Outreach and Missions
Missionary, Supported Workers and Ministry
April Prayer and Praise Requests

Amjad & Sarah, Restricted

Pray:

- For effective ministry to M@sl*ms using media, phone, etc. for Amjad.
- For them to be able to continue the Peace and Faith events between them and Imams once restrictions are lifted a couple have already been cancelled.
- For their family's financial needs during the pandemic as they have lost some supporters.
- For peace for their family during this time and that their children would not have fear.
- For Amjad and Sarah to be protected from the virus as they are both high risk.

Mark & Raylene Casson, Metanoia Ministries – Chattanooga, TN

Pray:

- For the prisoners they serve to not get discouraged during this time when they are unable to see their mentors.
- For God to open the door for more students in the Correspondence Ministry.
- For many pastors and elders in the PCA to look for ways they may support the prisons and jails which surround their churches.
- For wisdom as they look for creative ways to serve both the church and the prisoner, possibly with virtual training for mentors to have them ready when prisons re-open.
- For the staff of the prisons around the country, this time of modified programs, reduced staffing, etc. is difficult for them.
- That staff and prisoners will be protected from the Coronavirus.

Scott & Ruth Hill, Church Planting – Cherokee, NC

Praise:

- They are settled in their new home.
- That their grandson, Briggs, received a good report from the neurologist after a scare.
- That many beyond Cherokee have joined in to watch Sunday services they have been posting this past month.

Pray:

- For them as they learn how to minister in the midst of this pandemic.
- For Johnathan and Katie as they adapt to having all of their classes online, including labs, which is a challenge.
- For those who have faithfully attended Grace Community Church of Cherokee each week to find their hope and strength in Christ.
- For relationships with neighbors in their new neighborhood.

Andrew & Lauren Holbrook, Church Planting – Fairfield, CT

Pray:

- For Andrew as he shifts to an on-line Pastor.
- For Lauren as she shifts to a homeschool mom with a newborn.
- For continued resilience and strength for their people as they worship over the internet.
- Wisdom for summer ministry plans in light of the virus.
- Growth for their new team leaders in Children's Ministry, Welcome Ministry and Outreach Ministry.

Dan & Rebecca Gregoire, Church Revitalization – Slovakia

Praise:

- Dan's health is better during quarantine, he has not has one canker sore.

Pray:

- For them as they try to build relationships with their new neighbors while distancing.
- For wisdom as they continue their work during this time.

Milas & Ashley Shepherd, Campus Ministry and Church Plant – Fairfield, CT

Pray:

- For the college students studying from home and for Milas as he tries to creatively disciple their students from afar; this has been a hard transition for all.
- That they would continue to grow as a family in this time of quarantine.
- That their church community would continue to grow in their knowledge and love for God and for one another, even while they are "socially distant."
- For Ashley as she homeschools during this season and is pregnant.

Fred & Grace Ely, SIM USA – Charlotte, NC

Pray:

- For wisdom for decisions regarding Covid-19 response.
- For patience as they learn to work mostly from home effectively.
- For SIM ministries that cross barriers to take the Gospel to communities where Jesus is least known – even during the Covid-19 crisis.
- For Cindy and Jeremy as they transition to a new ministry.
- For the final details for Tim's new job.
- For Cheryl's health and safe arrival of her little son.

Al & Rene Barth, City to City Church Planting – Boca Raton, FL

Praise:

- For a good result from Al's knee surgery.

Pray:

- For financial provision for the work in the Caribbean, hundreds of pastors are asking to be trained, and for Robert Guerrero who is heading this area.
- For Stephan Pues as he gives leadership to CTC Europe to have wisdom, endurance, grace and tenaciousness. Europe continues to be oGspel resistant.
- For the continuing growth and development of churches in each of the Emirates of the UAE, the development of a church in Kuwait City, another in Beirut, one in Istanbul and the plant in Tel Aviv.
- For the development of training programs in all eighteen cities in Africa.
- For the ongoing development of Redeemer City to City as an organization as many of the leaders are getting to retirement age.

Tim & Barbie, Restricted

Pray:

- For the struggles they are having as they chose to stay on the field, such as electrical problems and not enough bandwidth to continue their work.
- That they would continue to get their translation work done well and efficiently.
- For them regarding the many things that put a drag on them emotionally, physically, financially and spiritually.

Brandi & Jay Rawls

Pray:

- For them as they try to finish raising support in this crazy season. Brandi needs $500/month to complete her salary.
- That they would be creative in serving their staff and students remotely.
- For endurance and perspective for long days of Zoom meetings.

Dean & Elizabeth Faulkner, Church Planter – South Charlotte

Pray:

- For a new location in Ballantyne as their time at the elementary school is coming to an end.
- For one situation that is promising for the short term and long term.

Emily & Damon, Restricted

Pray:

- For them as they will be remaining in the states for longer than they originally planned.
- For them as they mourn many losses, but with hope, and spend time at home.
- That they stay connected the best they can with both their team members (spread throughout the US right now) and students back in their place of service.

Saleem & Joy, Restricted

Praise:

- For good health for both of them-with Saleem's asthma and Joy's low immune system, they are grateful that they have not gotten infected with Covid-19.

Pray:

- For good internet, especially with the new followers that they are following up with, as well as seekers. R@mad*n, the month of fasting for M*sl@ms, started 4/24. Please uplift those followers who are living with family that try to enforce their praying (to Allah) and fasting during this time.
- For the recording of some materials that Frank N. has sent to Saleem. Ask that he would be able to do those with the technology that they have available at home. (computer)
- For those that don't have work during these months, ask that the Lord would provide.

Stephen & Natalie, Restricted

Pray:

- For their support, that they would reach 100% by summer, and for wisdom as they navigate how to do it while social distancing.
- For their summer training, which has now been all moved online. Pray that they would learn a lot and begin building relationships with teammates.
- That they would be able to leave for the field in August as scheduled.

Ken & Jerri Lotze, ARP Connect – Charlotte, NC

Pray:

- For the launch of their new Social Media projects: that they would touch the hearts and lives of people searching for Godd.
- For the Lord to bring new staff to them, the harvest is plentiful.
- For their teams in P@kist*n to find new ways to be productive and contribute to the work during these strange times.
- That the virus would not take hold there in a devastating way, that God would spare that nation.

Tyler & Carrie Dirks, Church Planters – East Charlotte

Pray:

- That they would walk in the truth, especial the truth God most adamantly desires of His church – that they would love one another.
- That they would always be defined by the way Jesus went about loving God and loving others .
- That every member would pour out their lives for each other.

Cynthia Ruble, Life Hope Network – Nagoya, Japan

Praise:

- They have had two recent decisions for life, rather than abortion.
- "Attendance" at their services held on-line are increasing and many who would not come to their service are watching on line.

Pray:

- For them as they have closed the café, where much of their discipleship and ministry takes place, but are serving free soup once a week. Pray this would draw many in.
- For Ana and little Cynthia in very difficult circumstance in the Philippines. It seems like getting back to Japan is looking like it will be less and less possible.
- For a 19 year old who contacted them when she was pregnant, but went ahead with an abortion. She has now tried to commit suicide 3 times. Pray for wisdom as they reach out to her.

Jonty & Georgina Rhodes, Church Planter – Leeds, England

Pray:

- For Jonty as he livestreams a very simple 'preach and pray' message on Sundays from his study.
- For the non-Christians they are aware of that are watching – pray for fruit.
- For them to be able to raise fund to employ Zac Leach as a trainee ministry during this time.
- They have moved their Christianed Expored for internationals to an online format. Pray that people would sign up, especially 'M', and asylum seeker who has moved to Leeds.

James & Kelly Broadaway, Campus Outreach – Johannesburg, South Africa

Pray:

- For their family under continued lockdown.
- For James & Kelly to have the capacity to lead themselves, their family and their staff team during this time.

Campus Outreach – Johannesburg

Pray:

- For wisdom in evangelizing, establishing and equipping university students during the Covid-19 circumstances with classes cancelled until at least July.
- For their ministry as they are working with an interim advisory committee to develop more fruitful expressions of shepherding and serving the ministry locally. Pray that this partnership will go well and create capacity for the advance of the Gospel on the university campus in South Africa.

Peter & Katie Eck, Church Planting – Atlantic City, NJ

Pray:

- For their shepherding folks from afar and over technology outlets.
- For them to be 'present' in whatever the Lord puts before them each day.
- For outlets to serve their community practically and safely.
- For their opportunity to help with food distribution in Atlantic City
- Against discouragement, depression and diving into unhealthy habits in isolation for them and their people.

Javier & Gloria Gil, Church Planting – Colombia, South America

Pray:

- For them as they will not be allowed to have meetings or crowds of people for at least 4 – 6 months. Pray that their people and their churches in Colombia do not cool in their hearts and that God increases their faith.
- That God would grant them the resources to continue supporting their families in faith who face serious difficulties in obtaining their basic food, since they were dismissed from their jobs or cannot generate money in any way in the obligatory quarantine.

David & Estelle Abernathy, JAARS – Waxhaw, NC

Pray:

- For guidance and skill as David edits work done by others in the books of Exodus and Ruth, and eventually in Jonah and Leviticus.
- For skill as David updates the Exegetical Summary of 1 Peter, which he had first done in 1997. There are a number of new commentaries and English versions to work into that material.
- For a job for Michael, he had prospects for one in March but that opportunity ended when schools closed down.
- For continued health for Estelle, that she doesn't contract Coronavirus.

Joseph & Savannah Foucachon, Church Support – Paris, France

Praise:

- For good health, nice weather, ability to continue church services, etc.

Pray:

- For wisdom regarding how to proceed with church services, ministries, and future projects.

Joni & Vaughn Volious, Campus Outreach – Columbia, South Carolina

Praise:

- That they are able to continue in ministry with students through media and technology.

Pray:

- That students they are in Bible study with would continue growing in hunger for Him and His Word.
- For the new plans for their summer growth opportunity – Leadership Project – to be online. LPO will be a 4 week online learning community that aims at helping students grow in their faith in Jesus.
- For the 15+ students from USC who have signed up to be a part of LPO.

Shane & Krista, Restricted

Pray:

- For the Father to give them eyes to see where He is working and how they can join in that work. They want to be waiting with purpose until the time the universities open back up.
- For general encouragement for their team, some were supposed to be transitioning home and some are new and homesick, unable to do what they went over to do.

Frank & Sheree, Restricted

Pray:

- For them as they are having teaching times with their Yazidi brothers and sisters who are on full lockdown in their refugee camps. Pray for them to overcome technological challenges, power cuts, etc. Pray for the Yazidi's to be encouraged and for God's Word to change their hearts.
- For a co-worker who is teaching Scripture to a family that recently came to know the Lord.
- For John Piper's book "Coronavirus and Christ" that will be published on-line in Arabic to reach many.
- For them to be faithful in encouraging friends, co-workers and others they are responsible for through Zoom, messaging, calls, etc. Pray for strength and wisdom for them and that they will be a blessing to others.

Mostafa and Mona, Restricted

Pray:

- For the safety and protection for all of them and their boys in Carlisle and Prague.
- For the ministry inside the Detention centre as they have a number of affected detained and Mostafa must meet them to encourage them.
- For the National Health Service (NHS) not to collapse.
- For the new converts as they isolate in their homes without and support.
- For the Bible study that he leads on Zoom every Wednesday.

Randy & Joan Nabors, MNA Urban & Mercy Ministry – Chattanooga, TN

Pray:

- For a growing godliness in them
- That even though they are not able to go to London and serve at New City-Shepherd's Bush they would still be able to help and encourage them.

Erik & Hara Petrou, Church Planter – Athens, Greece

Pray:

- That they will use this time to spiritually grow and understand better what God is calling them to do in these strange times.
- That even if they are not able to have the summer programs they had planned on, they would still be able to bring God's Gospel and hope to their community.
- For a renewed spiritual awakening in their community.
- For God's provision for Erik's studies as he continues to work on his MDiv through RTS.
- That God will give Erik the energy and endurance and will grow him in his ministry and personal life.

Changed Choices

Pray:

- For discernment, creativity, and wisdom for Diane Hunt, Executive Director, as she leads them through this time of unprecedented circumstances. Pray that she will have the "mind of Christ" as they navigate administrative and program adaptations.
- For the sixty-three percent of their women who have lost their jobs or have significantly reduces hours due to COVID 19. Many are struggling financially due to income insecurity which increases their vulnerability in their recovery and mental health.
- For their CARE managers as they actively reach out to their clients to understand their needs and provide support and community.

Terry & Brenda Fox, Ministry to the Military

Pray:

- For them as they minister and work with military families in such uncertain times.
- For Terry as he is doing much shopping for moms whose husbands are deployed and for families who are immune compromised.
- For a family on base who is slowly recovering from the virus and are in complete isolation until 14 days after it passes. Tensions are rising in this family, especially due to the husband's mother, who is an unbeliever, staying with them.
- For stresses for military families as they approach the summer moving season; much is on hold - some husbands/fathers have to deploy ahead of the family, some are waiting for houses to sell to move, etc.