

Mission Partner Updates (5/8/2020)

Yes, please pray for our church to stay united even though people have very different views about the way things should reopen.

We also have had several counseling issues. Please pray for healing and for the pastors as we carry that load.

Lastly, please pray for the gospel to go forward! All the LDS churches are closed during this time which means those folks could very easily watch a Christian service, or at least decide not to go back.

~Ben Heile, Salt Lake City~

No one in our church has lost anyone due to Covid. So we are blessed. We plan to meet on May 17th with distancing in place.

Our biggest prayer request has to do with our location. We meet in a school and they have shut us out with no end in sight. So we approached another church about space. We found one who will rent us space in the evening. It's not ideal.

Pray that an option presents itself for us. Praise the Lord our giving is above budget. So that is great.

Thank you for being such a blessing. Marc and I have received three encouraging cards from your people. So awesome!

~Ed Traverse, Westerville, OH~

We've been over the virus in our house for a month or so, so things are much better now on that front. Autumn started a new job a few days before the quarantine which has been a HUGE answer to prayer, but with her working full time and the changes in our church we have to deal with, homeschool has been a challenging addition. The kids are stir crazy, but we're making it :)

The state of Indiana is starting to open back up this week and churches are able to meet this Sunday but our county is still under quarantine. For now it looks like we're going to take time to phase back into meeting in person and still focus on livestream for now. I've been able to catch a few of the Shades services and Danny has been doing a great job! It's cool to see how God is working in this season.

Here are some things we could use prayer for:

- Pray that we can leverage the changes in our community to share the hope of Jesus with more people who have never heard the Gospel.
- Pray for college students at IUPUI who are gripped with fear and are looking at the possibility of having to stay home for the Fall semester.

- Pray that the believers in our church would not slip into a “quarantine lifestyle” and pull out of everything they are usually a part of when things open back up.

Thanks for always praying for us!

~Yale Wall, Indianapolis~

Just continue to pray for our team , They are all still there on lockdown. They are helping with food relief using BGR funds. I also helped some national partners get relief to some village areas we’ve been doing work in.

~N, South Asia~

We’ve had several opportunities to minister to our neighbors who had a family member die in the last week. We’ve been in their home several times and have had opportunities to share Christ’s love with them. Pray that they would feel God’s presence and that the Lord would use us to speak truth into their lives.

~J and A, North Africa~

Co-workers of ours were told that people are now being allowed to re-enter our country. But as they tried to return last week, they were unexpectedly required to quarantine in a hotel room for 14 days. Pray for them as they are there, that they would stay healthy and strong and be able to be a light for Christ where they are.

~A and H, Central Asia~

Please pray for our people 99.9% of whom are away from God. As we are all at home, pray that everyone would remain healthy, and that we can continue getting our business set up. We ask for protection for our family and that the Lord would move in amazing ways among our people.

~J, East Asia~

Things are slowly getting back to a new normal, but progress is being made.

In this land we are seeing relatively low percentages of infections and deaths, but as has been said, even one is serious. As far as I know, all of our company associates here are well. All of our local folks are still here and are also well. Ask Father to help those who struggle with anxieties over this virus thing. Please let your folks know how much we appreciate their words to father for all us.

~K, Central Asia~

Like in the States, we have struggled with lockdowns and distancing. They say it is the “new normal”, but to me it feels anything but that. Our SonRise ministry team continues to meet every week online. We pray for each other and church members, and plan for the future.

We have hit our rhythm in producing online services. We've brought in more church members to share updates and participate in the service. This is made possible by pre-recording and slicing together various clips. It's a lot of work for me, but people seem to be encouraged to hear from other members.

We would ask for prayer for our family. The Corona virus situation in Tokyo is very complicated. The Japanese healthcare system is simply not set up to handle a pandemic, nor did they prepare for such. Sick people are being denied testing as hospitals are overwhelmed. In short, we are doing everything we can to avoid sickness.

~Steve and Kyehee Taylor, Tokyo~