



[Free Methodist World Missions](#)

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

AFRICA

Thank you for praying for Pastor Rufus Kahn, our superintendent in [Liberia](#). Pastor Rufus reports he is feeling much better and is back to his work as superintendent and pastor, within the limitations of the local COVID restrictions. Praise the Lord! His illness was not COVID-19.

Please pray for the family of Pastor Shoni, one of our church planters in Liberia. Last Thursday, Pastor Shoni suddenly developed a swollen leg. He saw a doctor, but on Saturday morning he passed away. Please pray for his widow, family and all the churches in Liberia during this time of grief.

Thank the Lord for how he has used the generosity of many in the United States to assist our sisters and brothers who are part of [Tumaini Women Kenya](#) (TWK). Food distribution has been conducted for many of our TWK groups.

Praise the Lord for their testimonies!

"A woman came to my home, and I realized that she was very hungry. I gave her some food that I had in the house for my family. By faith, I trusted God to provide. See what God has done! I have received more than what I gave out."

"God gave me an opportunity to help a young man. He came to my house and asked me for a cup of tea. I had just prepared one cup, and I shared that with him. I felt encouraged that God used me to provide something no matter how small it was."

ASIA

Give thanks to the Lord! There have been several new believers and baptisms in [Creative Access Country -V](#) during the past two weeks. Pray for continued open doors to share the gospel in this country and across Asia. Pray for deep spiritual growth among all the believers.

One of our country leaders in South Asia reports, "one church divided into 12 family churches." Family church is one way of following government guidelines during the pandemic. Please continue to pray for our pastors in [Asia](#) as they respond creatively to the challenges during this global crisis.

[Asia Area Director Eric](#) asks for continued prayer for our Asia missionaries. Pray for their spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical well being. Pray God will provide all they need for ministry in these difficult days.

EUROPE

Pray for Misha and Lena Petrochenko from Rivne, [Ukraine](#). Together they lead church planting efforts and are involved with a drug rehabilitation center. They also minister to women and families affected by the ongoing conflict with Russia. To join them in prayer, [click here](#).

Pray for the church in the [U.K.](#) and across Europe. Pray the hearts of people will be open to the gospel in new ways, and they will lift their eyes to the Lord. Pray the church will boldly make Christ known throughout [Europe](#). Join Pastor Michael Bretton, from the U.K., in prayer for the Free Methodist Church in Europe, [click here](#).

LATIN AMERICA

Please pray for God's healing touch on several of our pastors and church members in [Nicaragua](#) who have COVID-19.

Ask God to give encouragement and strength to our churches in [Chile](#). The number of Coronavirus cases and deaths has significantly increased. The Free Methodist Church building in Barros Arana has been robbed three times since the quarantine started. Everything of value was stolen, including all their sound equipment.

Continue to pray urgently for the increasing needs across [Latin America](#). The situation in [Brazil](#) is getting worse every day. The number of infections in Brazil is now the third highest in the world. In [Peru](#) and [Argentina](#), they have already declared quarantine until the end of the year. Schools and universities are scheduled to reopen in 2021.

MIDDLE EAST

One Impact Middle East (IME) church has been ministering in a neighboring country where there are major security concerns and millions of at-risk people. During the time of the pandemic, they had limited travel into this country, but the Lord has been at work. The IME leaders ask us to please pray.

- Pray for all those at risk and an end to the violence in this country.
- Pray basic needs will be available - housing, safe water, food, and education.
- Pray for the Lord to give strength and grace to those who visit to share the gospel and disciple new believers.
- Pray for the improvement of internet communication in this country so technology can be used to communicate with and encourage believers.
- Pray for more workers.

FMWM FAMILY

FMWM joins in celebrating the life of former missionary Mary King who passed away April 29 in Lakeland, FL, at the age of 96. Mary and her husband, Dr. Wes King, served 30 years as missionaries in Brazil. A private graveside service was held at the time of her passing. Please pray for continued comfort for her daughter Kathy Decker and other family members.

INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE MINISTRIES

Urgent prayer is requested for Pastor Girish Bokare, one of our pastors in Creative Access Country-I. His wife, Stella, is the ICCM Global Program Director. He has been feverish and coughing for several days, and now his oxygen levels are dropping. He is critically ill in the intensive care unit. Please pray for God's healing touch on Pastor Girish and peace for his wife Stella and their family.

SEED

Several SEED livelihood groups have completed samples and orders, but have been unable to ship the packages because of their local lockdown. Pray they will be able to send these packages soon to help sustain their businesses.

SET FREE

Jeff, a Set Free Movement leader in DeKalb, IL, runs a not-for-profit coffee shop, book store, and community space. During the quarantine, he has been taking food and drinks to first responders and shelters in his area. Pray that Jeff and those who assist him will be the light of Christ to those they are serving.

VISA MINISTRIES

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. For more specific information, [click here](#).

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

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