

# Hotline



FREE METHODIST WORLD MISSIONS

Connect with God's Heart for the World

July 21, 2020

## AFRICA

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The opening of the [Wesley Missionary Institute](#) has been on hold until money for student scholarships could be raised. Although scholarship funds lacking, Rev. Dosseh Takpale and Area Director Mike Reynen believe it is time to step out in faith and open the school. Pray for the courage and faith of students and for those who will step out in faith to give. The missionary institute plans to open in January 2021.

The classes at [Evert Bible College](#) in Tanzania were canceled in May due to the pandemic. The classes are slated to resume for the August session. Pray for the classes, students, staff, and the health and safety of all.

## ASIA

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Praise the Lord for a new church recently planted in a remote province in [Cambodia](#). Pray for Superintendent Daniel Sar. Ask the Father to provide a motorcycle for his travel to churches in remote areas.

The Lord is moving in specific ways in four creative access areas in [Asia](#). Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to move and work in each of these places and situations.

- Pray for two who became believers after experiencing a Christian wedding.
- Pray for 50 new believers baptized.
- Pray for the rebuilding of a church recently destroyed by a typhoon.
- Praise the Lord for a new church planter. Pray for this leader and his family.

- Pray for a specific plan, location, and resources for a ministry center in a major city of a country where the church is rapidly multiplying.

## EUROPE

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Praise the Lord for the agricultural project in [Bulgaria](#). Pray the produce being harvested will get to those who need it most.

The [Mosaic Cultural Center](#) (Spain) is beginning outreach in Cañada Real, a slum area outside Rivas-Vaciamadrid. Over 9,000 people live in this slum, most of them immigrants. Pray for the staff as they access the needs in each of the six sectors. Ask the Father to give them creative responses, offering the love and hope of the gospel.

## LATIN AMERICA

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Pray for the family of Pastor Cristobal Preciado, who passed away Friday, July 17. He pastored three congregations in Esmeraldas, [Ecuador](#). Missionary J.R. Crouse says, "Pastor Cristobal was a humble fisherman by trade. Although he had little formal education, he loved to study God's word and lead in vibrant worship." Pray too for Pastor Wilson Vargas as he takes over leadership responsibilities.

Area Director [Ricardo Gómez](#) urges us to pray for Latin America. Pray for mission district leaders, conference superintendents, and pastors dealing with emotional and physical issues due to the realities of leadership during what has been more than four months of strict quarantines, uncertainty, and the lack of personal contact. Many confess to feeling overwhelmed and tired. Coronavirus cases continue to increase in [Latin America](#). In many cities throughout the region, intensive care units are at or near capacity. Pray for God's mercy and healing.

## MIDDLE EAST

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New cases of the coronavirus are on the rise in several countries throughout the [Middle East](#). Pray for the health and strength of our leaders. Ask the Father to continue to open the hearts of majority background believers during this time. Pray many will experience the healing, hope and wholeness found through Jesus Christ.

## FMWM FAMILY

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Please pray for the family of missionary [Jill Sweet](#) (Bulgaria). Jill's stepfather, John McKewan, passed away May 31 after a brief illness. Ask the Lord to comfort the family. Pray for David, Jill and their two young sons who will be traveling back to Michigan in a couple of weeks to spend time with family and attend the memorial service.

## INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE MINISTRIES

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One of our ICCM leaders in [Ethiopia](#) reports of political uprisings following the shooting of a well known political activist. These events took place in an area near an ICCM school. The city is a target of protests. Homes, hotels, schools and business centers have been vandalized, and as many as 250 people have been killed. Thank the Lord, the school, staff and students are all safe. Pray for sustainable peace across Ethiopia and the economic issues created by this uprising.

## SEED

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Thank the Lord for some larger orders placed by SEED customers. These large orders are a great help to livelihood groups. Please pray the number of large orders will increase in the coming months.

## SET FREE MOVEMENT

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Jeff Foster is a mission planter who seeks to rebuild his community by operating a fair trade coffee shop where discipleship, advocacy training, mentoring, leadership development, and theological reflection take place. Pray specifically for a new initiative underway called CG4Art and its impact on vulnerable youth in the Dekalb, IL community. The program allows mentors to work with young artists age 14 to 25 and includes classes, workshops, and other art initiatives.

## VISA MINISTRIES

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Due to current travel complications and for the health and safety of our missionaries, national leaders and volunteers, all VISA trips have been canceled until at least January 2021.

## HOST FMWM MISSIONARIES

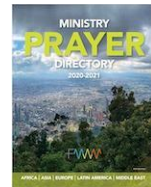
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From time-to-time missionaries return to the United States for partnership building, and need a place to stay while traveling. If you are interested in hosting missionaries who are in the U.S., please let us know! You can do so by submitting a form at the link below to let us know about your availability. Thank you for your willingness to offer the gift of hospitality.

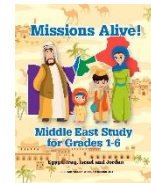
## FMWM RESOURCES

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The 2020-2021 edition of the FMWM Ministry Prayer Directory is now available. If you would like a copy or would like additional copies for your church, small group or prayer group, please email [janet.coates@fmcusa.org](mailto:janet.coates@fmcusa.org).



The 2020 Missions Alive! Curriculum for grades 1-6 is now available to download free from our children's resource page. Due to the sensitive nature of work in this region, the curriculum and accompanying videos are password protected. Please email [janet.coates@fmcusa.org](mailto:janet.coates@fmcusa.org) or call #1-800-342-5531, ext.266, to request access.



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