



GLOBAL OUTREACH

SWG0 PRAYER REQUESTS - April 2021

Here are Prayer & Praise Updates from several of our SW Bible GO (Global Outreach) long-term workers. At swgo.team/longterm you can learn more about the ministry of all our GO Workers and access e-mail addresses to request the detailed News/Prayer letters for any worker. "Creative Access Nation" GO Workers send out News/Prayer letters via their own secure messaging services. You may email swbible@swbible.org to request to join their prayer support teams. The office staff will forward your request.

KENDRICK & ALICIA LAU, SIM

Kendrick has assumed leadership of SIM's Health Ministries Team (HMT). This includes direction of SIM's mission hospitals, medical ministries, and partnering ministries in over 70 countries. The Covid pandemic has complicated medical needs in the already very diverse ministry settings and emphasized the urgency for supplies. Beyond his SIM leadership role, Dr. Lau does on-call work as a physician at OHSU to supplement family income. Alicia guides their five children and works in several ministries at the church, and joins Kendrick in SIM's Leadership Training and Mentoring Program.

- Praise the Lord for the ways technology facilitates the Lau's workload.
- Pray for God's close presence and guidance of all the Lau's decisions as they serve Him.
- Pray for provision in SIM fields that are facing Covid without essential supplies such as vaccines and oxygen, and where Ebola, Yellow Fever, and Polio are additional threats.
- Pray for provision of a new Director for Galmi Hospital in Niger, and for the Niger Danja Fistula Center which needs funds and surgeons.
- Pray for God's gifts of enlightenment and understanding as we counsel and encourage others going through difficult times.
- Pray for God's blessing and guidance of the Lau's children, especially Joseph as he graduates from college.

PAUL & LINDA WILLIAMS, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Oregon

Paul is now finishing his Translator's Notes (TN) for Daniel, Chapter 10. When these notes are finished, they will provide guidance to indigenous Bible translators in Latin America. An estimated 165 million people presently do not have any of the Bible in their language. Recent contact with the Bribri--for whom Paul and Linda translated the New Testament--indicates that this tribal group has been hard-hit by the Covid virus.

- Pray that God will make use of the pandemic to build His Kingdom among the Bribri and in that whole area of Costa Rica.
- Pray for good progress on the Translator's Notes.
- Pray for additional people to join the Williams' TN Team.
- Pray that the Word of God would continue to bear fruit among the Bribri.
- Pray for the rapid advance of Bible translation around the world.

THE ROMANS PROJECT

The Romans Project brings us a variety of encouraging recent testimonies:

- Pastor Mubiana from Zambia completed the Romans Challenge and said, "The discipline of repeatedly reading the Gospel presented through

Romans and listening to it through the MP3 player has helped me to have a more steadfast and biblical approach as I lead my congregation. After Romans I have gone on to study 1 Peter. This has helped me as a shepherd to handle suffering in a godly manner."

- Mr. Pare', a student at a Burkina Faso seminary, completed the Romans Challenge and said, "At the beginning of the 20x reading through Romans, I seemed to be doing an intellectual exercise. As I progressed in the reading, I felt the Holy Spirit in me. I felt the presence of God as I read. I discovered my own weaknesses which I confessed to God, and I understood that salvation comes through Grace."
- Thirteen Sierra Leone pastors completed the Romans Challenge last month. One pastor testified that he had not previously understood the importance of scripture to the life of every believer.
- Lukas in South Sudan recruited 28 church leaders, including 17 evangelists, to the Romans Challenge. Evangelists are playing a big role in the rapid expansion of the church in Africa.
- Pray that all these pastors, teachers, and evangelists and those they influence will gain deeper understanding of the Gospel through the Romans Challenge. Pray that these leaders will speak the Truth boldly as they share with those who have not heard the Gospel yet. Pray for God's protections against the radical opposition of those who hate the Gospel Truth.

MARSHALL & CATHRYN BROWN, Czech Republic

The Czech Republic continues to have the world's highest Covid fatality rate, and the country has been in strict lockdown since March 1. This is giving Marshall the opportunity to invest time in expansion of the four courses of his 'Pastor's Training Program' for use in Bible instruction of African pastors involved in the Romans Project. Cathryn and daughter Hannah continue their Zoom group outreaches.

MATT MIRANDA, Iceland Project

Matt has had more than a year's frustrating delay in departure for Iceland due to Covid-caused Iceland border closure.

- Pray for the boldness of the few Believers in Iceland and for more people to know the Gospel through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the geologic stability of Iceland itself which is located in an active volcanic and tectonic zone. Since late February, over 20,000 earthquakes have occurred, with evidence of subterranean magma movement.
- Pray that Matt will be able to move to Iceland by this summer, to work in a recently established Bible church.

MARK & RACHEL HEATH, Samaritan's Purse, Kenya/temporary Liberia assignment

- Praise God, another aircraft mechanic is finally scheduled for May arrival in Liberia. This is a big answer to prayer, but please pray for a helicopter mechanic to also join the Liberia team.
- Please continue praying for renewal of Mark's Kenya work permit, which just expired.
- Pray that Mark and Rachel's busy time in Liberia will finish well.
- Praise God for His protection from Covid and for physical safety on the ground and in the air.
- Praise God our 3 children are growing like weeds.
- The Ebola Virus has resurfaced in neighboring Guinea. Pray that it would be contained there and not spread into Liberia.
- Keep praying that we would take advantage of opportunities to tell people about Jesus or encourage them in their walk with Him.

RICK & CAROL CALENBERG, SIM, Liberia, Africa

The Calenbergs have safely arrived in Liberia and happily moved into their home and into their teaching and leadership roles at the Evangelical Seminary of West Africa (ESWA).

- Please pray for consistent electrical power at the school. The school's recent hookup to public power turned out to be intermittent, and the

school's generator is still trying to carry most of the load.

- Pray for continued blessing in course teaching. Each of the profs has done a wonderful job both in person and mostly via Zoom.
- We are praying for God to lead qualified, godly leaders and teachers to ESWA. Pray also for godly relationships with both Liberians and fellow missionaries.

DANIEL & RONAELE HAMILTON, Japan

The Hamiltons have moved to a house about an hour's drive from their former location and much closer to stores and other facilities. This new area seems to be very religious, but with very few Christians and only a few small churches. Foreigners are rare here and there are no other missionaries, but the residents have welcomed us. The property has a large garden area to grow vegetables for ourselves and, hopefully to sell at local markets. Working in the fields gives us another connection with the locals, and we have met several neighbors in this way.

- Please pray that we will be able to connect with other Christians and that we will effectively reach the religious with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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