

Hotline



Connect with God's Heart for the World

[Free Methodist World Missions](#)

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Global Covid-19 Outbreak

During this period of global concern about the COVID-19 virus, we want to let you know that at present, none of our FMWM missionary team or national leaders are known to have contracted the virus. FMWM staff and Area Directors receive a daily briefing via email provided by safety and security experts to help us stay informed of concerns that could impact FM personnel. We're not looking to engage in the "safest" ministry, but to go where the Holy Spirit is leading. As we go into more and more difficult places, we believe it's prudent to mitigate risks wisely, but not fearfully.

With the current COVID-19 outbreak, we've temporarily relocated some of our Asia personnel who would otherwise be housebound and unable to engage in their usual ministry. Some of our other missionaries have experienced significant travel disruptions or have been temporarily quarantined because their flights have taken them to airports in countries deemed high risk for COVID-19. Some annual conferences in Asia have been postponed, and VISA trips to Asia are on hold until the Asia Leadership Team thinks it wise to resume.

Please continue to pray for:

- An end to the spread of the virus
- The health of our FMWM team and national leaders
- Those who must navigate travel during this time
- The healing touch of the Father on those who have become ill
- Believers to see and use each opportunity to share hope among those who are fearful

AFRICA

[Mike Reynen](#) and Bishop Matt Whitehead are traveling in [Ethiopia](#) until March 14 to participate in the Annual Conference and visit several churches. Pray they will be an encouragement to the Ethiopian church.

Pray the [Tumaini Women Kenya](#) organization will receive all the needed documents and government approvals necessary for the newly acquired property designated for their future training center. Also, pray for Rev. Margaret Ingaiza of Kenya, who will attend the Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference this week.

Remember to pray for our Free Methodist brothers and sisters in the [Democratic Republic of Congo](#) who continue to experience great difficulty.

ASIA

Praise the Lord for a report from one creative access country where 70 new believers were recently baptized. Pray for our leader, Pastor "D," and for all those who will disciple these new believers. Ask the Father for deep spiritual growth among all the believers in this country.

Pray for our leader, Pastor Abraham, in another of our creative access countries. Ask the Lord to give him strength and encouragement in these days. Pray the Lord will guide him as he leads a team that oversees nearly 300 churches. Also, pray for his continued comfort in the recent tragic loss of his sister because of an accident.

EUROPE

Area Director [Josh Fajardo](#) sends this urgent prayer request for [Bulgaria](#). The Balkans Provisional Annual Conference was organized on February 22. Unfortunately, this has created conflict and unfounded accusations on our national leadership team. Allegations and rumors coming from local leaders, churches and denominations are causing great difficulty. They see the Free Methodist work as a threat to their work in the country and the region. Please pray for protection and wisdom for our team as they make decisions that will impact many lives and future work. Pray for unity among believers and for the real enemy to be exposed. Josh says, "We need the world-wide Free Methodist church and followers of Jesus to join our brothers and sisters in prayer this week."

LATIN AMERICA

Pray for the upcoming annual meeting in [Creative Access Country-X](#). Due to the social and political unrest in the country, they have been unable to hold the annual meetings for two years. Pray for [Dr. Ricardo Gómez](#) (Area Director) and [Pastor John Jairo Leal](#) (Church Planting Coordinator) as they

travel to attend the meetings March 11-17. Pray for the encouragement of pastors and churches in this country.

MIDDLE EAST

Continue to pray for thousands of people, especially women, who are suffering from long-term psychological trauma because of the horrible things they have witnessed or personally experienced. Many have debilitating nightmares. Praise the Lord for those who are experiencing healing and peace and finding they can talk to a new friend – Jesus. Pray, many more will meet Jesus and find healing and transformation.

INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE MINISTRIES

ICCM has ongoing construction projects in different locations. Pray for the safety of workers and continued progress so they can stay on schedule for completion.

SEED

SEED is one of the main sponsors for the Wesleyan Holiness Women's Clergy Conference. Pray SEED will make great connections and be a blessing to this group of women pastors from several holiness denominations who meet together March 12-15 in Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

SET FREE

During this Lenten season, the Set Free Movement is challenging us to move beyond simple fasting and prayer to embrace the heart of Jesus. Pray and ask the Father if there is a place in your community where you can serve while you are fasting and praying.

VISA MINISTRIES

Pray for these VISA teams:

- A team from Faith Community Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia serving in the Middle East until March 14
 - A team from the Coastline Church in New Smyrna Beach, FL serving in Costa Rica March 12 -19
 - A team from the Free Methodist Church in Monacrest, PA serving in the Middle East March 26 to April 3
 - A team from the Free Methodist Church in Wilmore, KY serving alongside Thad and Nikki Roller in Bogotá, Colombia March 26 to April 4
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