

Hotline



Connect with God's Heart for the World

[Free Methodist World Missions](#)

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

AFRICA

[Mike and Vickie Reynen](#), along with Bridget Myers (Wenatchee, WA), will be traveling to Nigeria January 28-February 11. The focus is on ICCM ministry. This will include the official introduction of Pastor Bridget as the new ICCM Regional Coordinator for [Nigeria](#). Pray for a smooth transition as well as safety in all their travels.

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTED

Our U.S. bishops have called us to prayer for the [Democratic Republic of Congo](#) and our Free Methodist brothers and sisters there.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, hundreds of thousands of people are being targeted for ethnic cleansing, and more than 7,000 Free Methodists have been persecuted and displaced. The United Nations recently reported the violence in the country might include "crimes against humanity."

Free Methodist Pastor Isaac Bujambi, the coordinator of the denomination's African Immigrants Ministries (AIM), said the members of the Banyamulenge ethnic group are wrongly labeled as "immigrants or invaders." They have been in the region for more than 100 years, but some DRC residents "target and kill (Banyamulenge) people, burn their houses, and destroy food crops and cattle in order to starve any survivor to death." Tactics include "sexual abuse, raping women and girls, impregnating them in many cases, in order to make them 'unclean' in their own community."

These targeted people include relatives of Bujambi and many other Banyamulenge immigrants from the DRC who now are members of our local FM churches in the United States.

If you would like to give to help those in the Congo who are in need click this link [Bishops Crisis Relief Fund](#).

ASIA

Please pray for a difficult situation in the [Philippines](#) - the Taal Volcano, which is only 50 kilometers from Manila, erupted on January 12. Since January 12, volcanic activity has registered more than 700 volcanic earthquakes. Residents of the Batangas province had to flee. This past weekend the threat from the volcano was lowered, and many residents were cleared to go back home. Free Methodists in the region are coordinating with the Nazarene Church in relief operations. Pray for ongoing relief efforts and the safety of residents as they begin returning to the area.

EUROPE

Praise the Lord for a great pastors' training event for the [Bulgarian](#) pastors this past Saturday.

Praise the Lord for the first anniversary of the Free Methodist Church in São Tome. Continue to pray for missionaries Moises and Jacione Souza from the Free Methodist Church in [Portugal](#) as they lead this growing work.

LATIN AMERICA

Pray for members of the [Latin America](#) missionary team. [Thad and Nikki Roller](#) are new missionaries getting settled in Colombia. The [Lorenz](#) family and the [Owsleys](#) recently returned to the field after a period of partnership building. [Rich and Laurie Sheriff](#) are completing the partnership building in the U.S. with hopes of moving to Chile soon.

MIDDLE EAST

Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to work in the hearts of individuals in this region, giving them compassion to care for those who are needy and hopeless. Pray

specifically for one refugee camp where there are more than 25,000 refugees, 7,000 of those are children. Pray these refugees will understand there is a God who sees their suffering and cares for them.

INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE MINISTRIES

Praise the Lord, the well drilling effort in Togo was successful. There are currently several other well-drilling projects occurring at ICCM schools and hostels. Pray for safety and success in the efforts of the workers.

SEED

SEED continues to seek to develop relationships for wholesale and customizable goods. Pray for groups or organizations that will partner with SEED and the various artisan groups around the world in this way.

SET FREE

Pray for the work of Lazareth Mentoring in Milan, Michigan. Since its inception, more than 15 survivors of human trafficking have been mentored and supported. Four women have been trained as mentors. Lazareth mentoring seeks to provide these individuals with a trained volunteer who will mentor them toward healing and wholeness. Through biblically based mentoring, prayer and presence, they offer support and encouragement to help these survivors discover their value and purpose.

VISA MINISTRIES

Pray for a team from The Crossing Free Methodist Church in Oil City, Pennsylvania. They are in [Costa Rica](#) to work with [Dennis and Kyle Leon](#) until January 30.

Pray for a team from New Hope Free Methodist Church in Walton, New York. They will be serving in Kenya February 3-21.

The Free Methodist Church has ministry in more than 90 world areas.