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# MISSIONS

## Prayer Focus

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Pray regularly for West Park's missionaries on the front lines of ministry around the world. Ask God to encourage and protect them today.

*Please enjoy this electronically delivered copy for your prayer use. Some of the last names have been removed for security reasons.*

### *Joy Anglea – Baptist Mid Missions – Ohio*

#### **Pray for:**

- Pray for wisdom in counseling missionaries with health issues.
- Pray for protection of national believers and missionaries in countries being hit hard by COVID-19 right now (e.g., Peru, Brazil, Italy). Some countries have lost several national pastors.
- Pray for God's guidance in planning the next medical mission trip as the pandemic allows.

### *Julio & Liliana Fredes – Global Access Partners / Association of Baptists for World Evangelism – Chile*

#### **Praise for**

- The stability my wife has had with her diabetes levels and her overall health being very stable.
- How the Lord has allowed us to bring three people to Christ's feet in the month of February.

#### **Pray for**

- Julio's health because in the next 3 to 5 months, he must undergo surgery for two inguinal hernias (one on each side).
- Our ministry in Cuba. The economic situation has been seriously complicated in that country. There are 32 missionaries to whom we need to increase their livelihood by \$20 dollars each month. The trip that was scheduled to Cuba from April 7 to 14 has been suspended by the airline because of Covid-19. Please pray that we will be able to make that trip in the Lord's time.

- A ministry of support for a church that was left without a pastor. They have asked Julio to carry out a counseling ministry and visitation. Please pray that the Lord will fill us with His wisdom to be efficient in that temporary ministry.

### ***Dave & Kathy Johnson – Children’s Bible Ministries – Tennessee***

#### **Praise for**

- Overnight camp being back this summer at Camp Ta-Pa-Win-Go!
- A new Released Time bill, voted into law and signed by Governor Bill Lee, which has opened new doors for our Bible Released Time program.

#### **Pray for**

- God to provide a great team of counselors this summer at Camp Ta-Pa-Win-Go and for the West Park team joining us the week of June 27.
- Wisdom as we meet with school administrators to begin new Bible Released Time classes in the fall. Kids need to hear about Jesus!

### ***Stephanie Kozick – Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel – Greece***

#### **Praise for**

- Many blessings and encouragements during my 6-month time in Tennessee!
- Extra time with family and friends as the pace of this year has been a bit slower.
- Flights and open borders to return to Greece and my home and ministry partners there.

#### **Pray for**

- The weeks ahead as I readjust to being back in Greece.
- Continued loosening of lockdown to allow visits to refugee camps and our ministry centers.
- God’s provision for AMG Greece to keep Cosmovision center, HomeSpot, and more up and running.

### ***Peter & Heather – Global Access Partners / Association of Baptists for World Evangelism***

***children: Prakash, Joy***

#### **Praise for**

- Our lovely new place south of Delhi, in Gurugram. We are so grateful!

#### **Pray for**

- Peter's mother and the rest of our family as we mourn the loss of Promode.
- The meeting this coming Saturday to envision cp in Gurugram.
- Andrew's Indian visa to go through.
- Our Vision 2030 plans, especially PHC training to share the good news (already hundreds registered).

- The people responding to cp outreach and making tough choices to trust in the Lord.
- 15 new believers who are getting ready to obey the Lord in the upcoming dunking.
- Prep and travel for Peter to Manipur to speak at a Pst's conference.

***Daniel & Jennifer Mee – Association of Baptists for World Evangelism – Columbia***

***children: Eliana, Elijah, Emma Leigh***

**Praise for**

- God unifying church leadership around the goal of starting a new church plant in Bosa this year.
- The fact that Covid-19 restrictions have loosened, opening ministry opportunities for the seminary and the churches.

**Pray for**

- Daniel as he defends his dissertation on the 6th of January.
- God to work in the new Bible studies that will begin Easter week.
- God to work in a process of official recognition in the seminary.
- God to give strength, wisdom, and grace for our family to be worthy of the calling He has given.

***John & Nut Phanthawit – Global Access Partners/ Association of Baptists for World Evangelism – Thailand***

***children: Elijah, Isaiah, Gabriel, Micha***

**Praise for**

- Thailand now opening up again because the Covid-19 situation is a lot better.
- Churches now opening up once again.

**Pray for**

- Persecution of Akha Christians in Laos.
- The Laos and Burma borders opening soon.
- Missionary conference to be held next week.
- Akha Youth camp to be set up next month.
- Political unrest in Thailand and Burma.

***Greg & Suzanne – Campus Crusade for Christ***

***children: Kailyn, Riley, Andrew, Wesley, Anna Margaret, William, Paxton***

**Praise for**

- The Romanian DS (Digital Strategies) team that has consulted with all the local teams in Romania to help them take steps to become more digitally mature and to better implement digital tools to reach their target audience.

- The development of a Digital 360 Assessment Tool (modeled off of what the Romanian DS did). It is almost ready to begin use with other countries in Central & Eastern Europe.

### **Pray for**

- The development of training modules that will be used in conjunction with the Digital 360. We need wisdom and availability as various staff with expertise begin to develop content, speaker notes, and resources for various topics related to digital strategies.
- The DS team in Central & Eastern Europe to have wisdom regarding how to maximize content journeys and other digital strategies over the time leading up to Easter. Also, for the Lord to draw many spiritually unaware and curious contacts to Himself!
- Our daughter, Kailyn, who is trying to buy a house in Knoxville. Please pray for the Lord to provide the right house, in the right location, and for the right price.
- Ryland to receive the Fulbright scholarship (he found out that he's a semi-finalist for a slot in Lithuania!) or for God to provide a different opportunity or job.
- The Lord to provide a finance-related summer internship for Andrew (junior in college).
- The Lord to guide Wesley (HS senior) for what to pursue after high school (he is considering joining the Air National Guard, has been accepted to UTK, but is not sure about going to college).

### ***Fotis & Mary Romeos – Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel – Greece children: Jonathan***

### **Praise for**

- His divine comfort during these difficult days.
- A discipleship program online hosting about 40 dedicated youth of our churches growing in their faith during the pandemic.
- Our planning with boldness the summer camps with great anticipation!!
- The health and strength He is giving us for every day... Mary and our children are all doing well!

### **Pray for**

- Our church family as we had three funerals in the last 15 days of dear brethren - one who was 58 and two who were 60 years old. The third one was my closest friend and tremendous Christian leader for whom the entire evangelical community mourns (nothing to do with Covid-19).
- The victims of an earthquake in middle Greece, which was 5.9 on Richter scale and left thousands of people homeless. We ask for prayer for our ministry among these people during the following weeks and months.
- Our ongoing refugee ministry done systematically at Cosmovation Center in small groups with huge love and care.

- The Lydia project helping vulnerable women in need in the huge city of Athens and in our church communities.
- People in Greece, who need a lot of prayer as we are still in a lockdown that has severe and devastating results in the people's lives.

### ***George & Marcy Romeos – Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel – Greece children: Whitney, Tiffany***

#### **Praise for**

- The fact that though many people are facing health issues, we haven't had any major health challenges.
- Our son having work, even during these difficult times. Even though it's a minimum wage job, he is dreaming for the future and encourages others.
- Our daughter and her husband doing well. Our son-in-law quit his logistic position for a big farma company, and he is going to help our ministry for one year. He is helping us in our latest efforts with GAIN, a Christian organization that sends aid for refugees and people in need.
- Our daughter Tiffany, who is working hard in the outpatient facility as a PT assistant. She has been accepted in a PT doctorate program and is studying hard.
- Our youngest one, who continues her 7th grade studies via the internet.
- Marcy, who keeps us all intact as she is using the great opportunities that the Lord allows in her life.

#### **Pray for**

- Us at CVC because we are working to prepare and have the place ready and upgraded as much as we can considering that our income from groups and visitors has vanished.
- A weekly program we have where several refugees come to "work" and most importantly learn about the Lord.
- George as he continues to teach the Zoom meetings for our church and also other small local congregations.

### ***Scott & Nikki Russell – Association of Baptists for World Evangelism – USA***

#### **Pray for**

- One of the Regional Directors that serves under me, Cal Clark. He oversees Brazil and has stage 4 pancreatic cancer. He is not only my teammate, but he is also one of my closest friends.
- Dan Cook, another one of the Regional Directors that serves under me (there are 3 Regional Directors in all). Dan oversees Central America & the Caribbean. His wife just died a week ago from leukemia. He is heartbroken, and therefore our hearts ache for him, too.

- Bonnie Slothower, one of our teammates who serves in Trinidad & Tobago with her husband. They must return to the USA as soon as possible for an urgent heart transplant. Pray she can get a heart as soon as possible – she is on a waiting list.
- Bob Hamilton, one of our teammates who serves as a pilot in the jungle region of the Amazon River in Brazil. He is in a-fib, and his wife has covid, we suspect. No covid tests are available there to confirm. Pray he and his wife can get the medical help they need as soon as possible.
- Our fields in South America, which are going into strict lockdown as covid numbers are spiking. This is especially significant in Brazil, where they are the worst in the world right now. Covid has affected our own ability to travel, and so we have had to rely on many virtual meetings with our missionaries and national partners overseas.
- The desperate need for more missionaries – especially in Argentina, Uruguay, the Caribbean, Brazil, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica.
- Our monthly financial support deficit. ABWE lists us at being \$1300 under supported each month.

### ***Jeff & Julie – Association of Baptists for World Evangelism – Live Global***

#### **Praise for**

- A new individual supporter and for gifts to help cover costs of national leaders participating in Truth Trek.

#### **Pray for**

- Jeff, as he spends much of April with national leaders in the Asia Mountains for Truth Trek. Jeff will provide discipleship training and leadership development. The team will focus on evangelism among an unreached people group. Ask God to protect the team of 7 from altitude sickness at high elevations. Pray for spiritual protection in this dark region.
- Us as we participate in an online Global Leaders Summit April 27-29 for ABWE/Live Global.
- Julie, as she helps to start an evening outreach Bible Study for young women in central Oregon beginning April 8.
- Us as we cultivate a new partnership among women in an unreached people group of Egypt.

### ***David & Debbie Woodard – Association of Baptists for World Evangelism – USA***

#### **Pray for**

- The 60 people who attended our 24-hour DEMO last week. We normally have about 30% return to apply for short, mid, or long-term missionary service with ABWE.
- New missionary applicants coming to ABWE in March for NMO (New Missionary Orientation).

- Several of our missionaries, who have critical life-threatening illnesses. In the last few months, we have carried out several emergency medical evacuations of missionaries from the field.
- Our upcoming travel to Springfield, Tennessee, in a couple of weeks to celebrate David's mother's 90th birthday.
- Our daughter Sarah and her family, who moved from Marion, Indiana, to Nashville, Tennessee, in November. Sarah's husband, Mike, is the new associate pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Old Hickory Boulevard. Sarah and two of our grandchildren were involved in a drive-by shooting. Ultimately, there are lingering effects of that trauma. Sarah begins counseling this week. Pray also for Malachi, our 14-year-old grandson who needs counseling but is not ready.