SIM believes God has called us to compassionate, holistic service in this broken world by alleviating suffering and fostering development, while humbly acknowledging the ultimate human need is to know God. SIM seeks to follow the example of Jesus, who compassionately met the needs of people while He also spoke eternal truths. Compassion ministries give us the opportunity to offer both physical and spiritual healing to those seeking relief from physical pain. When people find both physical and spiritual health and life, societies are changed. Journey with us as we open our hearts to areas in the world where suffering is being relieved and workers are strengthened by prayer.

Prayer Focus
Compassion ministries of agriculture, clean water, community health and outreach, human trafficking, and hunger and famine.

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

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SIM USA Daily Prayer Calendar

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International Leadership & Services
Pray for an initiative by SIM ministry leaders (ministry point people) to equip churches and communities for a holistic, gospel-based response to COVID-19. This includes four video modules and training of facilitators in SIM fields.

Ministry Focus
NEIL AND INGRID (CANADA), S. ASIA
Before COVID-19 struck, Ingrid visited children with disabilities to do physiotherapy. Now, with lockdowns in place, she has a telehealth ministry, treating a patient in stroke recovery through WhatsApp—a first for her. Each daily session requires one family member on the phone and another doing the exercises. The patient has made great progress, especially since his son does the exercises twice a day. Neil uses WhatsApp differently, to meet with and pray for people with various illnesses. Pray their ministries would open conversations about the gospel.

Sports Friends
Give thanks that Sports Friends was able to work with local churches to deliver basic food necessities to more than 300 vulnerable families in the most affected areas of Lima, Peru.

Faithful Witness Program
Faithful Witness teams in Chad and Mali focus on building relationships through meeting human needs. Pray these ministries demonstrate Christ's love by enriching the community through providing veterinary services and community health support.

Canada
Praise God for no COVID-19 cases at the Benin HIV/AIDS clinic so far. Thank God for teammates who are keeping the clinic open while workers are in the USA. Pray people follow guidelines for safe contact and travel to limit COVID-19, and workers can return soon.

Peru
Medical and dental ministry trips have been suspended due to COVID-19. Pray for wisdom in finding creative ways to do medical ministry in the city of Arequipa and guidance in when to safely resume outreaches to rural areas in Abancay.

United States
The U.S. office is transitioning to outcomes-based budgeting. Pray God would give us wisdom to budget for strategies that will produce the outcomes we believe He is leading us to accomplish. Pray also for good change management.

France
Priscilla is a midwife who recently moved to a Fulani community of a West African country to help women with health issues and reach out to them with the good news of Jesus. Pray for ease in learning the Fulani language and growth of good relationships.

Switzerland
There will be lots of repair and transformation of the more than 100-year-old location of the Swiss SIM office until November. Please pray for God's help and grace for the construction work, and for those who have to do office work in less favourable conditions.

United Kingdom
SIM UK's board and Director's Leadership Team have a strategic review in 2020/21. Pray they wisely plan to encourage a greater diversity and number of evangelical churches to reach many more people with the gospel in, to, and from Britain and Ireland.

Côte d’Ivoire
Praise for growing team unity. Ask God for wisdom and insight as the team seeks to establish two new projects and plans to renew their vision in 2021. Pray wisdom for Jean Seri in leading the radio project, and for October 31 elections to be peaceful.

North Africa
Through a partner organization, SIM supports community development, capacity building, job creation and social justice. This partner is in urgent need of a new international director. Please pray God provides a person for this team's significant leadership role.

Benin
Pray the Dorcas widows will continue to meet regularly for prayer in smaller groups. Several have lost family members recently. Pray they would grow in their faith and be an encouragement to one another.

Guinea
One of SIM's partner organizations works closely with university students who often have critical needs of food and lodging. Pray for a deep work of the Spirit as they meet physical needs and study God's Word together.
Liberia
Liberians in remote villages often lack access to basic healthcare or to Christian witness. The Evangelical Church in Liberia sends medical and evangelistic teams to these villages to minister to both needs. Pray for success for this outreach partnership.

Mali
Mali is a landlocked country that suffers drought and famine from time to time. Pray for an abundance of appropriate rain to produce a bountiful harvest this year.

West African Missions Office (WAMO)
Praise God for nine new SIM members approved through online interviews! Pray their churches and communities support them spiritually and financially so they can be ready to go. Ask God for an end to COVID-19 in His timing and for workers to wait patiently on Him.

Botswana
Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Tanner family wasn’t able to return to the UK in June as planned. Praise God they used the additional time to disciple local Christians through videos. Pray the family settles into the UK well once a flight is available.

Ethiopia
Please pray for Ethiopia’s medical and compassion ministries to find innovative and effective ways of ministering to both physical and spiritual needs during this unique and difficult time. Pray for boldness in sharing Jesus and a receptiveness in listeners.

Kenya
The demand for ventilators and oxygen remains higher than the supply across Kenya. Pray for Kijabe Hospital staff and other medical teams to be beacons of hope with colleagues and patients as they continue to work tirelessly to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.

Mozambique
Pray wisdom for the SIM team as it figures out how to follow governmental guidelines for reopening and protecting students at INTEL (Instituto Teologico de Lichinga) Bible school, and for members of a new church plant and their extended families during the pandemic.

Niger
With workers split between Niger and the USA because of disrupted travel plans, all are exploring creative solutions. Pray for reliance on God and for His peace to permeate the team and country. Pray for good crops this rainy season, since crops last year were poor.

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October 2020

EAST & SOUTHERN AFRICA

Ministry Focus
PAT WALCOTT, SOUTH SUDAN
We were holding a weekly eye clinic, using the Bible in several languages as reading material. A generous gift of Arabic Bibles has enabled us to pass out 57 to willing recipients. One man who was depressed came to get glasses. After the eye exam and fitting, he agreed to take an Arabic Bible. Our worker said, “I hope you use your new glasses to read this book and learn how much God loves you.” He left and is reportedly doing better. Simple eye exams have led to 50 people accepting Jesus and Arabic Bibles going into areas not yet reached. Pray God will change hearts!

East African Service Center (EASC)
Continue to pray for the East African Service Center team as they work to supply services throughout the impact of COVID-19. Pray also for godly key leaders to be identified to fill multiple director and coordinator positions.

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Madagascar
Due to travel restrictions related to COVID-19, the Good News Hospital in Mandritsara is extremely short staffed. Please pray for wisdom in balancing personnel needs and risks once international flights are possible again.

Namibia
S. is working to build greater awareness of human trafficking and is trying to get a project registered with the government. Pray both of these efforts meet with success. Also please pray Michael Knight continues to have freedom to assemble at church! Pray for God’s peace and in refugee camps. Continue, pray the East African

Senegal
Kody and Jennifer Sanderfer are starting a holistic community health project in a semi-rural area just outside Dakar. Pray for good connections with villagers, mutual comprehension in Wolof, and wisdom as to which health issues they should focus on initially.

East African Office
As the effects of COVID-19 continue, pray the East African Office staff effectively encourage churches and partners suffering from the economic impact of the long-lasting pandemic. Pray churches use this time to spread the light of Jesus in their communities.

Malawi
Lazarus Chakwera, former head of the Malawi Assemblies of God Church, became Malawi’s new president with 60% of the vote. This is a praise and call for ongoing prayer for Malawian Christians. Pray he, along with his ministers, will lead with integrity.

Southern Africa Service Center (SASC)
The pandemic is greatly impacting the finances and movements of missionaries. Countries are planning online SLC* events. Some directors are moving on or retiring by the end of 2020. Pray for God’s peace, guidance and wisdom in the midst of all these changes.

South Africa
Praise the Lord for food distributed during COVID-19 and for His provision for these communities. Pray the EBC* and SIMSA agricultural project for faithful gospel witness to widows and orphans augments job creation, discipleship, and helps alleviate poverty.

Tanzania
SIM’s government registration needs to be renewed to continue working permits and to get new permits for more workers. Pray all the paperwork goes through smoothly. Pray for more workers to come reach those on the southeast coast living and dying without Jesus.

Togo
SIM missionaries live in a city where the majority are of another religion. May their natural friendships with neighbors flow into conversations to share the good news of Jesus as they lend a listening ear, help with needs, and show kindness.

Angola
Praise God for good rains that ended several years of drought. Pray the staff at Tchincombe Cattle Ranch grow in faith in the Lord while the Fosters are in the USA. Ask God to wisely guide the UIEA* Church in choosing a future management plan for the ranch.

Eritrea
Ask God to continue to strengthen and grow the Eritrean Church worldwide. Ask steadfastness for those in prison and in refugee camps. Continue to pray for a SIM ministry coordinator for Eritrea.

Mascarene Islands
Praise God for the limited freedom to assemble at church! Continue to pray for the number of COVID-19 cases to decrease in Mauritius, since the economy is based largely on tourism. Pray the Church reaches out to those who are hopeless without Jesus.

Meanings of acronyms starred in requests:
- UIEA = Union of Evangelical Churches of Angola or Evangélicas de Angola
- SLC* = Spiritual Life Conference
- EBC* = Evangelical Bible Church

South Sudan & Sudan
Pray God continues to grant strength to the South Sudanese community health workers in Doro who have been shorthanded throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Give God praise for partners in the mission aviation field who continue to help maintain a vital stock of meds.

Zambia
The Famine Relief project using Farming God’s Way positively impacted and improved food security for poor rural farmers. The growing season just started. Pray farmers stay in the project. Pray for increased funding before the end of 2020 to keep the program active.

Zimbabwe
The Evangelical Church in Zimbabwe sends out evangelistic teams to these villages to minister to both people who are hopeless without Jesus. Pray eye exams have led to 50 people accepting Jesus and Arabic Bibles going into areas not yet reached. Pray God will change hearts!
India
The COVID-19 lockdown saw increased domestic violence and sexual abuse. Pray for partners giving mental health training and counseling to trafficking survivors, community projects, and churches so people experience Jesus’ power to heal and change hearts.

Ministry Focus
SIM WORKER, SOUTH ASIA
Aanshi’s friends, former clients of our Children’s Uplift Program, persuaded her to join. She’s now getting counseling and holistic training in life skills and literacy. Pray the Lord will bring her to salvation that give them the peace, security, and change hearts.

Pakistan
Child Friendly Spaces in North Iraq serve some of society’s most vulnerable, including children with special needs. Staff, many themselves refugees, have been deeply impacted by the love and witness of local believers managing the centers. Pray for lasting fruit!

Australia
Praise for God’s provision in the year-end appeal for funds for the COVID-19 emergency response project for hospitals in Galmi, India, Nigeria and Liberia. Pray ministry work through these hospitals continues to bless their communities.

By Prayer request
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West Malaysia
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Korea
COVID-19’s prolonged presence is wearing out medical workers. Day laborers have lost jobs and small business owners are in danger of closing. Pray the Korean Church takes the lead in helping those in trouble and continues sending workers to share Jesus.

Ministry Focus
SIM WORKER, SOUTHEAST ASIA
Kalii sells candy and cigarettes in our city, but feels unwelcome by local people due to her religion. During quarantine it is worse, as the government only gives leftover relief goods to their group after first providing for others. Together with SIM, we were happy to provide help for her family. She asked, “Why do you do this? You share when most are in survival mode.” We told her it was because of God’s love. This brought tears to her eyes. She stated her family wants to know more about Jesus and our Bible. Pray we present Jesus clearly, and they experience His saving grace.

Philippines
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Mongolia
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Bangladesh
Children’s Uplift Program (CUP) works with trafficked women. Pray the staff will be a channel of God’s love through which these women can find healing and wholeness. Pray God will give them the peace, security, acceptance and salvation that only Jesus can provide.

“A truth becomes hard to believe; love becomes soft if it is not softened by truth.”
John Stott

By Prayer request
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New Zealand
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Lamentations 3:32 NIV

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