

April 2024 Mission Partner Updates



All Nations – Josh and Meredith Johnson

PRAISE & UPDATES:

We have many trainees signed up for our Church Planting Experience this June, some from as far as Myanmar! Thank the Lord for raising up more workers to go long-term into his harvest field!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Meredith is traveling to Uganda April 21 - May 3 with the All Nations International Leadership Team, to see All Nations' astounding church planting work in Kampala! She will also be training some native Ugandans in cross-cultural ministry to Muslims, which she is very excited about!



All Nations – Mouyassar

PRAISE:

- I went to 2 small groups. One with Kurdish people and another one with Arab speakers. All are believers. It was encouraging, and the fellowship was very good.
- A Druze man is now part of the group and coming to the small meeting. I met another Couple who are very good believers. In July they will go to Stuttgart to be baptized.
- I Spoke 2 hours about God with a big Kurdish group, all fasting because of Ramadan. Saturday is the smaller group, which is more specific. It was a joy that they could hear the good news.

PARTNER AND MINISTRY UPDATES:

- Next month my niece and her husband will go to Syria. This means culturally I must send gifts with them for all the family. This is a big problem for me. What should I send as gifts to Syria? What is practical and not expensive?
- I started to teach on the book of Daniel on WhatsApp. Will do it for 2 weeks. Also trying to prepare an online course for it.
- I continue with my online Bible School studies. I am presently doing one class, so it's a lighter load.
- I am hoping to attend a conference in Netherlands for MBB's that will happen end of April.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Teaching these 2 weeks on Daniel
2. Gifts for sister and niece to take back to Syria.
3. Health: I have a knee problem and had to go to the doctor. Pray for complete healing.
4. Pray for the spiritual growth of the Kurdish group and that they will draw more Kurds into the study of the Scriptures.
5. Pray for wisdom and God's anointing as I share with so many face-to-face and on the internet.



All Nations – Amrit Ashish

Praise:

- We would like to thank you for supporting us financially for the upcoming youth camp. We appreciate your prayers and support.
- Although the times have been very hard for us we can testify that God is on the move and still touching people's hearts. The people have been growing in their faith and have become more hungry for the Lord, it is amazing to see how God works powerfully under difficult circumstances. We have noticed that because of the persecution people have become more aware of God's love and want to hold the Lord tighter. The gospel is reaching to the people more aggressively. It is a joy to serve the Lord in this situation.



Partner and Ministry Updates:

- Lately it has been struggling to do an outreach, share gospel openly and meet in houses for fellowship. The government has been very strict for any kind of Christian work, we have received many threats because our congregation is 99 percent from non-Christian background.

- As you know, because of the persecution we had to leave our house and rent a house in the outskirts of the city. I also have to leave my city from time to time due to persecution and safety issues.
- We have found a place in a bible college where we rent a hall to meet on Sundays. We do have to be careful and wise and keep changing our time and location for fellowships.



Prayer Requests:

1. For safety and wisdom to know when to travel, when and where to fellowship together, and how to keep sharing the Gospel.
2. For our R1 visa application so we can come to the US to work with immigrants and refugees.



C&MA – Mike and Wendy Wood

Praises

Testimonies of what is God doing:

- Over 700 people (many non-believers) came to watch the high school's production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" – witnessing the connection between Jesus' death and resurrection through the story of Aslan and the messages from the Palm and Easter Sundays which had just passed.
- The school has hired a replacement for Wendy in 3rd grade allowing her to return to her position of Elementary Vice-principal for next year, much to her pleasure.
- God continues to use Mike in counseling clients and mentoring students.

Answered Prayers and thanksgivings:

- For the tremendously successful HS production of The Lion, Witch & Wardrobe, which Mike directed
- That elementary is fully staffed for next year!
- For the weekly chats we have with family and our boys
- For the much needed Song Kran 10-day break this past April 15-19
- For a great Easter season celebrating our resurrected Lord Jesus

Prayer Requests

How can we be in prayer?

- This summer's Siam Mission Field Forum that we are organizing (July 15-19)
- More staffing (6 teachers) needs in the high school for the 24-25 school year

- The 7 year accreditation visit for Grace Int'l School - we submitted a report and the visiting team will observe teachers April 22-26
- Our atypical high temps (more than 3 weeks of 100+ degrees) and bad air quality - we have the worst air quality in the world right now
- More opportunities to speak into student's lives about the love Jesus has for them



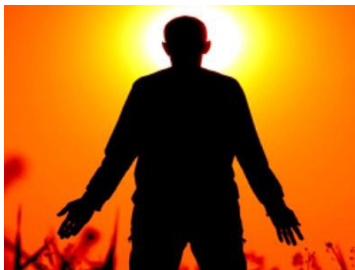
C&MA – Todd and Danielle Jorgenson

No New Update



CAMA – Samo and Janelle Zeal

No New Update



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PRAISE:

- The outreach in Wales went very well. There were lots of students from the Gulf region. We had a small team but lots of good gospel conversations.
- A young Arab man had dream. In it a man meets him and tells him, “Your way is wrong. I have come to show you the right way. I am way, the truth, and the life.” The young Arab asks him who he is. He answered, “I am Jesus.” The next morning, he tells his father that Jesus came to him in a dream yesterday. The father is not happy and does not accept his dream. He immediately takes him out of his high school and puts him into an Islamic school. In this school he gets severely beaten by the teacher and must go to Germany for medical attention. While there he meets a believing German nurse who shares more with him. He also has another dream of Jesus, and Jesus brings healing to his body. He returns home and seeks out Christians to be baptized. He is now a secret believer.

PARTNER AND MINISTRY UPDATES:

- T. has found it difficult to be living out of a suitcase for so long, so she is happy to be back in their apartment in Egypt. They will remain there until the summer outreaches start. This gives them time to catch up on communication and with relationships within their home church and family.
- They hope to do training in Qatar and the UAE in the next months.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that they be settled in their apartment in Egypt.
2. Pray for the upcoming training in the Gulf countries for those interested in evangelism and going on the summer outreaches.
3. Pray that the right people will step forward to be on the summer outreach teams, people who will be bold, listen to the Holy Spirit and apply what they learn when they return home to their neighborhoods.
4. Pray that all the finances needed for the outreaches will come in and that suitable accommodations will be found.



Ethnos 360 – Ian and Abby Bates

Praises:

- we've received all of our documentation needed for the next year!
- Both Philip and Henry can now eat gluten!! Philip has outgrown all of his allergies except dairy and we are going to retry that one soon. This makes a huge difference for our food budget and also helps us to not inadvertently offend people by refusing all the food 😊
- Ian found a new language helper! It's a temporary solution as he's only local for a few months but the sessions have been going very well.

Prayers:

- for helpful evaluation feedback and for hearts that put our identities in the Lord rather than in the results (our evals are the week of April 29-May 3)
- for wisdom in managing Philip's asthma with spring pollen and all the dust from the wind
- for a skilled electrician to fix the problems with our house. We are having repeated issues with devices overheating or not functioning, outlets not working, and the breaker box sparking or making strange noises when we use large appliances. It's very hard to find skilled electricians here and while three different people have worked on it already, none found a permanent solution.
- for the three new missionary families who arrived this month - that the Lord will give them a smooth transition to living here in Mexico.



Kidstown- Rusty Polinder

No New Updates



New Life Ethiopia

No New Updates



Project 92 (SAIL)(Asak)

Praise:

- What is God doing? Leading Christian ministries to prioritize greater economically self-sufficiency for indigenous workers in anticipation of future increased persecution and difficulty getting outside support into India and Nepal.
- For what can we give God thanks? Four proven means of establishing economic stability for indigenous Christian workers: tentmaking initiatives; vocational training; income-generating projects (computer training centers, micro-enterprises; schools); country-based biblical teaching.
- Matthew did not share anything personal for himself or his family in our email correspondence.

Prayer Requests:

- Please continue to pray for India, which is - even as we speak - in the process of electing their next government which will be at the helm for 5 years. It is anticipated that the current government will be re-elected, and if that materializes, it is possible that the constitution of India will be rewritten and that India will become officially a Hindu nation. Life will become even more difficult for Christians, and Christian outreach, if this comes to pass.

- Pray that God will intervene, if he so chooses. If he does not, however, then please pray that he will give grace to his people, as well as courage and boldness, and that he will continue to use this season of persecution to refine the church and to grow his Kingdom in India.



Sunny Abraham (Great Harvest Bible College)

No New Updates



World Team – Peter and Sarah Hoang

Thinking about the Magic School Bus books and videos they read and watched with their own kids, Peter shared: “ I like to think that we are embarking on many adventures with these students that come for Vietnamese Literacy...these will change their life because Jesus will be the one in charge and the Holy Spirit whom they invite into their lives will guide them for the rest of their lives until they one day see God Face to face!”

He further states in reflecting on how the bus transforms to whatever transportation is needed to get the class to their next learning adventure: “ I like to think that we would be willing to be transformed too and be ready to be used by our Master so that the students and their parents would learn the Spiritual lessons that God wants to teach them.”

Praises

Testimonies of what is God doing:

A blessed Resurrection Celebration Sunday! We were pleasantly surprised to see some of the dads came and stayed afterward for fellowship and lunch.

Answered Prayers and thanksgivings:

The teachers, intern, and Sarah's parents are working well together. Sarah's mom recently challenged them to read through the Bible and even had a friendly competition and gave them gifts to encourage them on their pursuit of being in God's Word.

Sarah having regular morning Bible reading with Emma and encouraging her to reflect on God's words and Peter and Josh having in-depth Bible study together especially focusing on applying God's words in Josh's life.

Provision of housing and a car for their June/July home assignment and a "Rer-môk" (rickshaw-like that can be attached to a motorcycle) made possible through supporters.

Prayer Requests

How can we be in prayer?

PHYSICAL NEEDS:

- Strength during this very hot season;
- Protection for us as we travel back and forth weekly from the capital to Kampong Cham, with major road constructions 1/3rd of way;
- Sarah's complete recovery from her carpal tunnel surgery, which is 75% healed;
- That all is well on Peter's health check up this month.

MINISTRY:

- For wisdom, patience, discernment, and insight as Peter and Sarah continue in our discipleship with believers as well as with the two teachers and intern;
- For the believers understand, treasure and live out God's Word;
- For Teammates, Don and Tabitha (serving with the Vietnamese) and James and Nica (serving with the M-group), that God will raise up partners and provide the supports that they need.

PERSONAL:

- For children, Josh and Emma to grow in their love for Jesus and desire to spend time with Him personally;
- For discernment as we plan for our Home Assignment for the months of June and July.



Wycliffe - Steve & Jennifer Baughman

Praise:

- *People around the world continue to be trained through our almost-daily, field-focused online classes.*
- *We have had remarkably good health during two months of long workdays.*

Partner and Ministry Updates:

- Jennifer said to me when she heard that Rich reached out about this prayer meeting: "This is an extremely timely moment for your prayers."
- We are trying, by God's grace, to coordinate a massive training time of 4 days of training, then 4 days of conference, then 4 more days of different kinds of training. Every possible thing in the world can go wrong: sickness, travel issues, visa refusal, and even one time in 2020 there was a pandemic that caused havoc to our training conference. We knew that when the annual training conference rolled around it would drain a lot of time and energy from our team, who are still coordinating the almost-

daily training presentations on emdc.online, as well as emdc.blog, emdc.guide, emdc.live, and emdc.tools.

- The last 2 months have been frustrating to the point of almost wanting to quit because of problems with the EMDC conference registration process. Those who offered to handle it completely underperformed, which has caused me 12- to 14-hour workdays. Even that has not quite managed to salvage the good name of EMDC amongst the hundreds of people who regularly attend. Our little team has tried to do this with a good attitude (not easy without Christ's help!).
- As we are now entering the final stretch until we get on the plane on May 13th to head over to Thailand, we are around the 600 mark of registered participants from 165 organizations and 50+ countries, with more people registering every day.

Prayer Requests:

1. For good communication as our team of diverse nationalities provides administrative and logistical help for people from over 55 countries.
2. That the Lord will bring those that need training.
3. For Jennifer, Libbie, and Steve as they leave on 13th of May for Thailand.



Serving Ministries of Christ – William & Eva Hughes

Partner and Ministry Updates:

- There is an upcoming conference in June. Still recruiting helpers to make everything possible, so pray with us in that direction!

Prayer Requests:

- Monday Rodrigo and I hit the road south. So prayer for safety, good visits with Pastors, and that Eva gets the help she needs.
- Liam's eye has been swollen and sensitive to light for about 2 weeks Though the last few days seems to have improved slightly



Link NW – Paul Moffett

PRAISE:

Praise God for the continual flow of new contacts. As the ministry is just getting birthed, it is so important to spend time learning and growing and meeting people. These meetings are a joy, especially hearing the bigger picture of what God is doing.

PARTNER AND MINISTRY UPDATES:

The big event coming up is the CMA District Conference in Vancouver, WA. There is a special focus on mobilizing for mission on Monday, April 22. It is a stand-alone event. The regular conference begins that afternoon. I will be sharing about Link NW at both events. It should be a great time for networking and developing new relationships, as well as deepening already existing ones.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for me and April as we continue in this major life transition.
2. Pray that I will glorify God in all my interactions.
3. Pray for wisdom and guidance as we move forward step by step.
4. Pray that God provides the land or facility for Sojourner Home.
5. Pray for the 1023 Form acceptance.
6. Pray for personal funding.
7. Pray for the upcoming CMA Northwest District Conference (Apr 22-24) and the follow-up that comes from it.