

Hotline



Connect with God's Heart for the World

[Free Methodist World Missions](#)

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AFRICA

The government in [Malawi](#) has declared a lockdown. One FM superintendent shares how this lockdown is significantly affecting FM church members and pastors. Some are not able to harvest their gardens. Those who are taxi and minibus drivers have no work. If they previously sold vegetables, beans or grain at the local market, they are no longer able to sell. Houses have no electricity, so there is no way to preserve the food for extended periods. Many are suffering.

Another superintendent in Malawi reports there is no food to buy in the local markets. If you happen to find maize, it is very costly. His prayer requests are simply: for people to survive and for God to intervene to provide for basic needs. Please pray for God to provide and sustain our FM brothers and sisters in Malawi.

Pastor Dosseh Takpale asks us to join in these prayers for [Togo](#):

- Pray for Pastor Dosseh as he connects with church members on WhatsApp three times each week.
- Pray for Christians to be close to the Lord.
- Pray the virus will not spread in Togo.
- Ask the Lord to provide food for families.
- Pray for protection for those families living in very close proximity to neighbors.

To read more updates from leaders in Africa, [click here](#).

ASIA

Pray for missionary [Tim Kinkead \(Taiwan\)](#), who will have surgery to remove his thyroid on April 28. Ask the Lord to guide the surgeons and provide strength and help for Tim and Lily during the days of recovery.

Benjamin, the young son of our ICCM coordinator in [Cambodia](#), had been hospitalized for dengue fever. He was recently released to go home. Give thanks to the Lord!

[Asia Area Director Eric](#) shares the quarantine situation across [Asia](#) is increasingly difficult. Leaders indicate the needs are becoming quite urgent. Some see people starving. Everyone is concerned about the well being of friends and neighbors around them. Pray the Lord will provide for the physical needs of people throughout Asia, but more importantly, pray for churches as they reach out, offering compassion and the gospel message. Pray for open and receptive hearts.

EUROPE

[Eric Casteel](#) asks us to join in prayer for the church in [Belgium](#) as they navigate the COVID-19 crisis and engage in creative ways to stay connected. Many have or know those who have been diagnosed with the virus and are struggling to recover. The wife of one of our key leaders in Brussels is quite ill and needs prayer for recovery. At this time, it is unclear if it is related to the virus. Also, pray for our churches in Oostende. Many members moved to Belgium from the Philippines. They are concerned about family members in the Philippines because of the virus, the food restrictions, and the limited access to healthcare. Some members from Oostende have not been able to return to Belgium because of travel restrictions. Pray for health and God's hand of provision in all these scenarios.

Please pray for [Ukraine](#). Currently, they are battling COVID-19, while also battling fires near the containment site of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant (location of 1986 meltdown) and armed conflict with Russia on the Eastern border. Our leaders, Misha and Lena Petrochenko, continue to serve even through these very challenging times.

LATIN AMERICA

Most countries in [Latin America](#) are under strict quarantine, and the borders of their country are closed. For many, their income has come to a screeching halt, and hunger has become a real issue. Despite limited resources, many churches are responding to feed the hungry. One FM pastor in [Argentina](#) shared how their congregation is preparing daily lunches for the hungry in their community. There are now over 200 people lining up every day to receive what may be their only meal for the day. On one recent day, they had distributed all the food and realized there was none left to feed the volunteers. They quickly made a few more servings, only to have more hungry neighbors at their door. In the end, the volunteers went hungry that day. Give praise to the Lord for how he is using FM churches across Latin America. Pray He will pour out His blessings upon them and abundantly provide for their needs as they continue to give sacrificially in their communities.

MIDDLE EAST

The Islamic month of *Ramadan* is a time of the year when Muslims are deeply concerned about their spiritual destiny. *Ramadan* begins on April 24. Join with Christians around the world in 30 days of prayer for the Muslim world.

Click this link to order [Muslim World Prayer Guide](#) booklets to inform your prayers. They are available in print and PDF, for adults or children.

INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE MINISTRIES

Pray for the ICCM workers serving children and families in practical ways throughout quarantines in many countries around the world. Pray, the Lord will bless them and give them continued health and strength.

SEED

Typically the sewing center in Lomé, Togo hums with activity and has constant traffic. They are currently closed because of the coronavirus, but they are still making masks for people. (You must wear a mask to the market to buy food right now.) Pray for this group as they continue to reach out lovingly to the neighbors in their community.

SET FREE

Pray for Set Free Ministry team members across the world who are giving leadership in their communities. Ask the Lord to encourage them and provide them with wisdom during these days of uncertainty and as they plan for the days after the pandemic.

VISA MINISTRIES

Due to the current complications of travel and for the health and safety of our volunteers, all VISA trips have been canceled until at least August 1. For more specific information, [click here](#).

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