

Hotline



Connect with God's Heart for the World

[Free Methodist World Missions](#)

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GLOBAL: COVID-19

"Lord, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you ... 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.'" (I Chronicles 20:6-9)

As we listen to the news and hear about hundreds in Italy and Spain who are dying each day, may our hearts be stirred with deep grief for all who have not only died a physical death but who, without the knowledge of our Lord Jesus, have also died a spiritual death. Please join in crying out to the Lord for an end to the virus and for the nations to know their Salvation is in Jesus alone.

AFRICA

Praise the Lord! [Mike Reynen](#) was able to make connections for his scheduled trip back to the U.S. Two of our African leaders who were in the U.S. for meetings were also able to return to their home countries.

Pray for our leader in [Cameroon](#), Pastor Wilson, and his wife, Judith. Saturday, they lost their oldest son, 11-year-old Japhet, to a sudden illness. Pray for the comfort of the Holy Spirit to be with them during this time of great loss.

Pray for our [African](#) pastors as we begin to see the Coronavirus increasing in some African countries. Local societal resources are scarce. Responses may also be much different. Pray the Spirit will give wisdom to all our pastors, informing their response and care for members, both regarding the healthy and any who may be sick.

[Ken and Letty Myers](#) will leave [Kenya](#) tomorrow, temporarily returning to the U.S. Pray for safety and smooth navigation of any connecting flights.

ASIA

Pray for missionaries in the Philippines and Southeast [Asia](#) who are committed to staying in-country for the foreseeable future. Pray for their health, protection, and encouragement.

Pray for FM leaders across Asia as they attempt to serve and conduct ministry with limited technology, and inadequate social and medical infrastructure.

Pray for the hundreds of millions of the very poor, who are now in additional crisis as quarantines, curfews, and lock-down orders remove what little means of financial provision they had. Many are paid daily and buy their food daily. The price of food is sky-rocketing. Pray for God to provide and sustain.

Praise the Lord! Amid concerns over the virus, the Lord is at work. There is a report of four people in creative access areas who decided to follow Jesus and were baptized this past week.

EUROPE

[Europe](#) is now the epicenter of the COVID-19 virus. Italy and [Spain](#) have been affected the hardest. The quarantines have been extended at least four more weeks. It is expected that up to 70% of the population in Western Europe will contract the virus in some form. European countries have closed nearly all of their borders and are in the process of declaring a State of Alarm, which means restricted movements and curfews. Our churches and ministries are being impacted, as most people are on unpaid leave. Please pray for health and safety for our national leaders and missionaries. Also, pray for the church to be salt and light during these challenging times. [Josh Fajardo](#) reports: "I'm hearing and reading wonderful stories of

compassion and Christian witness to neighbors around Europe from our ministry leaders."

LATIN AMERICA

Pray for Pastor Ceferino Ramirez, the superintendent of the [Paraguayan](#) Annual Conference, who has malaria.

Almost all of the countries in [Latin America](#) are in quarantine. Pray for economic support. Many people depend on finding work one day at a time, so finding resources for food is now more difficult.

Bogota, [Colombia](#), has been on lock-down like much of the world. Thad and Nikki Roller report during this time they have been able to visit all of their neighbors and pray for them. Praise the Lord!

MIDDLE EAST

Pray for leaders throughout the [Middle East](#) who are on lock-down in their homes due to the Coronavirus. Pray they will soon be able to return to their ministries.

Continue to pray for one of our leaders who is working through some Visa issues. Ask the Lord to give him favor with those who need to approve the Visa.

INTERNATIONAL CHILD CARE MINISTRIES

Please be in prayer for specific needs of ICCM around the world:

Cambodia and Argentina: Pray for the protection of workers as they prepare and distribute daily meals to children and their families.

Haiti: Pray for the protection of nurses and workers as they distribute water filters and soap to families.

Creative Access country-I: Pray for mercy, as the disease spreads so quickly in densely populated areas.

All regions: Pray for additional funds to provide food as prices rise.

For children all around the world, including the U.S.: When families are together for long periods, there is the potential to build relationships and forge love, but there is

also the potential for increased tensions and domestic violence. Pray for the Holy Spirit to do a miraculous work and for peace to reign in homes and families.

SEED

One SEED partner livelihood group, Hands of Hope, is demonstrating true partnership. They have been working with the SEED product developer to find a source for medical masks. Their first shipment for a hospital in the Pacific Northwest was ordered and shipped right before the factory began asking for a minimum order of 100,000. Please pray this shipment of 6,000 masks would get to the hospital without delay.

SET FREE

As the world faces the pandemic, join with the Set Free Movement in praying for the most vulnerable members of communities across the globe. Pray the response of believers will tangibly demonstrate the love of the Father.

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 June 1. ([FMWM Statement for Short-Term Volunteers](#))
Ask the Lord to begin preparing teams who will serve later this year.

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

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