.

## **8 BRANDY INGLE** Wycliffe Bible Translators, Papua New Guinea

Praise God that everyone on the repatriation flight, including Brandy, made it to their final destinations. Pray for wisdom for Brandy in the coming months as decisions are made regarding how she can best work from America and when to return to Papua New Guinea. Pray for both those staying and those who have left the country for the time being, as they navigate these times.

## **9 MICHAIL & LOIS LITSIKAKIS** AMG International, Greece

With a short break at the start of 2020, their ministry was gearing up to start one of their busiest years yet...then things came to a screeching halt! If it is safe for them to gather this summer, we ask that you pray as they wait and watch for God to provide what they need: to host as many of their normal camps and programs as possible with limited volunteers, leaders and resources.

## **10 PAUL & LOIS JENKS** AMG International, Asia

Please pray for God's wisdom on the Jenks as they need to know by May 15 what tickets to purchase for their return to Asia. They need to return to Thailand to preserve their annual visa and work permit. Pray for the Lord's guidance. *Note: Thai schools normally open their first term on about May 15th, but they are informed there will be a delay of several weeks.*

## **11 DENNIS & SANDY COCHRANE** Wycliffe Bible Translators, USA

Praise God that Perspectives classes were able to continue due to Zoom technology. In fact, because all students were connecting from their own homes, entire families were exposed to class content. Wonderful! Pray that the completion of the global mission of God will become a lifetime high priority in the lives of all who were exposed to this information, even during this period of self-isolation. Due to the Coronavirus, a key Wycliffe recruitment event at the end of May had to be canceled. Pray that despite this reality the Lord will continue raising up many new workers to join in completion of the global Bible translation task. There are still 2,000+ languages in which Scripture doesn't yet exist in a language people can adequately understand.

## **12 ANDREW & ALECIA TEEUWEN** Pioneers, Greece

On April 1, Andrew and Alecia were co-appointed to a new role in Pioneers as Regional Leaders in the newly created Europe South Region. This has significantly increased their responsibilities. During the pandemic, they have remained in Greece to support the teams they lead and encourage the Albanian church through uncertain times.

## **13 MARK & PAT TERRY** Cru, USA

All ISP trips to train public school teachers are postponed for now. Mark's role as an Operations Director and Global Leadership Team member has been challenging. His role involves trip decisions, communication with the staff and volunteers who were planning to go and trip logistics in various countries. Fortunately, they are continuing to hear that many ISP-trained teachers around the world are taking this time to impact their students, parents and colleagues through this difficult time. Many of them are offering encouragement and sharing about the Lord as they interact with their students and their families.

## **14 LOANN NGUYEN** InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, USA

Pray for LoAnn as she and her team continue with virtual Bible studies every Friday and Tea-Talk with Zoom every Tuesday. Please pray for her family in Vietnam, and for wisdom to lead the ministry in this chaotic time. May God send 20 new financial partners, as she needs to raise \$84,000 for the whole ministry in school year 2020-2021.

## **15 JAY & ERIN SCHIPPER** Operation Mobilization International, USA/Worldwide

All Operation Mobilization travel is cancelled now through at least June, including their planned trip to Belgium. Pray that the virtual meetings will still be fruitful and help their teams make progress and feel connected. Jay's grandmother, Julia Schipper, passed away on Easter evening, April 12. Please pray for the family, who is grieving their loss but rejoicing that she is in the presence of Jesus, whole and eternally healed.

## **16 K & CT** Middle East & U.S.

Prayers are requested for C's brother as he is on the frontlines of a hospital emergency room, where he works as the head of ER. Pray for the health and protection of their parents as they are elderly and more susceptible.

## **17 J & P** Africa

As in much of the world, schools, churches, mosques, most shops, etc. are closed. Pray for God's protection from COVID-19 in Africa where the medical services are heavily lacking.

## **18 OLI & JUDY JACOBSEN** Ethnos360, USA/Asia

Pray for missionaries worldwide as they adapt and seek innovative means for continuing their ministries. Using social distancing presents challenges, as everyone knows. Pray for wisdom scheduling future travels.

## **19 KIRK & CINDY FLANEGAN** Wycliffe Bible Translators, USA

Pray for wisdom and discernment of how they are to proceed with the knowledge that two churches have reduced their monthly support. Pray for continued good health and protection, particularly for Cindy from the COVID-19 virus. Kirk is adjusting to new norms regarding his role which is highly relational and requires many face-to-face meetings. This is a time of transition and new ways of connecting with Wycliffe partners by email, phone, Zoom, etc. Pray for ways to deepen relationships with the Lord and others that they daily meet.

## 20 SERGIO & LINDA MIJANGOS

Avant Ministries, Guatemala

Pray for the implications of COVID-19 in Guatemala and the world. Also, pray for the seminary to be able to continue offering classes online, for the required technology to work and for God to use Sergio's teaching in the lives of his students.

## 21 RICK & MARY LYNN ATHERTON

Campus Crusade for Christ, South Africa

Pray for complete healing of Mary Lynn who took a fall a few weeks ago. The COVID-19 lockdown has forced us the Campus Crusade ministry to venture into other methods of evangelism and discipleship – some focused on social media outreaches, others on the web.

## 22 BENNETT & IDONG EKANDEM

North American Mission Board, USA

Although the way ministry is implemented has changed, the Ekandems's central message of God's love and salvation through Christ Jesus has remained the same. Refugees are now, more than ever, sharing their fears and hopes and that opens an opportunity to share the Gospel with them.

## 23 GRACIELA GUERRERO

Source of Light Ministries International, USA/Worldwide

Praise God that Graciela and Marina have been able to visit others. The church is working under a Civil Association that allows them to provide people with groceries, fruit and vegetables. Please pray for protection over Marina and Graciela.

## 24 TYLER & LARA PATTY

Josiah Venture, Czech Republic

Please pray for Tyler and Lara Patty today as they planned to be our special guest speakers for the Adventures in Missions program following the Sunday morning service. If this cannot occur due to the pandemic, we ask that you pray for a rescheduled date.

## 25 ANDREW & INNA RYZHKOV

Byelorussian Mission, Inc., USA/Belarus/Israel

God is moving in other religious countries right now, specifically among young boys in orphanages. The Bibles (Holy Books) that they are receiving are being accepted with great joy! To change the spiritual landscape of any country, it is vital to impact the younger generation of men. And how much more important it is to change the hearts of those boys brought up without an earthly family.

## 26 SAM & SILVANA SHAW

Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship, Ireland/Worldwide

The Shaws have shifted gears in their ministry due to the COVID-19 crisis. As a result, the changes that began haphazardly a few weeks ago have produced great feedback. The family went from recording Bible story videos, puppet shows and testimonies over time, to producing a daily Bible story Monday-Friday that's posted on social media and their website. The response has been very positive, and people are now open to spiritual things. Please pray for the Shaws as they reach out in this new way.

## 27 BILL & JOY BOEROP

World Thrust International, USA/Worldwide

The World Thrust International ministry continues thanks to modern technology. Using Skype, the Boerops are connecting with other directors to develop their world missions' outreach with individual pastors and church leaders around the world. The monthly email, sent to 45 other leaders, is a wonderful way to encourage them, share with them and assure them that God is still in control.

## 28 EDNER & DOMINIQUE JEANTY

Crossworld, Haiti

Please pray for the future of the BARNABAS ministry. They had four Global Leadership Summit events planned for this year in Haiti and all were canceled but one. The event held in Port-au-Prince was successful and inspired the leaders who attended.

## 29 FOTIS & MARY ROMEOS

AMG International, Greece

All meetings are now online; from regular church gatherings to Bible studies and youth programs to Sunday School classes. Praise the Lord for technology.

## 30 ISAIAS & JUDITH CATORCE

Ambassadors for Christ International, Philippines

Praise God for the support that's been extended to 14 pastors and church planters where they are located, especially in Samar. These are products of the Samar Theological Institute. Thank God for their donors from Australia.

## 31 TIM & KATHY CUMMINS

Whirlwind Missions, Inc., USA

Ashley Kendall (daughter of Tim and Kathy Cummins) partnered with Eugene's Kitchen to give away 100 meals in Atlanta's International Village, a community they live in and serve near. They were grateful to feed the immigrants and refugees living there.

***The one constant amidst this worldwide crisis is that we serve a great God who is still in control, and we know that His love will never fail! Although we grieve over the lives lost due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are thankful in the knowledge that Christ is continuing to build His church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it!***

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“THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHREN, BE STEADFAST, IMMOVABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD, KNOWING THAT YOUR TOIL IS NOT IN VAIN IN THE LORD.”

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