

Mission Partner Updates (4/24/2020)

All 5 abortion-minded clients we saw yesterday changed their minds and chose to parent. We actually sent one young woman to the hospital with contractions because she was 38 weeks and in labor. God really encouraged us with these positive results yesterday. He always does....just when we need it.

Thanks for your continued prayer! God is definitely hard at work.

~Lisa Hogan, Sav-A-Life~

Continue to pray for more food to distribute. Volunteers have made over 4,800 frozen and pantry food boxes that are going out to families and seniors in need due to COVID-19! Thanks to you guys and some others we've collected 2,755 pounds of food to distribute, but we need more! Please keep praying

~Tracy Hipps, Christian Service Mission~

We hope to as a church give a gift to 200 needy families suffering due to the challenges presented by COVID-19 to our community in Queens, New York City. We cannot do it alone. The epicenter for the entire nation is our neighborhood and your gift will be very effective in easing the lives of the most vulnerable, the immigrant working class community of Queens, most of which do not know Christ. New York City is one of the most expensive cities in the United States to live and many immigrants already struggle to make ends meet. Now with the challenges many face with no work due to the virus the situation has become dire for many. Primarily, our plan is to be involved with food distribution to the Nepali-speaking community as well as the students that reside here. It is my heart's desire to give people hope when there seems to be no hope and to touch people's lives with love and compassion during this extraordinarily difficult season.

~Silvanus Bhandari, Queens NY~

Please pray for our organization as we have recently been able to move into some countries that we've not worked in before. Pray for good connections with local leaders as we look to coordinate strategic partnerships. Also pray for all of the other countries that we are currently in, that the work there continues to flourish. And pray for our Director of Operations as he coordinates work in all of these countries while under self-isolation.

~Secure Worker~

We're thankful for the friendship that we have with Shades Mountain, you've played a really important part in our church planting experience over the last few years. Pray that we would lead well now that the local authorities have asked us to lead in helping the community through this virus. Also, pray that we will be able to set up good structures to keep going during the expected recession after this virus.

~Martin Young, England~

Pray for the country of Lebanon. Fall 2019 was turbulent due to some government protests and now the virus. But praise the Lord, our ministry has thrived during all of this! Please pray that an outbreak does not happen here as it would truly devastate the refugee camps we work in. And pray for our staff members. They greatly desire to be out working in the community and are often doing so among people in great need. But they are also facing pressure from others to not be out in the community.

~James Ward, Heart for Lebanon~

I just wanted to let you know that Xiomara and pastor Diego used the ministry funds you sent ahead to Guatemala for the spring break trip for basic food baskets. Thank you for your generosity. It has been a huge challenge to provide food during this crisis. Your contribution made it possible for your Guatemala partner church and E3 Volunteers to minister on your behalf, even though you were not able to be there.

~Gary Eudy, Guatemala~

We continue to work on translating the bible into 6 tribal languages so that they can hear God's word in their heart language! It is amazing to see their smiles and reactions as they see and hear what God has done for them through Jesus Christ. Thank you Shades for your partnership and support in this effort, it is truly making a kingdom impact.

~SIL Translation Project, Nepal~

It has just been a few days since we began the process for a temporary relocation. It may not work out, since we would have to get a charter flight organized by the US embassy here. Their current public statement is that they are not planning another one, but they have also provided a form to fill out for American citizens interested in repatriation in case a charter flight does become available. The circumstances surrounding that decision have caused a lot of emotion. Our oldest daughter is getting married in June, and it would be very painful if we were not able to be there with her. On the other hand, we have children who have friends and a school they enjoy here. If we do get to return to the US it is likely we would not be able to return for a number of months. With 3 in high school [one who will be a senior next year], it would be another big disappointment and adaptation to new circumstances.

I was diagnosed with a herniated disc in February, we are both still in language study, and our kids are now doing online school, so we've had a lot going on and have been trying to adjust and go with the flow here. However, new in-country restrictions keep being added.

~J & L, West Africa~