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SEND GLOBAL

Warren Janzen

When I asked our SEND members for a word that captured their COVID experience, the top response was “exhausting.” In the face of fatigue, loss, isolation, and the potential erosion of hope, pray for each SEND worker to experience the refreshment and renewal that only the Lord can give.

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MUSLIM SE ASIA

Praise God for travel passes that allow more ministry and re-gathering of the team. Pray for wisdom as we seek God for new opportunities as schools are shut down till August. As we review what we learned during the months of closure, pray we will have humble hearts to see God’s leading.

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SEND NORTH

Each summer, a huge influx of seasonal workers come from around the world to the Bristol Bay area fishing industry in Alaska. This year there are big questions about how to safely continue this essential industry. Pray for local churches to maintain outreach to international seasonal workers in an unseasonable year.

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THAILAND

Pray for good learning for Pol Suyu as he begins language study for the next three and a half months. Pray also for Erika Obado, daughter of the Obados from the Philippines, who needs new visa papers by the end of this month to start university in Thailand.

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POLAND

The Eagers are redeveloping their summer ministry plans, while seeking to support their daughter who is a senior and trying to prepare for end-of-the-year exams which have a huge impact on her ability to study at a university in Poland.

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UKRAINE

Leah Schwartz

Odessa — The first Sunday our church met after two months online, a former English club member trusted Christ. Pray for her to feel she belongs and to grow. As I leave Odessa after 11 years, pray also for me to know when, where, and how much to stay connected.

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GLOBAL CHINESE MINISTRY

Taiwan — Renata is at home in Hong Kong as Taiwan still doesn’t allow HK citizens to re-enter. Pray that God will pave the way for her to return to Taiwan. Pray also that God will give Samuel, her husband, wisdom and strength as he continues ministry in Taiwan without her.

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POLAND

Pray for wisdom and patience for three of our workers who are stuck on home service, awaiting news on visa permission and travel restrictions. Pray for the Irons as they wait on travel to open for their college-age daughters to get home to Poland.

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JAPAN

Tina Lin

Sendai – In February, I went home to Taiwan because of my mother’s critical illness and then, her passing into God’s presence. Thankfully, God used my stay in Taiwan, at the peak of Japan’s severe epidemic, to collect medical supplies and send them to Japanese hospitals, and also to mobilize workers from Taiwanese churches.

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EAST ASIA

Pray for one of our workers who is still not able to teach or do her counseling in person. Ask the Lord to give her wisdom and spiritual strength in her online meetings and also eyes to observe the needs of people she does see on a daily basis.

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DIASPORA NORTH AMERICA

Lancaster – Pray for understanding for several early elementary refugee children our team members will help with core curriculum, especially reading and math, during summer school July 6 – August 6. Pray for our patience, and for opportunities to share stories that point to God’s character as we teach.

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CROATIA

Steve & Jenny Meeker

Pray that we will be able to fill the Barnabas House of Rest and Cabin Hawk with those who need rest from all of the recent stress and can get away and spend time with God in his creation.

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EAST ASIA

Pray for the online prayer meeting today as two workers in Thailand share their needs and ministry work in Isaan with a prayer group in Hong Kong. Ask the Lord to use this opportunity to arouse interest, raise support, and encourage participation in the outreach in Thailand.

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EUROPE

Brian & Debby Stout

Praise the Lord! A number from our T’vo team were sick with COVID-19, but now are doing much better. One of the doctors even told our T’vo leader who, was sick, “You are a miracle!” Thanks for your prayer!

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SEND NORTH

Large summer events like SEND North's annual conference and regional outreach Bible camps are cancelled this year. Instead, smaller-scale events, local outreaches, and virtual versions being held online. Pray for SEND North workers to be creative and intentional in scaling down these vital ministries.

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SEND GLOBAL

Home service during COVID-19 means it's difficult to meet and to share ministry. There are few options to speak in churches, meet at restaurants, stay in homes, or travel from place to place. Ask the Lord to provide opportunities to report what God is doing in his church worldwide.

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POLAND

The annual week-long Legnica English Camp will be held this year in the new Lubin church July 17 and 18. There will be English classes, games, and an internet worship time with some of the American team who would have come, and then a hike and picnic. Pray for good learning.

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JAPAN

Saitama — We are holding a one day summer fun program for the elementary children in our area. Pray that the children will be able to come and for good weather. Pray for Nanae. She brought her children last year and now is coming to English class and studying the Bible with me.

Denise Rasicci

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MUSLIM SE ASIA

Martha shared that she prayed over Jojo, the young woman who was very sick back in March, in the name of Jesus, placing her hands on her as she prayed. She believes Jesus healed Jojo. Pray that these women will grow in their faith and that Jojo's parents and siblings will also come to faith.

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TCK EDUCATION

Pray for international and MK schools where some SEND kids attend. Re-opening will depend on government regulations, travel restrictions between countries, and the challenge of "new normal" guidelines for schools as a result of COVID-19.

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PHILIPPINE

Mobilization — Praise God for our online mobilization event, a Missions Q&A held in June, that was attended by 70 people from different parts of the country. Pray for wisdom as we mobilize the attendees and as we make plans to do more mobilization online.

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CROATIA

This week Johann Go is serving Croatian youth through the Baptist Union teen camp, while we are involved in a different youth camp. Pray that teens will be eager to get out and be active, and will be ready to hear the gospel.

Kurt & Christine Bekins

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ROMANIA

Nathan just started discipling a young man named Sami, studying the Word together on Thursday mornings. Pray that Sami will stay eager and interested in God's Word and that he will begin to think forward to whom he can disciple in turn.

Nathan & Brittany Garrett

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EAST ASIA

Pray for another round of Team Leadership Training workshop we plan to offer to our supporting churches in Hong Kong from July 25 to August 15. Pray that the Lord will use this training to help the churches organize meaningful and effective short-term mission trips.

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CANADA

We praise God for a fruitful week of Candidate Orientation, virtual-style! This first go at a fully online version did not diminish the participants' enthusiasm nor the benefits of this initial training for new appointees. We are excited for how God will use our newest candidates heading to Southeast Asia!

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GLOBAL CHINESE MINISTRY

Taiwan — The GCM mobilization team is interacting with a Taiwanese couple who want to serve through SEND. There is, however, a financial issue that we are trying to resolve. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we try to determine solutions.

Michael & Christine Ling

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PHILIPPINES

With stringent restrictions here due to COVID-19, the 5-week TESOL training courses have been put on hold until 2021. Pray for the facilitators as they use this time to hone their knowledge and skills, work on program development, and explore various options for keeping the program viable.

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EAST ASIA

Pray for the East Asia area director as she seeks to keep ministry alive in spite of changes. She now plans more for the short-term than the long-term and realizes that she prays more for what she used to think she could control, and now knows she can't. Praise God with her for good health on her team.

Jim & Angela May

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THAILAND

Praise God for Gennie Daquis' improved health. Her monthly health evaluation in Chiang Mai had favorable results. Her heart and kidneys are recovering well. She is now down to two hemodialysis a week and is praising God for answered prayer on her behalf.

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DIASPORA NORTH AMERICA

Pray for open conversations with our Muslim friends about the sacrifice of God in the New Testament during the festival of sacrifice, Eid al-Adha, July 31. Ask the Lord to enlighten their minds to see Christ's glory as the only one who can truly bring together divided peoples through his loving sacrifice for sin.