

Mission Partner Updates (5/1/2020)

Praise God! As a church, we were able to bless a local shop owner whose business has been really struggling. He was overwhelmed with thankfulness. Please pray for him and so many others to whom we are trying to demonstrate Christ's love.

~James Roberson, Brooklyn NY~

- We are hoping to return to the Horn by June 1. Currently there is a mandatory quarantine in place that we need lifted before we can return. Pray that would happen soon.
- Pray that me and my teammates would be intentional with this time by interceding for our students and friends who we long to see know Jesus.
- Ramadan started last Friday and looks very different this year due to restrictions and social distancing. Pray that in this time of isolation, the Lord's voice would be heard clearly and hearts would be transformed.

~M, East Africa~

Please pray for endurance. In many ways we feel like our team is hitting a wall after 8 weeks of isolation. In general, our people are getting emotional and frustrated. Also pray for wisdom and open eyes to see ministry opportunities that the Lord puts in front of us

~Seth Graves, Spain~

Pray for our neighbor, a Muslim man who is gravely ill. We've taken him an early breakfast since it is Ramadan, but please pray for him, his family, and for a chance to continue sharing God's love as his health deteriorates.

~J & A, North Africa~

COVID19 Crisis has given us opportunities to witness the love of Jesus. We distributed one week food supply for more than 200 needy families who are daily wagers and have been badly hurt by 40 days lock down. We were also able to provide two weeks food for 20 house church pastors whose only income was the Sunday offerings but because of the lock down they were deprived from it.

Thanks for checking on us. As per now, we are all doing fine. People are still expected to maintain social distance and the offices remain closed. The fear is stuck in people's mind and it will take a longer time to normalize.

We are here at home, our first daughter is in the US, doing well. Our second daughter is stuck in the southern part of our country, locked down in a Girls Hostel and desperately waiting to come home. Our youngest is also in the US, locked down in his friend's house. He has applied for extension and hopefully he will get it. As a whole we are safe and healthy.

~A & A, South Asia~

Pray that the airport would open in time for us to get to the US for our daughter's wedding, and for our other children and their school. Pray for open doors in our ministry with local truck drivers. We're looking for more open doors to get to speak to them.

~J and L, East Africa~

- Pray for our country, our people often choose to suffer in silence rather than acknowledge problems
- People who need money are still going to work and as a result, many are getting sick. Please pray for help and for solutions to this growing problem.
- Pray for Japan as it tries to overcome the economic disaster that the postponement of the Olympics has caused
- Pray for hospitals and medical workers. They are overwhelmed at this point and out of room
- Pray for our church, that we would be able to stay in touch with one another

~Steve and Kay Taylor, Japan~

Please continue to pray for our family's transition process as we approach our move to Taichung. This in-between time is taxing, with Preston teaching Monday through Thursday, then making the six-hour trip back and forth each week. And, of course, this places a lot of work on Janelle, who juggles everything at home while Preston is away. The Lord is granting us His stamina so far. Ask Him to continue to empower us as He leads us through the transition!

Please pray that the Lord will lead us to the right special education school for Karis, Nathan, and Owen. It has been a complex search so far to find a school with space for our kids. We have a visit scheduled next Tuesday at a school in nearby Hemei. Ask the Lord for provision and discernment!

Also, continue to pray that the Lord will guide us in plugging us into a church or churches in Taichung. Our role with the IMB appears to be leading us to a church close to our apartment, but we will also likely seek opportunities to worship in English, probably at a second church. Continue to ask the Lord to guide us in leaving our friends in Taitung in a way that glorifies Him. Ask Him to protect and guide these important friendships.

Pray for the Lord to provide continued assistive technology ministry opportunities for Janelle to be able to reach families. Ask for the Lord to grow this according to His wisdom. Continue to pray for our language study. Pray that we will all be properly committed to studying and using what we've learned!

~Preston and Janelle Hite, Taiwan~

Pray for the people in our country, that they would stay healthy. An outbreak among the poor would be devastating. And pray for us and our organization, as we continue to work through details of a return there. While we would rather be there, we are thankful for some of the small ways the Lord has bless us as we wait to return. While here, we have a diversity of food options, we can drive around freely, and there is room for our children to play outside!

~S and W, South Asia~