

# Hotline



Connect with God's Heart for the World

Free Methodist World Missions

**Tuesday, May 26, 2020**

## AFRICA

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Continue to pray for Free Methodists across Africa who are managing the challenges of increased prices and generally reduced opportunities for work.

Please pray for Thom and Sherry Cahill as they complete their partnership building. Plans are for them to be in Tanzania for the start of the term at Evart Bible College in September. Ask the Lord to provide all they need as they arrange for the logistics of this transition.

## ASIA

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Last Friday, the Hong Kong Annual Conference met via Zoom. Praise the Lord for no significant difficulties with the technology. Pray for Raymond Wong, who was re-elected as the superintendent. Also, continue to pray for unity in the church as Hong Kong faces a difficult socio-political situation.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Girish in Creative Access Country-I. He has been hospitalized with the Coronavirus for more than a week. Praise the Lord; his condition is improving. However, his father, daughter, and wife Stella (ICCM Global Program Coordinator) have all tested positive. Stella and daughter Ishana have no symptoms and are quarantined at home, but Girish's father is hospitalized in serious condition. Pray for God's strength and healing touch for the entire family.

## EUROPE

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Praise the Lord for the Pure Farm (agriculture project) in Bulgaria. People in the community join in caring for the farm and are paid in produce. The produce is also grown to help feed the hungry in the community. Ask the Lord to provide an abundant crop this year.

Michael and Tanya Mendakoff are international missionaries in St. Petersburg, Russia, and are partnering with Impact Europe. They lead a crisis center ministry providing care for orphans, and reaching out to refugees from the former Soviet countries. Pray for the Mendakoffs and their ministry in St. Petersburg.

## LATIN AMERICA

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Missionary Dan Owsley gives news of the Coronavirus situation in Brazil. Churches in both the Nikkei and Brazilian conferences are reporting members and their family members who have severe life-threatening symptoms and several who have died. Ask the Lord to heal the sick, comfort those who grieve, and provide for physical and economic needs. Praise the Lord for pastors and church leaders who are actively ministering God's comfort in this time of crisis. Pray for the 35 FM churches in greater São Paulo, the largest and hardest hit city in the country.

In Nicaragua, there are multiple pastors and members of our churches infected with COVID-19 (although the government officially maintains no one is infected). Please pray for their recovery as well as for God to intervene at a governmental level to prevent further loss of life.

## MIDDLE EAST

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Impact Middle East leaders are distributing food (rice, pasta, sugar and tea) to families during this time of crisis. When they deliver food, they also pray and encourage these families. Praise the Lord! They are finding those who are hungry for more than just physical food. Pray for continued opportunities to share the Word of God with those who are hungry to know Jesus. Pray for the Holy Spirit to transform entire families and pray for ongoing discipleship of new believers.

## FMWM FAMILY

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FMWM celebrates the life of retired missionary, Lorraine Streutker. She, along with her husband Ray, ministered in the Philippines for 33 years. Lorraine and Ray taught in the Light and Life Bible College in Butuan City, pioneered a new church in the city of Cagayan de Oro, and did evangelistic work in isolated villages reached only by motorboat. In 1975, they opened a city work in Manila, where there were no other evangelical churches. When they left the field in 1986, they had been instrumental in raising many capable Filipino leaders. Lorraine passed away on Wednesday, May 20, at the age of 97. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Please ask the Lord to comfort and care for her four daughters Lana, Mari, Nita and Lily, and other family members.

## INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE MINISTRIES

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Pray for ICCM leaders in several African countries where ICCM serves children. In many places, schools are closed, and the ICCM children are home with parents and caregivers. In some countries, teachers are able to prepare materials for children to study at home. Pray for the national coordinators in these countries as they work with local authorities to obtain the necessary permits to deliver food and continue to care for the children.

## SEED

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Pray for SEED as they seek to find businesses and groups that wish to purchase wholesale or customizable goods. These large purchases of products would be beneficial to livelihood groups, helping them train and hire more artisans.

## SET FREE

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Pray for and plan to engage in the efforts of Freedom Sunday, September 27, 2020. Registration begins June 1. Ask the Lord to reveal new ways you and your church can engage in the fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

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