



Missionary Prayer Band

March 17, 2021

Please Note: This sheet is updated once a month. Any information that is sent to us by a missionary during the month is included in the update. If no new information is sent to us, the requests on the sheet remain as they are.

Boston – Edmondson, Bill and Deb

- The Boston and Beyond team is on the move. Our colleague, Jean Tsen is finishing up her deputation ministry and is now working towards moving to Boston. Please pray for the many details as she does so.
- Megan Mullins is raising support to come serve with Boston and Beyond as an intern.
- Andrew Eddy is getting married in February and will hopefully start deputation soon.
- The International Baptist Church is small but with an abundance of leadership potential. We are in regular communication with those international individuals who were once in Boston. The church continues to minister to them as well. I (Bill) spoke to students interested in missions at Faith Baptist Bible College on February 8..

Nova Scotia – Garren, Tim and Marge

- During September and October Nova Scotia's COVID cases were extremely low and restrictions eased and God gave many opportunities to serve Him.
- School resumed normally for Grace, enabling her to be a testimony among her classmates.
- Although our monthly church fellowships have been suspended, we have had a number of our church family into our home.
- We have helped with many needs of people in our church and Marge was able to hold a ladies' Bible study.
- On October 28 I, Tim, had a successful operation on my right ear. It has healed well and I am ordering new hearing aids consisting of a behind-the-ear digital hearing aid for the left ear and a behind-the-ear transmitter for the right. The transmitter will pick up sound and transmit it to the left ear so he can pick up sound from both sides.
- We have experienced a second wave of COVID in November and December. We are still able to meet for church and are planning a Christmas Eve service which will also be broadcast to our parking lot for those who cannot come inside.
- We will miss Abby and Esther this Christmas but they will be in Ohio with family.

France – Bixby, Tim and Ruth

- Some encouraging things have been happening! We have received another little burst of gifts lately, and that has been very encouraging. The mountain before is still looming, but it really seems that the Lord has pushed us beyond the point of no return and onward toward the purchase. The owners have accepted allowing our property lawyer to be the one to draw up the papers to go along with the 100,000 euros downpayment they have asked for. This fact is very reassuring to us. We think this process may also give us another six months or so before the rest of the funds are needed. Please continue to pray for these next steps of actually entering into a formal commitment to buy. (We will have a church business meeting this month to vote on taking this next step.) And please continue to pray that God would bring in all the necessary funds for this purchase in the time needed.
- With the Covid restrictions carrying on seemingly indefinitely, Tim has begun setting up some one-on-one discipleship studies (mostly by Zoom) and has been encouraged by the interest shown by several young men to meet with him regularly. Please pray for Vanny, Ariom, Andrei, Louis and Oliver.
- We have recently begun a series of ladies' Bible studies in the Psalms. The ladies are to follow a study guide at home, and then we are meeting together monthly. A few of the ladies attending probably have yet to be genuinely converted. Already though, Ruth has had some good one-on-one opportunities with these ladies as a result of these studies. Please pray for spiritual growth and encouragement for all the ladies, and pray particularly for Valentina and Fredlyne.
- We praise the Lord for the good health He has given us in general. Please continue to pray for each one of us to be sensitive to God's work in us and to enjoy fellowship with Him and continued spiritual advancement.
- Pray particularly for Micaiah who is in his final year of high school and seeking the Lord's specific direction for next year.
- Praise the Lord with us that we recently received word that we officially passed our homeschool inspection for Zacharie! The law that may make homeschooling illegal in the future is being debated in the national assembly this month. Pray also for important legislation being considered that would limit freedom of speech in the church and add many more obligations on the church to report financial gifts, etc.

Austria – Hudson, Todd and Sarah

- It has been a bit wacky navigating the whole lockdown and covid restriction scenario. We are so so thankful that we have not had any cases at all that are linked to our church. During the third lockdown from December 24 through February 8 we made the decision to continue having church and faced no flack, fines, or fuss. Those in our congregation who had reservations about attending were able to watch the sermons on YouTube each week. We continued to meet because we are concerned

about the isolation, depression, and spiritual warfare that our congregation is facing. Obviously, this is not necessarily linked to covid and the lockdown; however, when people are isolated in our spiritual battles, certainly the battles grow more intense and overwhelming.

- In general, restaurants, stores, and hotels have been closed (other than a 17 day block in December) since November 3. The stores are allowed to be open again as of this past Monday (still not restaurants or hotels), but with such extreme distancing measures that people are waiting on the streets in long lines to get in. Kids need winter clothes - and we can attest - our own 6'3" Ben needs some new pants! We have not braved the lines (in the cold) to go shopping yet. Obviously, the economy, as well as the mental health of Vienna, is at a terrible low point. Some of the normally passive Austrians are beginning to protest the ongoing measures.
- Sammy and Zaki and family have been struggling for a while. Zaki especially lost sight of priorities and dragged the whole family down with her. From being on the leadership team, they are now not even attending church. Our hearts are broken. Please pray earnestly for this family.
- We get occasional news from Fadi, but life is challenging for him in his home country. Please pray that he remains strong in his faith.
- Martin, Natan, and Dav are the leadership men. Pray for them as they move closer to assuming a more permanent role in the church. Pray for wisdom in their work and relationships and time management.
- Kory fell down some stone steps in the snow and ice a month ago. Beyond her severely broken wrist, she shattered her shoulder so severely that they simply had to do a shoulder replacement. Pray also as her daughter Samia has been trying to fly to Austria from the UK to help and support her mom in all this. The flights have been banned for now. Kory remains hospitalized, and no visitors are allowed due to covid.
- Lumi is a dear sister in Christ who has suffered immensely throughout her life largely because of the sinful choices of others. She is in constant pain because of some back injuries and unsuccessful surgeries. She has grown quite discouraged and weak. Pray for her to have hope in her life right now. The circumstances are rather bleak other than her relationship with Christ and the church.
- We are excited that several are expecting babies! Pray for Nambo, Daniella, and Julia as their due dates grow closer (March). Pray also for Emmanuel and Tessa as they recently had a baby but need to come to the Lord.
- Pray for the Hudson family. Not all of our children are following the Lord right now, and we are asking the Lord to use these away times to help them understand their need for the Lord. Much like Onesimus in the book of Philemon verse 15 we wonder if "this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while [for us in the spiritual sense], that you might have him back forever." Looking forward with hope as to how the Lord is working out His perfect plan.

Austria – Shelton, Stan and Grace

- Please pray for our unsaved friends that we would have continued opportunities to meet with them in the coming months. We have not been able to see a lot of them through the winter because of Covid restrictions.
- Please pray for our church family to grow in unity, purity, humility and love for God and for each other.
- Please pray for our need for more space! We need God to continue to make this work. We only have 50 chairs right now, and we had people sign up online for church on Sunday. We are spread out over three rooms with distancing and video. Guests keep showing up for church in the midst of it all, and we stand amazed at God's working. We are having to take time almost weekly to adjust to new restrictions and the space needs.
- Please pray that God would be our help and strength. We are not able to travel to Germany for fellowship, youth activities, retreats or camps. Germany is currently in even more lockdown than we are. Please pray for a godly response to the restrictions, testing, and even possible vaccine requirements.
- Please pray for God to make it clear what we should do about a visit to the US this summer. There are a number of factors involved for us, but we would really like to be able to see family. We are also in need of raising support and getting homeschool materials.
- Please pray that we stay healthy, stay in God's Word, and that God would continue to give our kids grace and strength each day. The school in Vienna is challenging but going pretty well. Caleb is planning to work at the Wilds in NC this summer. Lukas is planning to go to Zambia for a medical missions trip and then work in SC.

Zambia – Hunt, Phil and Lori

- A TSE class held at Manueli had 20 pastors participating. The men are very enthusiastic about learning but most had never read all four gospels or had any theological training. Formal theological training is lacking in this region and we are trying to meet that need.
- Pastor Bushimbe, one of our alumni, has encouraged us to have more training classes in other areas; however, most of the pastors in Zambia are not able to adequately interact with the English language so teaching will need to be done in either Kaonde or Bemba and will need to be very basic to meet their needs. Housing accommodations for lecturers is a challenge, but despite the challenges, these men are eager for training in order to train others for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

Zambia – Beaman, Todd and Kathy

- Pray we will continue to see souls saved.
- Pray for Dr. Mitchell and the medical team that will arrive to minister to the people in the bush.

- Pray that our people would truly repent and leave the alcohol, polygamy, and witchcraft behind.
- Pray for Oswald and Seke as they assist Todd in leading the ministries.
- Pray for Craig Rash as he is now in Zambia will be assisting in our ministry for a year.
- Pray that entire families would begin to go to church together.
- Projects: New wells will be drilled in strategic places to extend Gospel influence near the two churches.
- The churches are busy preparing playing fields for soccer and netball courts. Donated sports equipment and clothing to hold sporting events will be ideal events to present the Gospel.
- Donated clothing shipped in 55 gallon drums will be given out free. People will sit and hear a Gospel message and then choose from the clothing offered as a gift.
- At Muma, tree planting continues with the idea to teach people the importance of renewable resources. In 8-10 years, the trees can be harvested and sold as timber. Some of the trees produce fruit that can be an added source of nutrition.
- The main church building in Muma will be built next year. Two medical teams will be hosted at the site. Thousands will come for treatment and while there will hear the Gospel. Medical missions have been the most outstanding tool in aiding in church planting efforts.
- Pray for quick construction of the four cottages on their land.

South Africa – Dan and Amy Peront

- Please pray for continued safety during COVID outbreak
- Pray for opportunity to show the Jesus film in Joe Slovo and for all to be saved
- Pray for our team's health and safety
- Pray for salvation and wisdom in discipling Lawrence, Tshepo, Robert, Chris, Kleinbooi, and Lebo
- Pray for salvation for Melusi, Jimi, and Jovic, friends of Prince
- Pray for salvation for Sipho, Nancy, Nokuthaba, Mthokozisi, and Charmain
- Pray for continued spiritual growth in Prince and Debra.

South Africa – Hassman, Dan and Karyn

- Pray for housing in George. Our house in Joburge sold and funds have been transferred.
- Pray for improved health for Karyn and the girls as they are aware of a new treatment for the Lyme and co-infections. We will be in touch with someone who can walk them through the process and will try for three months as there are still many symptoms among them.

Cambodia – Johnson, Tom and Anna

- Pray for Dr. Johnson as he is working on a project with the Cambodian health officials for a possible explanation of why COVID-19 is not affecting Cambodians the way it is in the rest of the world.

Peru – Scott, Steve and Joan

- We are under lock-down here in Peru. Only one person may leave to get groceries during limited times each day. School started in August but we were still unable to have everyone here on campus. The Peruvian government was not allowing anyone under the age of 14 to be out of their homes for more than 30 minutes each day and only with a parent within 500 meters of their house. With that restriction our elementary and junior high classes needed to continue online but our high school students were able to come to the classrooms.
- Because of the airline lockdown we were unable to get this year's consumable materials into the country. Those materials were purchased and are being held in the States waiting for an opportunity to be brought down. They are being scanned and sent electronically as they are needed.
- When we came to Fetzer in August 2017 we came on a short-term assignment of 2 years with the possibility of extending it to 4 years. After the 2 years we were asked to stay for another year and then for the fourth year. Little did we know when we came that Fetzer would be closing within those four years but that is what will be happening at the end of this school year after 38 years of providing education for missionary kids in Peru.
- We will be returning to the States in July or August.
- Pray for the people of Peru during this time of economic and health crises.
- Pray for the churches which have not been able to congregate since the middle of March. People are not allowed to drive anywhere on Sunday.
- Pray for the parents of our students who must now find other sources for the education of their children for next year and beyond.
- Praise the Lord the children are adapting well to having school through Zoom and YouTube.

Uruguay – Proto, Mariano and Becky

- Pray for souls to come to salvation and for the different evangelistic outreaches (new creative ways to reach others during the pandemic).
- Pray for lasting fruit in the youth group at church. The Lord is sending our way unsaved teens that each week are hearing His Word, and several others who are starting to grow spiritually. Wisdom to deal with these specific needs.
- Pray for protection and health.

- As we look to the future, please pray for new FEBU students. May the Lord continue to raise a new generation of trained servants.

Uruguay – Duarte – Sergio and Andrea

- Pray for souls to come to the Lord; pray for contacts, neighbors, and outreach ministries
- Pray for Pastor Marcelo (layman pastor of church plant) and Sergio as they lead the flock, plan, make decisions to establish the local church
- Pray for the strengthening of the believers – especially a growing group of young people. Pray for lasting decisions
- FEBU – pray for new students for 2021 school year. Due to the pandemic they have not been able to visit churches to promote the college
- Teachers: pray for those who are retiring because some are unable to teach. All teachers are volunteers and serve in other ministerial areas as their primary work.
- Pray for the Duarte's parents who are facing health issues. Andrea's dad had a kidney removed January 11th due to cancer, and Sergio's dad is waiting to have a tumor removed from his face.

Papua New Guinea – Karen Hall

- Please pray for two couples who are helping to translate materials into Siar. Gispe and Harwol Hum are a newly married unsaved couple helping with the illustrated Bible booklets. Michael and Josephine are fairly new believers who are helping with what is hopefully the final revision of the chronological Bible study for eventual audio recording.
- Pray for the Lord to save a couple in my neighborhood.
- Pray for the community to show some movement toward resolving the break-in and theft of items from the mission clinic so that we can provide services again.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in P's heart, a church leader who has been removed from leadership but resists any counsel and desires to be reinstated.
- Praise the Lord the co-workers Jeremy and Caroline Dion have received all necessary visas and permits to travel back to PNG. Please pray that the sole route available to return to PNG because of covid restrictions will stay open until their scheduled departure in late March.

Papua Indonesia – Lam, WeiChee and YanHoon Ng

- Praise that our time in the hotel in Singapore in quarantine was paid for by the government (\$6000-\$8000). While there we were able to work and attend online services from one of our supporting churches.
- We are getting our passports updated and have applied for a work permit to re-enter Indonesia. There have been many delays but we have been told the applications are in process now.
- We continue to prepare Bible study and Sunday School materials and send to our church in Wamena where Nanius and Yulas (a young man who returned after attending school in Jakarta) are doing their best to keep the ministry going. Pray the church people will stay faithful until we can return.
- Pray for Ibu Sinar, a young lady attending the church, as well as two young men from the Walak tribe who were recently saved.

India – Nair, G.S. and Sarah

- Many areas in India are loosening their Covid regulations for which we are thankful.
- Our ministries are more active and some of our extension schools are now open.
- Two of our colleges have reopened. Weekend ministries will begin by the first week of April in Nepal.
- Pray for the safety of the students who are in Myanmar due to political and army problems. Many are stranded at the border.
- We are in the final stages of closing on the property for the abused girls home. We have also received funds toward the remodeling and expansion of the home so we can accommodate 12 more girls.
- Sarah's Parkinson's disease treatment is progressing. Pray that things may improve so that she can reduce the dosage of her medication.
- Our son Tim is increasingly involved with the ministry. He and I are planning a trip to visit our entire ministry in May or June so he can connect with the leaders of each state and the extension schools.
- My meetings in the US are going well. Pray for safety as I travel.