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Theological Education in Zimbabwe - "It's true that our Father owns the cattle on a thousand hills. We have witnessed His power to provide in amazing ways for the needs at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Zimbabwe. He is kind not to give us more than we need (so we won't be tempted to forget Him) or less than we need (so we won't be tempted to compromise integrity). Through the Send Relief chicken project and the generosity of private donors to get the project started, the seminary has been able to put money back to be able to function even in the midst of economic disaster and now the restrictions surrounding COVID-19. Please continue to pray for God's miraculous provision to maintain the staff salaries and needs of the seminary. We are dependent on Him for literally everything. He has to come through, and we know that He will if we continue to ask for His glory to be seen in doing so."

Southern Cross Project (SCP), East Asian Peoples - "...Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2 ESV). "Amen! The time is at hand for the expansion of God's kingdom. This generation of East Asian people need our prayers, our giving, and our going so, today, they can worship in spirit and truth. Every generation has troubles like today, but we must persevere because God is worthy. Today, pray for more laborers to reach the harvest. You are prayer laborers, giving laborers, and some of you are going laborers. Pray earnestly for East Asian laborers and church partners who will harvest this generation."

(SIN-oo-fo su-PEER-ay) - "It's heartbreaking to see so many people who are in bondage because they have accepted Satan's lies. They fear other beings instead of fearing God and devote themselves to idols, denying God the worship and honor that only He deserves. Though most people here wouldn't say that they believe that anything is more powerful than God, their actions often show otherwise. We haven't seen many professions of faith during our time here, but we know the power of the gospel and will continue to proclaim it. We know that only God can and will change the minds and hearts of the lost. Join us in praying that the Lord will guide us in knowing how to share the gospel in a new way that will address the barriers keeping unbelievers from understanding. Ask Him to open the eyes of those who are blinded and deceived by lies so they can comprehend how wonderful this good news is. Pray for more Senufo Supyire people to let go of the false teachings they've held all of their lives so they can be released from fear and bondage and boldly choose to believe the truth of the Bible and place their faith in Christ."

Muslim Sindhis of South Asia - (SIN-dees) - Many of the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are still to be unveiled. However, one thing has already been seen, and that is that people are searching . . . searching for the truth. Many people were confined to their homes for weeks on end without any reprieve, unable to venture outside. Only recently have some freedoms been put back in place: permission to move again. Pray that as people start to meet back together, the followers of Christ will be eager to share the love they have in Jesus with those they encounter. "And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:31 ESV).

Mongols of Outer Mongolia - (MON-gols) - In February, you brought a request before the Father regarding the training for children and teachers about the health effects of air pollution. You asked Him to give local churches opportunities to become involved with families and to build an ongoing relationship with the schools. Due to the pandemic, schools have been closed, but the Father has provided other opportunities to minister to local churches, community offices, and emergency services workers through this project. Praise God with us for how He answered and is using this time of trial to bring glory to His name.

Mombasa City, Kenya - (mahm-BAH-suh) - Workers ask: "Please join us in prayer as we lift up the port city of Mombasa. Cry out to the Lord that the veils covering their hearts, like those described in 2 Corinthians 3, will be removed, and light will shine brightly among the diverse peoples of Mombasa. Their natural family ties give them the potential of reaching not only East Africa, but also other unreached areas of the world. Give thanks that through Jesus, the veil can be set aside! Pray for workers in this import/export city to travel alongside local believers to encourage and equip new generations of disciples. While many are waiting for essential goods for their livelihood to come through Mombasa's port, pray that their hearts will be prepared to hear and receive the good news!"

Kolkata, India - (kohl-KAH-tah) - Please pray for the chief minister, for the governor, and for other government officials in West Bengal, especially as they face many decisions regarding COVID-19. Pray that in God's grace and mercy, they will be led to make wise and good decisions for the people of the state. Ask God to reveal Himself to them and save them.

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - (HOE-chee-men) - "Who is Jesus?" Trang* thought he knew the answer to that question, but now he's not so sure. He had heard the name "Jesus" before, but always in the midst of stories that he thought were fables or legend. He never considered there to be any truth to them. But lately, Trang has been talking with some new friends about Jesus. These friends actually believe in Jesus; they believe that He is real. More than this, they have invited Trang to explore the truth about Jesus on his own, to read about Jesus in the Bible. As he reads, Trang finds some of what he has read to be amazing, but he's not yet convinced. Please pray for Trang to continue to read God's Word and for the Holy Spirit to use the Scripture to continue to convict and lead Trang into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for the believers sharing with Trang. Ask that they will have discernment and clarity to know how to help Trang take the step of faith he needs to take. (*name changed)

Central Asians of Kazakhstan - "The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says.' And whether they listen or fail to listen--for they are a rebellious people--they will know that a prophet has been among them" (Ezekiel 2:4-5 NIV). Please pray for believers to have wisdom in knowing how to share the good news with their friends and neighbors during this time of the coronavirus pandemic, and ask the Lord to soften hearts to listen to the Word of God. Also pray for wisdom as they seek to engage in discipleship with the local body of believers.

Bedouin of Northern Africa - (BEH-doo-in) - Many desert tribes are gaining access to the internet via smartphones. Through the internet, efforts are being made to sow the Word broadly among the Mediterranean coastal tribes. Pray that this will give unreached peoples first-time access to God's Word.

Gene & Marilyn Ahrens – JAAR David & Rhonda Knox – Nepal

North American Mission Board – Church Planter – The Peak Church – Louisville, CO – Robby and Kim Pitt – Pray our team will have hearts that love God and people. Pray for discernment, ripe fruit, receptive people, spiritual explorers, persons of peace and influence, favor in Louisville and for like-hearted teammates.