

# INTERCEDE & SEND

MARCH 2020



## PHILIPPINES

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Pray for protection from the coronavirus and strength from God's Word. Pray too that we wisely handle the opportunity to engage with Chinese people who have fled to the Philippines from the lockdown in China. Pray for rescheduling of major training events that were cancelled due to travel bans.

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## CROATIA

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*Steve & Jenny Meeker*  
Pray for this second week of BRIDGE training, one of two internship programs of Leadership Lab International, as participants focus on Acts and the gospel, develop Christian counseling skills, and use experiential learning to share the gospel.

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## JAPAN

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*Scott Ponzani*  
Thank God for the creativity and talents he has given us to make music for his glory. Please pray for the Christian Academy in Japan students involved in the league honors ensembles March 3-7. Pray that they will perform their best and be light to students from other schools.

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## SEND NORTH

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March Madness comes to Alaska as the state high school basketball championship tournaments take place this month. Small schools travel great distances for the big event. Pray for opportunities for outreach to players, coaches, and their families while they compete in Anchorage.

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## MUSLIM SE ASIA

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As Team HOPE intern, Iris, leaves this month, pray for her campus student, Masrah, who cherishes the truths of Jesus and stories from the Word, but also religiously pursues purity through Islam, even while knowing "good living" won't save her. May she understand her need for Jesus as her only way to salvation.

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## POLAND

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*Pat Weathersbee*  
Today in Legnica, Poland, we will start an English Bible study using *Exploring Christianity*. This will be offered to our English students. Pray that they will come, engage, and understand the Bible while they improve their English.

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## SEND NORTH

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The Iditarod trail sled dog race starts today in Anchorage. This year's route runs through villages where three SEND North families serve. Pray for new relationships to be built as these families help in all the village activities and for safety of dogs and mushers in this year's race.

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## GLOBAL CHINESE MINISTRIES

The newly appointed director of Global Chinese Ministries requests prayer for her adjustment to a much larger role with many workers under her supervision. Ask the Lord to give her wisdom, time management skills, and a sense of priority in the next few months.

## PHILIPPINES

*Jun & Darlene Jovellanos*

The scheduled TESOL course for this month was cancelled due to low enrollment. Pray that we will use the free time constructively to build relationships with organizations that could provide good practicum sites for our future courses.

## MUSLIM SE ASIA

Melay feels she's not very Muslim as she can't read Arabic. Her weekly values class with our team helps her learn that God is all knowing and hears her prayers even if they aren't in Arabic. Pray that she will continue to study God's Word and learn more of who God is.

## UKRAINE

*Marilyn Perhai*

**Kyiv** — I minister to middle school girls on the Kyiv Christian Academy basketball team. Pray for the Lord to provide opportunities to open the eyes of two unbelieving girls on the team to the glory of Christ Jesus. Pray for discipleship of believers.

## BUDDHIST WORLD

Engage in prayer for the Lord's servants in Bhutan, Nepal, and North India. Ask him to raise up more workers to connect and work with whole rural communities so they may hear the Good News and follow Jesus.

## GLOBAL CHINESE MINISTRIES

Pray for the home service family who have a larger amount of monthly expenses to raise because their sending church dropped support. They have good possibilities for partnership with new churches. Pray these new churches respond so they are able to leave for Taiwan by summer.

## RUSSIA

Russia team member, Leif G., recently had the opportunity to share the gospel with several people in Spring Village. Ask the Lord of the Harvest to open the eyes of these precious people who need the hope of Jesus Christ.

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**EUROPE**
*Philip Jackson*

Pray for the Soul Care Retreat held in Croatia March 15 to 20 for some of our ladies in southeastern Europe. Pray they will grow in their love for God as they have extended time to rest, learn, and reconnect with him.

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**GLOBAL CHINESE MINISTRIES**

Pray that the best renovation plan for the Global Chinese Ministry building in Taiwan will be in place and that the project can begin no later than this June. Pray also that God will provide temporary office space when the renovation starts.

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**SEND GLOBAL**
*Barry Rempel*

Praise God for answered prayer in training and mobilizing new missionaries from outside North America. This year we anticipate sending a Filipino team member to a country in South Asia for the first time, and we are working on details to launch one of my recent students to a second South Asian country.

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**EAST ASIA**

Pray for our team in Hong Kong to be creative in using different methods and media to continue mobilizing and training the brothers and sisters here to join the vision of mission even when our daily routines are affected by the coronavirus.

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**MUSLIM SE ASIA**

Several female students study the Bible on the university campus. May these Muslim women hunger to know the truth of who Jesus really is. May they turn to Jesus in prayer as they experience armed conflict and fighting in their home region, far from the university.

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**UKRAINE**
*Jayne Russell*

Kyiv — March 20-21, the 10th Intercultural Missionary Conference (MMK) seeks to create awareness and motivate believers to consider their role in cross-cultural missions. Pray that attendees' worldview will be challenged and that they will respond to the theme, *Dedication to Unreached People Groups*. Pray for good follow-up.

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**SPAIN**

Pray for the two new families the Spain area is eagerly awaiting. May the Lord provide all they need to leave for Spain, and give wisdom to the area as they integrate these new workers into the team.

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**DIASPORA NORTH AMERICA**

Lancaster, PA — This month our team will teach the Love Your Neighbor Workshop at Calvary Church. Pray that this training will not just increase the knowledge for those attending but also encourage them to build relationships with their Muslim neighbors.

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**THAILAND**
*Obados*

Isaan — Pray for our new church planting launch area after the terrible shooting at Terminal 21 mall in Khorat. Pray for our church planters to adjust well to new leadership and transitions.

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**UKRAINE**
*Dave & Sharon Benzel*

Kyiv — Today and tomorrow are board meetings for Kremenchuk Evangelical Seminary. Pray for clarity among the members, God's direction, and for Dave as he participates. Dave had a heavy teaching and preaching month. Pray also for wisdom for the SEND Ukraine council that meets later this week.

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**UKRAINE**
*Rick & Marilyn Perhai*

Kyiv — Rick is teaching Christian Ethics to the fourth year bachelor students at Kyiv Theological Seminary. This capstone course pulls together much that they have learned throughout their four years of study. A key goal is to train them in how to make biblically guided decisions.

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**THAILAND**

Shan — Pray for many graduations of our Shan scholars this month and continued strength and wisdom for mountain village ministry. Ask God to use these scholars to impact their families and their villages.

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**MACEDONIA**
*Sherri Ens*

Skopje — March 27-28 we'll have a women's outreach with two of our church plants. A guest speaker, AnaMaria from El Salvador, has spoken in the past and the women connect well with her. Pray for evangelistic fruit and growth among believers.

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**MUSLIM SE ASIA**

Tamar is a former scholar and student who graduated from our campus ministry about 15 years ago. She helped plan the recent alumni reunion. She has a kind and gentle heart but has never decided to follow Jesus. Pray for more faith interactions with her and for the Spirit to move in her life.

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**RUSSIA**

The first Buryat Bible is in its final phase of translation. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide the men and women who are completing the project, assisting them to accurately convey theological truths, using language the Buryat people can relate to and understand.

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**DIASPORA NORTH AMERICA**

Detroit — Pray for an Afghan woman whose papers were lost or stolen after she arrived in the USA as a refugee last month. The SEND team brought her situation to the attention of a congressman. Pray for resolution of the problem as the team shows her love through this process.