

By Prayer

March-April 2020

Prayer Focus:

Business, campus, camps, sports, cross cultural ministry, HIV/AIDS, migrants & nomadic peoples, women & children

When people are in distressful circumstances, they are often more open to receive compassionate assistance. When they experience this kind of loving care from Christians, embracing the new life Jesus gives can be a supernatural result. In this edition of *By Prayer*, hope comes through physical care to those with HIV/AIDS and those who wander as nomads and migrants, jobs for those who need skills, sports for youth who need direction and discipline, companionship for lonely students in foreign countries, and more. Thank you for strengthening and multiplying the effectiveness of many compassionate workers who reflect Jesus' care to those who need Him, *by prayer*.

March 2020

MAR 01 SUNDAY

International Leadership & Services – Please pray for those who are hearing the gospel through business ministries. Pray for the daily interactions that lead to opportunities to share Jesus' love in word and deed.

Sports Friends – Sports Friends is privileged to be working with refugees in Kenya's Kakuma Refugee Camp. Six new churches have been planted inside the camp through Sports Friends-trained coaches! Praise God for His faithfulness. He does not forget the ones He loves!

MAR 02 MONDAY

Faithful Witness Program – Faithful Witness is launching a team this year to work among the Fulani in Northern Nigeria. Pray for the workers preparing to join this team and for safety.

THE AMERICAS

MAR 03 TUESDAY

Ministry Focus, Jason and Marcy Brink, Guatemala – Jonatan walked past English conversation club one day. He speaks good English, but wanted practice. Thus began a friendship. Jonatan grew up Catholic, but was turned off by the church's practices. At my suggestion we now study God's word and seek answers to his questions. Another student, Suzy, practiced English with me, and I found out she has no exposure to the Bible

or faith. We began Bible study together and Suzy asks great questions, but many doubts linger. Pray for Jonatan, Suzy and other university students as we share Jesus with them.

MAR 04 WEDNESDAY

Bolivia – In 2020 SIM Bolivia is working to define and carry out its role in sending and supporting Bolivian missionaries. Pray for wisdom and the mind of Christ in these decisions. Pray for good, solid partners in sending kingdom workers.

MAR 05 THURSDAY

Canada – Janet and her pastor are building a missional team committed to loving immigrants in their neighborhood. Pray for Janet's relationships with the ladies, creative ways to share Jesus with them and for the seed sown to take root.

MAR 06 FRIDAY

Chile – There are a myriad of needs and opportunities among the many migrants who have arrived recently. Pray for clarity in knowing what SIM Chile's focus and strategy should be.

MAR 07 SATURDAY

Ecuador – The compassion ministry team in Ecuador is working in the area of emotional trauma, financial disorder, and immigrant needs—all through practical care and teaching of biblical principles. Pray for the next steps and for more workers, including local volunteers.

MAR 08 SUNDAY

Latinoamérica – Pray safety for Julieta Murillo in a variety of visits to Latin churches across North and South America. Ask the Lord of the harvest to mobilize from these visits a great host of supported workers eager to share the good news in cross-cultural settings.

MAR 09 MONDAY

Paraguay – The Kantners returned to relaunch optometry outreaches with indigenous believers into unreached areas. Mark Bosscher will travel with two Christian indigenous partners to learn from Bolivians about sustainable development projects. Pray great benefits for them.

Peru – Pray for Arequipa English, a ministry that shares God's Word with college students and young professionals who want to practice their English. Pray for wisdom for leaders as they do Bible studies and seek to form redemptive relationships with students.

MAR 10 TUESDAY

United States – Pray new U.S. Director Randy Fairman and wife Robin settle well in ministry and home. Pray for God's direction and favor for SIM USA, team openness and unity, and accelerating momentum. Ask His blessing for and through President's Weekend March 19–22.

MAR 11 WEDNESDAY

Uruguay – Praise God for the opportunities the SIM team has to compassionately befriend Uruguayans who deal with loneliness. Pray for wisdom, opportunity and spiritual growth.

EUROPE, NORTH & WEST AFRICA

MAR 12 THURSDAY

Ministry Focus, Kevin and Krista Rideout, Niger – The grand opening of the New Life Center came in September; two years after H received a calling to start an outreach to kids with special needs. God led her to open her home to these kids who are often hidden away, not able to go to school or get therapy. Now they come to the center all day, four days a week, where they are fed, bathed, and have teeth brushed. We hug them, and they play and laugh. Some learn to read and write. One dad saw changes in his son immediately. Pray for salvation of the kids and families, and wisdom for H and her helpers, of which Krista is one.

MAR 13 FRIDAY

France – Gabrielle will soon leave her position in a family company to prepare for mission through business in Asia. Pray what she learns at a missional business conference in April will help her plan the project effectively.

MAR 14 SATURDAY

Switzerland – Praise for God's help in language study for D & A who now want to move north to start an orthopedic center and teach English. Pray for God's help to find an apartment, make contacts with people open to the good news, and for favor with the government.

MAR 15 SUNDAY

United Kingdom – Pray for Mission through Business, a cross-agency initiative, inspiring and equipping many more business and trades people to be sent. Praise God for how He is using business to build relationships, which enables Jesus to be shared and brings dignity through jobs.

MAR 16 MONDAY

North Africa – Millions of nomads live in the Sahara Desert of North Africa. Roland Bingham once called nomads "shepherds without a shepherd." Ask God to send experienced people to begin reaching out to

the many nomads on the west side of the desert with the good news of Jesus.

MAR 17 TUESDAY

Benin – SIM Benin supports two HIV clinics and a number of children living with HIV. Pray each child will clearly hear and respond to the gospel message and their guardians will love and care for them well.

Burkina Faso – The security context continues to worsen and there are many displaced peoples. Please pray for those from local churches who are living with and witnessing to these people daily. Pray God uses these circumstances to strengthen His Church even as it is attacked.

MAR 18 WEDNESDAY

Côte d'Ivoire – Thank the Lord for new missionaries to Côte d'Ivoire, short- and long-term! Ask for God's blessings on the Spiritual Life Conference this week and for the team to experience growth in unity, renewal and fellowship.

MAR 19 THURSDAY

Ghana – Praise God for Sports Friends workers in Ghana. Pray for protection as these men travel to serve, teach, and lead young people to the gospel using sports. The roads are becoming more and more unsafe. Ask for their families to rest in Jesus and cover them in prayer..

MAR 20 FRIDAY

Guinea – SIM Guinea is thankful for new teammates focusing on merchants and their families who have migrated to this region. Pray for God's abundant grace in learning another language and culture. Pray for God to draw many of this least reached community to Himself.

MAR 21 SATURDAY

Liberia – ELWA Hospital's Counseling Department serves HIV/AIDS patients and their families, providing medicines, counseling services, and education assistance. Pray each patient experiences God's love and care for them throughout their visits at the center.

Mali – Give thanks to God for the safe arrival of the first Faithful Witness team workers to the Moor people. Pray for more disciples of Christ to answer the call to serve among the unreached people groups (Moors, Soninke and Fulani) in western Mali.

MAR 22 SUNDAY

Niger – Recently a friend opened a center where she seeks to care for children with disabilities who are often hidden away and neglected. May Jesus continue to be glorified as this team cares for the "least of these." Pray for wisdom as this ministry develops.

MAR 23 MONDAY

Nigeria – Rejoice over four new families joining the Nigerian team soon to reach out to a large, least-reached nomadic community. Pray strength, safety and wisdom for them as they adjust, settle with their families, and begin to learn two new languages.

MAR 24 TUESDAY

Senegal – Pray for God's Spirit to touch the hearts of university students attending the week-long English camp (March 23-27). May they hear, understand, and respond to the truth of God that is presented as they also improve their English skills.

MAR 25 WEDNESDAY

Togo – ECWA-Togo (SIM-related church) started its own Bible institute last year. The nine students do church planting in nearby villages on the weekends. Ask the Lord to draw individuals and families to Himself from this region deeply entrenched in traditional religion.

MAR 26 THURSDAY

West African Missions Office (WAMO) – WAMO is considering developing an orientation program for new workers. Several WAMO workers have been invited to attend conferences that would help WAMO as a new sending office. Ask for God's guidance for plans and funds to send workers to the conference.

EAST & SOUTHERN AFRICA

MAR 27 FRIDAY

Ministry Focus, Andy and Bev Warren, Ethiopia – I was walking through a middle-class neighborhood when a lady came over and gave me a huge hug! It took me a minute to remember Yerus from our work in Lideta 15 years ago. She was a young woman whose life had been overturned by HIV/AIDS. Having lost her job, she was hopelessly living in poverty. We got her into treatment and she recovered. She also accepted Christ and joined a church. Today Yerus works, is healthy and owns her own apartment. She repeatedly expressed thanks for the ACT project. Pray for our Ethiopian workers as they share the gospel in actions and words.

MAR 28 SATURDAY

Angola – SIM Angola is initiating a new ministry to focus on youth who rollerblade and roller skate, a group untouched by the gospel. Pray for contacts among these young people so they can meet Jesus. Praise God for 30 better-equipped coaches through a March seminar.

MAR 29 SUNDAY

Botswana – H is helping her adult foster son work on forgiving his family of origin for abuse and neglect in his childhood. This serious spiritual battle includes allowing Jesus to heal his heart. Please pray the Lord intervenes, guides and protects them through this process.

MAR 30 MONDAY

East Africa Service Center (EASC) – Please pray for the EASC team as they plan and develop processes and systems that will allow them to serve SIM workers in East Africa in a more efficient and effective way. Ask God to mold them into a close working team with a united focus and vision.

MAR 31 TUESDAY

East African Office – Praise for eight new families and individuals taking their various skills and approaches to share Jesus with those who do not yet know Him. Pray they all will be able to finalize their necessary requirements to launch their ministries within the next four months.

Eritrea – Pray for a ministry coordinator to give energy and shape to ministries and liaise with the Church. Praise the Lord for the open door to Sudan, where so many Eritreans reside.

April 2020

APR 01 WEDNESDAY

Ethiopia – Please pray the trauma healing ministry grows in Ethiopia. The need is huge. Pray for the media workers and their ministry to the Som people through radio and website.

APR 02 THURSDAY

Kenya – The HIV/AIDS ministry team is planning a Positive Teens camp in April for youth 11-15 years old. Pray for many to meet Jesus Christ in a life-changing way. Pray for loving mentors to disciple them into a deeper relationship with Him following the camp.

APR 03 FRIDAY

Madagascar – As Jimmy supervises the Timothy Center remotely from Switzerland, please pray the local coworkers would be faithful in their ministry and good stewards of project funds.

APR 04 SATURDAY

Malawi – Praise God for ninety Indian diaspora who came to a Christmas celebration, many of whom are followers of other major faiths. Pray for workers to come lead a Chinese diaspora ministry the team wants to launch.

APR 05 SUNDAY

Mascarene Islands – At the beginning of 2020 a group of churches came together to plan Bible studies together. Pray their enthusiasm continues as they grow in their biblical understanding and unity.

Mozambique – Please pray for Mozambique workers Josué and Diana Bulandé and Gusti and Elina Makhutchá as they share God's good news to the least reached and plant churches in several Yawo villages in northern Mozambique.

APR 06 MONDAY

Namibia – RD Siegfried Ngubane will speak at the Spiritual Life Conference at the end of April. Pray his messages enrich the team as they look forward to changes in the team and how they can help the new director. Please also pray for good conversations and lots of laughter.

APR 07 TUESDAY

Southern Africa Service Center (SASC) – The SASC staff members provide significant essential services to equip a variety of offices to train and administer workers efficiently. Please cover them with spiritual protection as they are a significant target in their work, faith and family lives.

APR 08 WEDNESDAY

South Africa – Please pray for the team developing a new cross-cultural ministry in Kathu, Northern Cape, particularly focused on the Portuguese-speaking congregation in the Evangelical Bible Church. Pray this partnership with EBC will flourish and the Lord will send workers.

APR 09 THURSDAY

South Sudan & Sudan – Pray for the many nomadic people who come through Doro during the rains. Pray for those heading back, having acquired a new faith in Jesus. Ask God to strengthen the workers in Doro and enlarge their hearts as they serve these nomads with the love of God.

APR 10 FRIDAY

Tanzania – Local pastors' wives meet weekly for fellowship and encouragement. Workers support and help some of these wives run a small business in Lindi to supplement their income. Praise Father for the opportunity to walk with these courageous women in their environment.

Zambia – Pray for Diane Vos working with Navigators on the University of Zambia campus in Lusaka. Give thanks for the new 2020 interns and pray for them as they reach out to students—especially those in their first year.

APR 11 SATURDAY

Zimbabwe – A devastating drought is affecting the planting of crops. This most severely impacts people living with HIV, as they need food to take medications. Pray HIV/AIDS ministries keep blessing many as they share the love of Jesus with those who are lonely and vulnerable.

WEST & SOUTH CENTRAL ASIA

APR 12 SUNDAY

Ministry Focus, SIM worker, South Asia – Last year, our ladies and children gathered for three days of study and recreation. Two mature sisters, converts from a major world religion, taught a study in discipleship called "God's Heart, My Heart." The session about forgiveness brought deep discussion, as forgiveness is such a hard concept in an honor/shame culture. One lady, who knew great shame and pain and thought she could never forgive, realized she needed to forgive. We also enjoyed games, exercise and talent night. Pray the lessons learned will bear fruit and strengthen the faith of these women and children.

APR 13 MONDAY

Middle East – Give thanks and pray for a colleague as his established business gets ready to produce new products for sale outside the region. Uphold one young family exploring how to use their business skills after they complete language training in May.

APR 14 TUESDAY

Bangladesh – Thank God for a new field team reaching out to university students in the capital city. Pray the students' hearts will be touched as they ask many questions about faith through mediums such as English clubs. Pray for boldness and wisdom for the SIM workers.

APR 15 WEDNESDAY

India – Pray for additional experienced businesspeople to work with workers locally and internationally to develop businesses that can transform people and social situations. Pray workers' status remains stable so they can relate with those who need to know Jesus Christ.

APR 16 THURSDAY

Nepal – Please be in prayer for those working with women and children through school tutoring and sharing of faith. Praise God for a new believer who was recently baptized. Ask for many more to come to know Jesus.

APR 17 FRIDAY

Pakistan – Please pray for the Lord to raise up people with experience in business to serve long term in Pakistan, working

alongside the Church to see individuals, families and communities transformed.

Sri Lanka – Please pray for Dileeni as she teaches on parenting to many women in her church almost every Sunday. Pray these parents will practically apply what they are learning and see godly children raised. Pray this course will multiply into a movement.

ASIA-PACIFIC

APR 18 SATURDAY

Ministry Focus, SIM worker – God is at work! Our business employs over 100 local people, mostly non-believers. We use biblical values and teachings with them, and they are free to ask what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, or other questions. In the day-to-day work and on special days, we answer these questions sharing openly, often praying with them and their families. Last year they studiously presented a skit depicting Jesus' death on the cross. They said, "You have taught us these truths, so we want to show others." Pray for continued learning and response to the gospel.

APR 19 SUNDAY

Australia – Pray for four workers as they build relationships and minister to unreached people groups in Australia. Pray for good partnerships with churches, ethnic groups, and donors, and for wisdom, Spirit-led conversations and protection over them and their families.

APR 20 MONDAY

China – Please pray for new workers trying to establish a business in a sensitive area. Business is the only access to these people who are living and dying without Jesus Christ. Pray for a smooth startup process and favor with authorities.

APR 21 TUESDAY

East Asia – Pray two full-time workers engaged in missional business will be able to help other workers to enter the field via a business platform. Pray also for a new Chinese diaspora ministry by a Chinese couple in the Philippines.

APR 22 WEDNESDAY

Indonesia – Please pray nominal Christians attending seminaries where SIM workers teach will recognize their need for a personal walk with Jesus. Pray some true believers will gain a vision for reaching out to Indonesia's 200+ million Muslims.

APR 23 THURSDAY

Japan – The Tokyo Olympics are quickly approaching. Teams from SIM will be partnering with local Japanese churches for

various outreaches this summer. Please pray these teams would encourage the local churches in reaching the 99% of Japanese people who do not know Jesus.

APR 24 FRIDAY

Korea – Praise for SeungMok Lee and pray God strengthens him as he serves as personnel director. Ask God's power to work through planned trainings to build up the Korean Church. Ask for many immigrants to come to know Jesus through the Cambodian Migrant Church.

Mongolia – The lives and income of many nomadic families are greatly affected by dramatic seasonal weather variations. Pray for their safety. Ask God to provide training in new skills that supports sustainable livelihoods and helps them find Jesus, the source of life.

APR 25 SATURDAY

Myanmar – Please pray for the Lord to bless a number of new kingdom businesses. Ask for local partners and employees as well as funds to start these businesses. Pray also for grace in the eyes of the authorities for permission to operate in new areas of the country.

APR 26 SUNDAY

New Zealand – SIM New Zealand and SIM Australia are planning ways to support the Church in Papua New Guinea (PNG) to prepare and send missionaries. Their desire is to serve the PNG Church to help ensure their mission partners are able to thrive as they serve in other cultures.

APR 27 MONDAY

Philippines – Please pray for three separate migrant ministries with Indian, Indonesian, and Chinese diaspora. Pray for strong relationship-building and opportunities to share the gospel. Pray God directs the leaders into wisdom and for many to find their home in Jesus.

APR 28 TUESDAY

Thailand – This month the Sports Friends team held youth sports camps and coach trainings, and traveled to follow up with churches. Praise for safety in all the travels. Pray for growth in the young people drawn to God through the faithful witness of their Christian coaches.

APR 29 WEDNESDAY

Vietnam – SIM and Vietnamese friends are working on a database of training events and results to learn what works best in training. Please pray what they learn from the data will

help them make wise choices in training designs.

APR 30 THURSDAY

West Malaysia – Reaching out to international students who do not know Jesus will be a priority ministry focus for this new decade. Pray for the formation of a team to research and develop ministry plans.

Thank you for praying.

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"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
Philippians 4:6 NIV

"May they find courage to stand as we kneel before the Lord on their behalf." 30 Days of Prayer, 2014

"I am the LORD. I am the God of all people. Is anything too hard for me?" Jeremiah 32:27 NIV

"I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears." Psalm 34:4 NLT

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13 NIV

"The greatest tragedy in life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer."
F.B. Meyer