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“...helping together by prayer...” 2 CORINTHIANS 1:11 KJV

Prayer Focus

Spiritual vitality through intentional growth, SIM office staff, missionary recruitment, support, and re-entry

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Pray for successful education this year in spite of quarantine and for home Bible studies in rural communities. Also pray for God’s timing in travel for four missionary families, two who are to go on home assignment and two who are to return in July or August.

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Benin
SIM’s partner Bible Schools (Lokpa, Bariba, Ditammari, Boo, Fulani, French) were forced to suspend classes in April and May. Pray for wisdom and resources in keeping school communities safe from the coronavirus while making up classroom work that was missed.

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Mali
A discipleship program is being held at J’s home and a local congregation is conducting a leadership program. Pray the Lord will use these ministries to transform the participants so they will grow in their faith and tell others about Jesus.

Niger
Pray for high school graduates beginning life as young adults in unfamiliar countries. Due to COVID-19 they didn’t have traditional goodbyes to the people and life they are leaving. Pray their roots grow deep into God’s love during this transitional time.

Nigeria
Distance learning summer classes at Jos ECWA Theological Seminary (JETS) are finished. Praise for accomplished learning. Pray solutions are found for glitches that occurred. Pray students can pay school fees since the pandemic and ultra-low oil prices make it hard.

Senegal
Praise God! A group of Wolof young ladies is using the Discovery Bible Study approach, systematically working through the Gospel of Mark. Pray they continue to spend time in the Word during self-isolation, with opportunities to share with both family and others.

Togo
The pastors and elders of ECWA-Togo (SIM-related denomination) are involved in two to three training seminars each year. Pray for an increase in Biblical knowledge and pastoral skills, but even more for spiritual growth resulting in Spirit-filled daily lives.

West African Missions Office (WAMO)
Pray God uses COVID-19 to send workers where Jesus is least known. Pray for wisdom in timing and format for planned orientation for new workers in light of travel advisories and restrictions. Pray God will provide for WAMO workers struggling with support levels.

As of Thursday, July 23, 2020:

Botswana
When the country went into lockdown due to COVID-19, Paul prepared Bible teaching videos to send out to local Christians. Pray they would help people to grow in their faith and closer to God.

East Africa Service Center (EASC)
Continue to pray for the strength and protection of the EASC team as it provides essential services throughout the impact of COVID-19.

East African Office
Praise God for East African churches recruiting workers to go and serve. Pray the local church community, friends and family eagerly and prayerfully engage in supporting their missionaries with all that is necessary to reach those who do not know Jesus.

Eritrea
An Eritrean pastor suffers from chronic health problems. Pray for complete healing for him. Pray also for a ministry coordinator for Eritrea.

Ethiopia
Pray SIM Ethiopia would grow spiritually during this difficult time of so many unknowns. Pray all missionaries and staff would be intentional about seeking the face of God and listening to His voice. Pray for their eyes to be opened to new opportunities around them.

Kenya
Praise the Lord for SIM office staff’s opportunity to read the New Testament chapter by chapter in morning devotions. Thank God for their joy in what they are learning in such familiar words. Pray their hearts continue to grow closer to the Author of the Word.

Madagascar
COVID-19 travel limits prevented the Good News Hospital from receiving additional doctors. Meeting restrictions stopped church or small group meetings. Pray hospital staff continue to hear the Lord’s guiding and supporting voice in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Namibia
The theological seminary has been teaching online. Pray students’ internet connections remain strong and they use their time wisely studying in these strange times. Pray also for contact with young Namibians interested in missions to stay intact.

Malawi
The Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCOM) trains pastors for churches including the church that partners with SIM. Pray wisdom for the college principal, the board and three SIM missionaries on staff to know how to solve the ongoing financial struggle.

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“...In the uncertainty of a global pandemic, we know that God’s eternal purpose is still being worked out. We know that this same Jesus taken up to heaven, present now with us by His Holy Spirit, who commands us to be His witnesses dwells in the center of our future. It therefore looks very much as if our old normal and our present normal will resemble our future normal – Jesus at the center, for His glory.”

Joshua Bogunjoko

South Africa
Intentional discipleship of Christian leaders is going on in Senegal and with Jameelah ladies in South Africa. Pray these vital ministries continue throughout the impact of COVID-19 and workers will call on God’s resources to carry out their ministries effectively.

South Sudan & Sudan
Pray for more workers to join the field in South Sudan. Pray the Lord shows the team what He is doing in the country.

Mozambique
Please pray for a missionary family separated from their teenage son during this COVID-19 crisis. They are looking for a way to reunite but it has been difficult with travel restrictions.

Tanzania
Ask for wisdom in helping brothers and sisters stand firm in their faith in Christ Jesus through their struggles, physical or spiritual. Pray for inspiration and creativity in being Jesus’s hands and feet so interactions will be practical lessons in discipleship.

Zambia
SIM Zambia’s Spiritual Life Conference was postponed to this week. Tom and Ramonda Lunsford, who serve with the African Strategic Discipleship Movement, are sharing on the theme of “Equipped for Endurance.” Pray this is a time of renewal and challenge for the team.
Middle East
Praise God for people who have expressed interest in the Middle East in recent months, several of whom are now preparing to join the Middle East team. Please continue to pray for more workers—the doors are open, and opportunities are plentiful.

Sri Lanka
Please pray, in these days of stress and fear around the world in the wake of COVID-19, for God to raise laborers for the harvest fields. Ask especially for Sri Lanka where there is a deep need. Please pray for a desperately needed counselor lecturer by January 2021.

Australia
Thanks to God for technology, enabling SIM Australia to continue its office functions and ministry in new ways despite the pandemic. Pray it reaches more enquirers willing to serve long term and trust God to provide for all their needs.

Korea
Praise God for opportunities workers, who are staying in Korea due to COVID-19, have to visit churches and report on their ministries. Pray these reports would spark a pouring out of the Holy Spirit in these churches to send more workers where Jesus is least known.

Zimbabwe
Praise God for His perfect timing for the transition from workers of 17 years to a new couple coming to pick up the ministry. Thanksgiving also for God’s schedule and place for Zimbabwe’s Spiritual Life Conference this year.

Bangladesh
Ask God to supply wisdom for the Bangladesh team so it can effectively minister throughout the impact of COVID-19 and provide appropriate relief to project beneficiaries.

China
The Cross-Cultural Training Center prepares Chinese workers for service beyond China. Pray these workers will be fully equipped to serve Him effectively wherever the Lord sends them.

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PETE AND KATHRYN MCCARTHY, AUSTRALIA
On home assignment, I began to show signs of burnout. I threw myself into making art from unfinished works, saved materials, and notes from my DTh thesis—research that now seemed “wasted” since we wouldn’t be returning to Burkina Faso. Dissected notes became patterns, then works, and artmaking brought healing and direction in a time of turmoil. The Lord provided gallery space to exhibit my work, sharing my story with strangers. Pray the Lord opens doors to share the gospel through art in our new country of service.

East Asia
The ten country offices under SIM East Asia are focused on mobilization, recruitment and back-up services. Pray for wisdom in reaching the new-gen and drawing them into long-term missions. Pray for continued partnership and support from churches post COVID-19.

Indonesia
Indonesia’s Protestant churches make up only 7% of the population. Pray God increases their missions awareness and they enthusiastically respond to the vision and challenge to send more workers to least-reached peoples in Indonesia and beyond.

Ministry Focus
SIM WORKER, U.K.
Families who are refugees are coming to our church, and we long to see the ladies integrate and their families left behind in their homelands, we now have online Bible studies with strangers. Pray for wisdom to know how best to serve Pakistan’s communities together.

“Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.”
Psalm 31:3  NIV

Japan
SIM’s short-term program aligned with the Tokyo Olympics is rescheduled for the summer of 2021. Pray God will call many people to come alongside the Japanese church to share Jesus to the overwhelming majority of Japanese people who don’t know Him.

New Zealand
Pray for SIM NZ as it adjusts to the new normal of living in the wake of COVID-19. Pray churches and mission partners creatively continue their ministry whatever their situation. Pray those hoping to go and those on the field maintain health and safety.