

**Facebook Live Time of Prayer for Northeastern District IWs**  
**Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

**CAC Workers, P&C**

There was a devastating fire at a camp in our capital for internally displaced peoples (refugees of their own country from the north, many of these people have been chased from their homes). It burned everything. It started from burning a trash heap. 2,500 people live there. There are just 3 IWs in that city currently and they are doing a lot of relief, very busy, and working alongside the local church. Pray for those grieving family members, and for God's provision. May the church be a light to them as they are reaching out.

We would appreciate prayer for our teammates still in country, for peace amidst the changes. Covid-19 regulations are causing extreme poverty unfortunately, which is leading to more people joining jihadist groups, and more insecurity. Pray those groups would be exposed for what they are, and for God's provision for families.

I'll be 31 weeks pregnant so pray baby will stay in me at least till 35 weeks. I'm having a lot of "practice contractions", some extra amniotic fluid, and baby is breach so far. Nothing real worrisome but I'm trying to lay low. Thankfully P is an amazing dad to our 2 and 4-year olds and a big help with the house. Pray for strong faith to trust God no matter what comes.

**CAC Workers, K&K**

Because of the funding shortage for the C&MA we are unsure of when we will be returning to our host country. Pray for wisdom for our leadership, and also for God's provision and end to this virus.

A fire completely destroyed the shacks and belongings of over 300 displaced families in our area of ministry (West Africa)

Our oldest son is still planning to get married on July 19th. We are hoping, praying and trusting it will happen.

**Renee Valach, Bongolo Hospital in Gabon**

We don't have tests for Covid-19 here, and we are not allowed by the government to buy them. The praise is that there are no cases of Coronavirus here yet.

I was supposed to come for Home Assignment in July. The date for the borders to reopen for flights out of the country may not be for quite some time. Home Assignment could be postponed for quite some time.

Pray for us with the eventual arrival of Covid 19.

That Gabon and Bongolo would be spared the full force of the disease as in the United States and Europe. The health system here is much more fragile.

For our health and protection.

That we would shine God's light to fearful people.

Pray for the hospital finances, and decisions we may need to make if the situation continues.

Pray for Dieu Merci (doo merci). He is the teen boy who crosses the border (often on unofficial "elephant paths") from the Republic of Congo for his HIV medicines. The borders of Gabon are closed. He is already a month late for his medicine. I called his sister, who confirmed that he tried to come, but was sent back at the border. Other people were captured crossing the border and were taken directly to Libreville.

Pray for Pascal. He is a 15-year-old with HIV with severe anemia. His HIV is well controlled, but we can't find the cause of the anemia, and he has required multiple transfusions.

### **Mark & Kathy Eikost, Bosnia-Herzegovina**

1. Please pray for my mom. Being isolated in her senior facility is taking a toll on her emotionally as I'm sure it is for many people. She has a hard time keeping track of her phone which makes it almost impossible for any friends or family to connect with her on a regular basis. I am very thankful that my brother works at the same facility, but it's not the same as being able to talk to her 1 on 1. Pray that she would sense the Lord's presence and comfort.

2. Please pray for Ivan, a 65 yr old man from our congregation here in Zenica. He fell several times this week in his apartment and has injured his back. Please pray for healing. He lives alone and the idea of 3 months of bed rest is very difficult for him.

3. . We are still planning to fly home on June 25. Please pray with us that the airports will be open and international travel resumed.

### **Ed & Sandy Zogg, Dominican Republic**

We really just have a praises at this point.

God has given us an incredible food ministry during this lockdown time. We have been able to give out food to well over 200 families, 100 elderly, six pastors and their congregations and the local orphanage.

To date we have given out over 2300 pounds of rice plus beans, milk, tuna, canned goods, soup, sardines, pasta, oatmeal, oil, etc.

This is been a great opportunity for the gospel and Christ's love to go forward. God is good all the time!

## **Dave & Doris Strong, CAMA, Asia**

Praise:

We are thankful that we and our family members we are staying with have all stayed healthy!

We are thankful that CAMA staff were able to “get to where needed” as countries quickly closed borders the end of March.

Prayer Requests:

Two CAMA local businesses will take a hit financially as sales dropped considerably in their respective countries due to country wide lockdowns, closed postal systems, and no international flights meaning no shipping orders and no tourists to purchase products. Please pray for us as we determine how best to help the people affected by this bump in the road — and we don't know how long everything will last.

In our Asia Region alone, we are helping some local churches reach out to their communities as many earned only day to day wages for manual labor. The lockdowns in these countries meant no work for people who already lived on the margins. PTL that CAMA has provided relief funding for food and basic supplies and we were able to do it through the local church — even in 3 Creative Access Countries. Pray that this practical testimony of love will be an attractive witness and that the churches will grow in maturity and numbers through this process. Praise the Lord for COVID-19 Relief Funds being sent to CAMA allowing us to partner with more churches around the world.

As a family, as with many others, it is difficult to know how to plan for the coming months. We are scheduled to go back to Asia in mid-July and most IWs are waiting for further directives from the national office related to travel. Please pray for wisdom for our leaders and a clear peace for each of us facing transition during these times.

## **Stu Stemple, East Asia**

I just started a new job...one week into it. I work for a trading company and there is a worldwide crisis in retail...as you probably know. My own job is stable...but it is incredibly busy because I am the head of HR for a global organization that is going through such a crisis.

I am thankful to God for bringing me just at the right time...because I am needed, I am getting deep with the leaders of the company very quickly as we hunker down together.

Pray that I will be an encouragement, that I will be wise, that I will have favor and that I will be a testimony to my team.

## **Wayne & Suzanne Spronk – Bongolo Hospital, Gabon**

They are heading to Bongolo and are being told August for now. But there are so many unknowns. Pray for clear direction for us and our leadership to know when to send us.

Pray for our kids in the instability of transitions—particularly Pascal needing a job and a place to live after July, for Hosanna who wants to start boarding school in Dakar in August (but will we go?) and for Andre whose summer job just got canceled.

Pray for Wayne who is working with Covid patients in the hospital.

### **CAC Workers, K & W, Asia**

Our country officially closed its borders to all foreigners right after we returned to the USA. Even those who hold a valid visa like us cannot enter the country. I imagine it will remain closed until the rest of the world gets a handle on COVID-19 -- probably several months. For now, we can't get back to our apartment, belongings, jobs or school.

In addition, our future jobs in Kansas that were supposed to start this summer have been postponed due to the economy / virus. No one has any idea how long they will be delayed.

Based on both of these new developments, we will NOT be ending our service with the English Language sending organization on July 31 as planned. Thankfully, our organization allows us to remain employees one month for every year that we served. For us, that's 8 years, which equals 8 months. That means we can continue to remain on their health insurance and receive donations through March 2021. This will help us as we try to juggle this in-between adventure.

K is under contract to our University until mid-July, so he is teaching six LIVE classes a week. This means he gets up and teaches at 2am and 4am so he is live for his students!

Even though K is working and getting paid, all his paychecks are in a bank account back in our host country that we can't access at this time. In addition, we are still required to pay full rent for our apartment, even though we can't get back. We are trusting that He will meet our needs according to His glorious riches and guide us into our next steps.