

# By Prayer

July-August 2019

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## Prayer Focus:

**Health workers, clinics, hospitals, women, children, people at risk, HIV/AIDS, and those who are trafficked**

As Jesus traveled preaching the good news of God's kingdom what drew many was his healing of the sick. Is it any wonder that over 230 SIM missionaries are directly connected with medical ministries? SIM has five hospitals in West Africa, plus many other health professionals and medical work in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Workers serve in a variety of creative roles that include teaching, community health and rural outreach. SIM also strives to release those trapped in human trafficking or poverty by sharing the hope of Jesus for their lives. Join us this edition in pointing the hopeless to Him as we strive to assist those broken in spirit, soul and body to find the hope of Jesus the Savior, *by prayer*.

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## July 2019

### JUL 01 MONDAY

**International Leadership & Services** – Pray for the Faithful Witness in Forgotten Communities project. The vision is to see many new multi-ethnic teams placed in communities where Jesus Christ is least known. Pray for God's guidance, new workers, and abundant resources for this bold initiative.

**Sports Friends** – Young people are often catalysts for transformation in the lives of their families and communities. Pray families recognize the positive impact of sports ministry in their children's lives and are open to hearing God's good news for themselves.

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## THE AMERICAS

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### JUL 02 TUESDAY

**Ministry Focus, Francesca Barbee, Ecuador** - In March, SIM Ecuador's youth ministry team hosted with a Christian psychologist a conference centered around the topic of gender identity and sexuality. Dr. Batallas addressed this question biblically, equipping the ten youth leaders with great insight based on Genesis 1:27. Our team's prayer is that these young leaders utilize what they learned so they can respond biblically and practically to related questions within their local youth groups and church congregations. Will you join us in praying for the Christian youth of Loja as they confront these issues?

### JUL 03 WEDNESDAY

**Bolivia** – Praise God the government approved new bylaws for SIM Bolivia. Pray the restructuring and selection process of board members is in compliance with the bylaws. Pray for wise finalization and implementation of strategic plans, both regionally and nationally.

### JUL 04 THURSDAY

**Canada** – John Cassells partners with SIM in greater Toronto by working with young women recovering from trafficking. Pray they surrender to God and His beautiful plans for their wholeness and joy, giving them courage through Jesus Christ to resist the pull of the darkness.

### JUL 05 FRIDAY

**Chile** – Thank you for praying for the Chile team as members prepare for a strategic country review taking place 21–30 August. Pray God enables them to identify those least reached and recruit workers to serve in these areas.

### JUL 06 SATURDAY

**Ecuador** – Four facilitators with a vision to open Trauma Healing groups for children in Loja attended a special Trauma Healing training to do so. Please pray groups are successfully launched so Jesus can transform adults' and children's hearts in Ecuador.

### JUL 07 SUNDAY

**Latinoamérica** – Development ministries where SIM is operating urgently need local workers to lead them. Pray also for supported workers or volunteers to provide interim project coordination and financial services part time. Ask wisdom to adapt well as the Lord leads.

#### JUL 08 MONDAY

**Paraguay** – Seven SIM Paraguay families are in transition during June–July 2019: three families finish Guarani language school and go separate ways to ministry sites, two families leave for home assignments while one returns from theirs, and another family has a new baby!

#### JUL 9 TUESDAY

**Peru** – Please pray for the Connallys, who serve remote Quechua villages by providing free dental clinics and sharing the gospel. Pray for God to provide Peruvian dentists to work alongside them and for Him to prepare hearts to receive Jesus.

#### JUL 10 WEDNESDAY

**United States** – Ask God to guide the Health Ministries Team as it shapes, supports, and strengthens global teams and reaches marginalized communities with the gospel through compassionate, quality healthcare. Pray for an integrated approach to health ministry training.

#### JUL 11 THURSDAY

**Uruguay** – La Ruta, an outreach to university students downtown, needs prayer for more qualified staff as significant founding members finished their terms at the end of last year and replacements have not yet been found.

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### EUROPE, NORTH & WEST AFRICA

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#### JUL 12 FRIDAY

**Ministry Focus, M.S., Benin** - Sabi tested positive for HIV at age two, along with his parents. His dad passed away shortly thereafter, and his mom struggled to get him to our clinic for ARV therapy. Sabi loves coming to our children's activities, and has a lovable propensity for getting into mischief. Because he lost his hearing to meningitis, we helped him get into a school for the deaf in Parakou, where the Bible is also taught. He is really enjoying school, and we visit often to give him his ARV drugs. Praise the Lord for how He allowed Alafia clinic to be involved, and pray for Sabi's salvation and education.

#### JUL 13 SATURDAY

**France** – The workers of Hope Center, located in a town of the Sahel bush, are building a dispensary to bring healthcare to the unreached people group of the area. Pray construction will be quickly completed and Christian nurses and a doctor will be recruited soon.

#### JUL 14 SUNDAY

**Switzerland** – Switzerland's joint mission debriefing is July 15–19. Please pray for healing after difficult experiences and refreshing times in God's presence. Ask God's help for those transitioning back to Switzerland. Please pray also for those who could not be included.

#### JUL 15 MONDAY

**United Kingdom** – Pray the SIM UK team is guided in its decisions on relocating as the mission transitions to new headquarters in Cambridge. Pray this move enables SIM to be better placed to work effectively with all their UK members, churches and partners.

#### JUL 16 TUESDAY

**North Africa** – Upheaval in NA has caused significant human suffering. Under-resourced hospitals need supplies, personnel, and hope. Pray for foreign, believing nurses to be bold; and for God to send medical professionals as harvesters to alleviate affliction and proclaim Jesus.

#### JUL 17 WEDNESDAY

**Benin** – Benin's Hope for Aids volunteers assist clients with basic home care, social assistance, follow-up, etc. Ask God for wisdom and guidance as the team plans to train more helpers in August. Pray for helpers with a heart for service who can keep confidences.

#### JUL 18 THURSDAY

**Burkina Faso** – Praise God for His work in former street girls and for recent baptisms. Thank God for local believing staff taking more responsibility as SIM workers plan a home assignment in six months. Pray this time strengthens local ownership and involvement in the project.

**Côte d'Ivoire** – Praise for the acceptance of *Radio Fréquence Vie's* request for expansion. Ask God's clear guidance in decisions for implementing these changes. Ask for God's peace to reign in Mali, Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire.

#### JUL 19 FRIDAY

**Ghana** – Damary finds what she learned in an orality seminar very helpful in teaching Sunday school at a local church in Tamale. Pray she passes it on to teachers she works with, and all the children understand Bible truths they are taught and apply them to their lives.

#### JUL 20 SATURDAY

**Guinea** – Many on the Guinea team have befriended women who are neglected, devalued, or abused. As the team interacts with them daily, pray they hear and experience the words and love of Jesus through the team's words and actions, and find salvation in His name.

#### JUL 21 SUNDAY

**Liberia** – Since 1965, ELWA Hospital has earned its reputation of compassionately caring for patients in the name of Jesus Christ. Join its chaplains in praying for patients, their families, and hospital staff, so each finds strength, healing, and life through Jesus.

#### JUL 22 MONDAY

**Mali** – Sherry traveled in June following up contacts made through her Trauma Healing ministry last year. Pray for deep and true healing in Christ Jesus for participants in this valuable ministry, and productive outcomes from these follow-up visits.

#### JUL 23 TUESDAY

**Niger** – Malaria season is draining on all those in health professions. Hospital beds are full. Staff work long hours and grieve many losses. Pray for strength and comfort for those working at Galmi Hospital, Danja Health Center, and Olivia Clinic.

**Nigeria** – M participates in the brothel ministry in Jos. The team visited a new brothel last week. All thirteen women requested a Bible and asked the team to do a devotional with them each week. Pray the Lord reaches these women with His love.

#### JUL 24 WEDNESDAY

**Senegal** – Please pray for three young Christian student nurses supported by SIM's healthcare workers' scholarship program as they prepare to sit their final exams. May the Lord provide suitable post-graduation positions where they can be witnesses for Him.

#### JUL 25 THURSDAY

**Togo** – The ECWA-Togo churches (SIM-related denomination) are preparing for their annual children/teen camp to be held in three weeks. Pray the organizers, teachers, and monitors use God-given excitement to foster the spiritual development of the more than 200 campers!

#### JUL 26 FRIDAY

**West African Missions Office** – Praise God for three doctors and a lab technician ready to serve at ELWA or Galmi through WAMO. Pray God quickly brings in support for these medical workers. Pray God sparks creative vision in providing support for all WAMO workers.

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### EAST & SOUTHERN AFRICA

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#### JUL 27 SATURDAY

**Ministry Focus, Missy Sandberg, Zambia** - A teenage girl was brought to our hospital unconscious and dying from a snake bite. Her extremities were freezing cold and she was gasping for air. Her pulse went from extremely high to dangerously low and irregular. Despite our giving the proper medications, she was not stabilizing and I was not hopeful. However, I love seeing God work! She suddenly started improving, and within a couple of hours was asking for food. We all were amazed at her miraculous recovery. Pray patients continue to be miraculously healed despite our shortage of resources and personnel.

#### JUL 28 SUNDAY

**Angola** – Praise for Portuguese handbooks for the anesthesia nurses and for a safe place for weekly meetings with anesthesia providers to learn, engage and ask questions. Please pray for their continued enthusiasm to learn more to improve their knowledge and skills.

#### JUL 29 MONDAY

**Botswana** – After leading an Alpha course in the men's section of the illegal immigrant center, Paul, Tania and volunteers have also gained permission to lead the same course in the women's section. Pray for Jesus to prepare hearts to receive His good news of saving grace.

#### JUL 30 TUESDAY

**East Africa Service Center (EASC)** – Praise God for the Gradones arriving in August to serve with EASC. Pray they soon love Kenya and its people. Pray the EASC team exercises wisdom in organizing the service center. Ask for favorable relationships with local legal and government entities.

#### JUL 31 WEDNESDAY

**East African Office** – Praise for the successful Fulani-focused Conference in June, which hosted 200 participants. Pray it yields a fruitful harvest of fully supported workers to reach Fulani around the world. Give thanks for the workers already sent to Asia, Africa and the UK.

**Eritrea** – Despite media claims, the situation for Christians remains the same. Pray prisoners for Jesus are released from prison, and for greater freedom for brothers and sisters in Eritrea.

## August 2019

#### AUG 01 THURSDAY

**Ethiopia** – Praise the Lord for the patients who are hearing the gospel for the first time through CURE and Ethiopia ACT. Also praise the Lord for the mentoring/discipling relationships going on with the Family Medicine course residents.

#### AUG 02 FRIDAY

**Kenya** – Pray strength for health professionals in long, stressful hours, for grace as they minister to and with people from different cultural backgrounds and belief systems in some of life's hardest moments, and for quality time with their families.

#### AUG 03 SATURDAY

**Madagascar** – Jimmy and Marlis Rabeantoandro will continue to oversee the Timothy Center and projects linked to it, but do it remotely from Switzerland and through visits. Pray their ministry partners understand this change of location and continue to support them in this role.

#### AUG 04 SUNDAY

**Malawi** – Praise for Partners in Hope Clinic providing excellent medical care. Pray the chaplains spread saving spiritual care through their ministry. Ask for the integrity of the clinic to have a good influence on the country's health system.

#### AUG 05 MONDAY

**Mascarene Islands** – Synthetic drugs plague the youth population even as young as age 10. Pray parents have patient understanding and God's persevering love to strengthen them. Ask God to open the hearts and minds of the teens to choose Jesus and make wiser life choices.

#### AUG 06 TUESDAY

**Mozambique** – Please pray for six women studying at the new Bible school (INTEL) in northern Mozambique. These quite remarkable ladies often have pasts fraught with abuse. Pray they continue to heal, learn, and grow in their faith when classes resume the end of August.

#### AUG 07 WEDNESDAY

**Namibia** – Namibia has had very little to no rain in the whole country. This is the second drought in a row. Please pray for the government to help wisely. Ask vision for SIM as an organization as well as individuals to see how they can and must help.

**Southern Africa Service Center (SASC)** – Pray for the ministry of SASC as it serves the needs of the ministries it supports and as it continues to look for people to fill key ministry roles, such as a regional medical coordinator and a people care coordinator.

#### AUG 08 THURSDAY

**South Africa** – SIM SA is seeking to establish a For Freedom ministry against human trafficking in Europe. Join them in the spiritual battle of establishing this ministry and sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ with captors and victims.

#### AUG 09 FRIDAY

**South Sudan & Sudan** – With the possibility of a health NGO leaving the Mabaan area and the increasing burden of medical patients, there is a desperate need for the Lord to help workers meet the medical needs in the region. Pray the Lord sends more workers to this harvest field.

#### AUG 10 SATURDAY

**Tanzania** – Pray for SIM members as they incorporate their ministry into the team's vision of reaching the coastal groups for Jesus Christ through the combined efforts of local churches. Please pray for fresh interest from local believers.

#### AUG 11 SUNDAY

**Zambia** – Please pray for the medical staff at Mukinge Mission Hospital as they continue to serve patients in the midst of extreme financial, personnel and resource shortages. Pray expected monthly grants arrive in a timely fashion, as there has been a six-month shortfall.

#### AUG 12 MONDAY

**Zimbabwe** – Zimbabwe is still reeling from Cyclone Idai. Over 2,000 people are dead or missing, and 90,000 need emergency shelter and support. Pastors are overwhelmed with needs, lack trauma healing skills, and are approaching burnout. Pray for strength and help to recover.

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### WEST & SOUTH CENTRAL ASIA

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#### AUG 13 TUESDAY

**Ministry Focus, A.A., South Asia** - Every week my local pastor and I have been visiting boys living on the streets. We offer them food, tea, a listening ear, and prayer. Some have been on the streets up to twelve years, collecting plastic and cardboard to sell, and spending the money on drugs and alcohol. Our greatest desire is to see them changed by the Word! None are trusting or interested yet, but we continue to demonstrate God's love and seek safe places for them to live. Pray a team of people will be raised up who will invest in their lives, and the boys would come to know the Father's love.

#### AUG 14 WEDNESDAY

**Middle East** – Uphold churches, agencies and SIM Middle East colleagues as they reach out to residents and refugees with regular visits, church summer events, and children's and sports programs. Ask the Lord of hope to reveal Himself through God's Word read, heard and remembered.

#### AUG 15 THURSDAY

**Bangladesh** – Praise God for the opportunity to minister with women and children who were taken from a brothel and are now in a local government shelter. Pray for compassion as SIM ladies visit them, and for wisdom in building relationships with government officials as well.

#### AUG 16 FRIDAY

**India** – A SIM partner needs committed Indian personnel to serve trafficked women and HIV+ children. Ask God to provide workers and meet financial needs. Another partner working with HIV+ families is trying to get a medical service registered. Plead for governmental favor.

#### AUG 17 SATURDAY

**Nepal** – Several on SIM's team are experiencing visa restrictions and other obstacles, making it challenging to find opportunities to serve and to share their faith with people being trafficked. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as they network and build relationships!

**Pakistan** – Give thanks for trained nurse Y joining the Pakistan team. Please pray for the Lord to lead her and the small number of other health professionals on the team in developing a community health ministry to support the gospel outreach work in the Punjab.

#### AUG 18 SUNDAY

**Sri Lanka** – Pray for Dileeni and the team as they minister to members and staff of Zion Church and the wider church of Batticaloa who have suffered much trauma as a result of the recent bombings. Pray for more trained counselors.

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### ASIA-PACIFIC

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#### AUG 19 MONDAY

**Ministry Focus, L.T., Southeast Asia** - Little Sister was 15 and an orphan with HIV, hidden away in her aunt's home. On the verge of death, doctors couldn't do much. Radical Grace's project director knelt to pray with her. She opened her eyes and looked at him, calling out "Father" as she was searched out, like the lost coin, and found by her heavenly Father. From there she began to get better, and was back in school within months. Now 18, she is in good health, living out her faith amidst non-believing family. Pray for Radical Grace as it seeks transformation in the lives of those who are broken.

#### AUG 20 TUESDAY

**Australia** – Pray God raises up more workers for communities that are in need of medical and health workers. Pray ministry workers also find time to rest and be rejuvenated spiritually.

#### AUG 21 WEDNESDAY

**China** – SIM China's new director started this month. Please ask for God to give him much wisdom as he seeks to lead the field. Pray also for new people to join the team, as many have had to leave.

#### AUG 22 THURSDAY

**Continental & Southeast Asia (CSEA)** – CSEA is in transition. Pray for the new services for six countries and 150 members formerly served by CSEA. Pray also for SIM Business Administration (SIMBA), a new initiative to provide services to teams and countries with unreached communities in the 10/40 window.

#### AUG 23 FRIDAY

**East Asia** – The El Shaddai migrant ministry in Malaysia runs a school for over 1,000 children, and offers medical and other health care services, community outreach and web-based learning. Thank the Lord for this ministry and pray for more resources to be available.

**Indonesia** – It is a big challenge to find legal sponsors in Indonesia for SIM workers. Pray for Indonesian believers to seek opportunities to serve God by sponsoring SIM workers.

#### AUG 24 SATURDAY

**Japan** – Missionaries continue to partner with local Japanese churches responding to the physical and spiritual needs caused by natural disasters in Miyagi, Fukushima, and Kumamoto. Please pray the Church continues to represent Jesus the Christ well in these areas.

#### AUG 25 SUNDAY

**Korea** – Praise God for running the Training Program Team (TPT) well. Pray for wisdom and energy for the TPT to create a practical and field-oriented training program to mobilize the next generation and impact them for mission as it starts in January 2020.

#### AUG 26 MONDAY

**Mongolia** – Mongolians are enjoying the blessings of summer. Pray short-term SIM workers among them sensitively seek to share Jesus as God leads them. Please pray their ministry will be received well and the Lord will move in hearts.

#### AUG 27 TUESDAY

**Myanmar** – Praise God for a new initiative to reach disabled people by providing them with prosthetics. Pray the Lord opens doors for people to be willing to receive these prosthetics. Ask for people's hearts to also open and listen to the good news of Jesus.

#### AUG 28 WEDNESDAY

**New Zealand** – Ask God for wisdom as SIM New Zealand develops training resources. Pray the team knows the Lord's leading as they seek opportunities to work with partners in preventing human trafficking and protecting those most at risk.

**Philippines** – SIM's Livelihood program teaches life skills to promote micro business, enabling women to support their families and save for the future. Pray the Holy Spirit empowers workers with love, courage and wisdom as they engage with them, weaving Jesus into conversations.

#### AUG 29 THURSDAY

**Thailand** – SIM partners with a ministry that fosters children from an orphanage to help prepare them for adoption, mostly using for staff young women living in poverty. Pray the team wisely and lovingly shares Jesus as it teaches and trains the staff and children.

#### AUG 30 FRIDAY

**Vietnam** – Newly trained chaplains share God's comfort and the gospel with surgery patients, many of whom receive Jesus as Lord! Please pray for wisdom, boldness and protection as chaplains train in other cities to share God's love with surgery patients and their families.

**AUG 31 SATURDAY**

**West Malaysia** – Pray God guides workers sharing Jesus with migrants, refugees, asylum-seekers and human trafficking survivors. Ask God for more volunteers and resources to serve through community development projects, friendship evangelism, education, and temporary shelter.

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*"In one sense, the whole of the Christian life is prayer. We welcome God's gracious hand in our lives, and we participate in what he is doing in the world. God involves you in his plans". —Nicky Gumbel*

Because you prayed: *By Prayer* started praying for the expansion of *Radio Fréquence Vie* in Côte d'Ivoire in March of 2017. In this edition we praise God for the granting of that expansion. Thank you for your prayers that helped advance this accomplishment!

Praying for Missionaries: Missionaries need prayer when on home assignment, a stressful and often over-busy time of connecting with supporters and family they have not seen in years. Pray for health, stamina, and encouragement during this hectic season of ministry.

*"May we shout for joy when we hear of your victory and raise a victory banner in the name of our God. May the Lord answer all your prayers." Psalm 20:5*

*"Satan laughs at our toiling, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray." —Samuel Chadwick*

*"But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit." Jude 20*