

# PRAYER SHEET April 1, 2020

## CHURCH NEEDS

- Pray for God to open doors to reach unchurched people and for us to step through those doors

## OUR COUNTRY AND WORLD

- The President and all elected officials and the decisions they make daily
- Pray for our military & their families
- Pray for those affected by the coronavirus & their families & the health care teams treating them

## INTERNATIONAL WORKERS

Creative Access Workers  
**Brandon & Bethany Nutter:** Dom. Rep.  
**G. David & Lou Ann Woerner:** Home A.  
**Stephen & Yire Woerner:** Japan

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

Jordan DeMarco, Josh DeMarco, Tim Hall,  
Caleigh McCready, Jordan Nichols,  
Courtney Proctor, Hope Watkins

## SHUT-INS / NURSING HOMES

**Clen-Moore Place:** Lois Jordan  
**St. Paul's, Greenville:** Gail Peoples  
(Sally Hiers' mom)  
**Quality Life Services:** Rob Forsythe  
**Home:** Marlene McFarland

## PRAYER NEEDS

- Ruth McGarvey & the family of LuAnn Leone- pray for God's comfort & help for those grieving LuAnn's passing.
- Elchison Family - pray for God's comfort, peace & help in the passing of Delores Elchison, Ted's mom
- Bob Shaffer's family- pray for God's comfort in the passing of his uncle, Eugene
- Marlene McFarland - pneumonia; in hosp.
- Zaviah - 9 month old in Cleveland Clinic for heart cond. (granddaughter o f a co- worker of Phoebe Hohn)
- Richard Kaufman -CT scan on heart Fridau; valve not working properly
- Ravi Zacharias - cancer in back; in lots of pain; starting treatment
- Cheyenne & Lincoln Walker - mom's in hosp; severe heart cond.; at Passavant Hosp.; infant born months early, 1 lb, 11 oz. at McGee's Hosp. (relatives of Bonnie Miller)
- Cathy Sanchez - physical need (Rob Polley's sister)
- Denny Bupp - cancer; undergoing treatment
- Gary Dobson - lung problems
- Larissa Jordan - stomach issues; appt. at Mayo Clinic in April (Lois Jordan's granddaughter)
- Charlene Emery - home now, gallbladder and kidney infected; (daughter of Chuck & Dorothy Heath)
- Brian Watkins - pain relief; shoulder rehab.
- Gloria Cowan - needs complete healing of her kidney or a transplant
- Josh Cortez - special care (nephew of Bruce & Joan Aiken)
- Rev. Larry Llewellyn- cancer; very weak; treatment started; Pray also for Terry, his wife
- Philip Medarac - family issues (Heidi Medarac's son)
- Stephanie Walker-Badorrek - immunotherapy/ chemotherapy (Susan Harrison's sister)
- Kirk Kaldy - physical issues (Aikens' nephew)
- Don & Kayleen Rispoli - physical issues

## ~~~ INTERNATIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS ~~~

### Alliance Prayer Requests - March 30, 2020

#### **Urgent Prayer Request--COVID-19**

Across the globe, U.S. Alliance international workers remain in over 60 countries, following local government protocols and restricting unnecessary travel. Some workers in high-risk categories for COVID-19 have relocated to where medical access is more readily available. As the situation is constantly changing, team members remain in close contact with their regional leaders. Pray for discernment, protection, and a new openness to the gospel.

**Adapted from the Alliance World Fellowship:** Pray for those who are on the front lines, including medics and caregivers. Ask for wisdom for governments and those in authority as they enact measures to limit the progression of the virus and protect local populations. Pray for those who are anxious, not only regarding health issues but also livelihoods, finances, loneliness, isolation from families, and more. Pray for Alliance pastors and church leaders as they engage in new methods to maintain community and spiritual growth in C&MA churches, such as livestream services and virtual small groups.

Intercede for Alliance church members who are reaching out to others and encouraging them in their times of need amid this difficult situation

#### **Africa Guinea**

During recent election-related violence, an Alliance church was burned; it's the same one that was set ablaze during ethnic violence in 2013. Pray that the members will be reminded that the Church is not the building but the people. Pray for encouragement for believers in this area and that they will find ways to be light to those around them.

#### **Republic of the Congo**

Intercede for Alliance international workers and the national church network as they begin lock-down this Tuesday. As of then, for the next month all people are being asked to stay home, only food shopping and essential commerce are permitted, and no driving is allowed. In a country where most do not have electricity and no means to store fresh food, this will make life very difficult. Congo also has a fragile health care system and many vulnerable people. Pray for God to bless His people with health, unexpected resources, and opportunities to share their faith with frightened neighbors.

Pray that God will miraculously provide the means to begin broadcasting messages of hope via the Christian radio station. There is no possibility of online church for most believers, but the ability to hear God's Word in their homes could make this a time of blessing for Pointe-Noire and surrounding areas. The government has also asked the media to help broadcast educational programming. "We are trying to work together with our Christian school to make educational options available for the children of Pointe-Noire, along with the weekly chapel Bible stories from the teachers of the Christian school," Alliance workers write.

Pray for an Alliance team member whose mother was hospitalized in the United States with a respiratory problem unrelated to COVID-19.

#### **West Africa**

There are now reported cases of COVID-19 in the country where the Women's and Children's Hospital is located. Please continue to pray for protection for the hospital staff from the virus and for much wisdom and good communication as they implement precautionary measures.

Praise the Lord that visitors and workers who needed to return stateside could do so. Thanks to all who prayed for a recent village outreach. "We saw good results, including the start of a new church in two villages," Alliance workers report. Pray that despite restrictions due to COVID-19, the team can continue ministry to these new groups and effective discipleship can take place.

Alliance team members are grateful to those who interceded for a week of chronological Bible storytelling in a village. Pray that God will continue to work in the hearts of those who heard the stories and that new believers will grow in their faith. Intercede for the pastors who will meet with them for literacy and discipleship classes.

Pray for Alliance church network leaders who made the difficult decision to suspend public worship for the next month. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead and inspire them to use technology and other small-group methods to disciple and encourage their congregations.

Pray for Alliance workers as they seek ways to help the most vulnerable in their communities. "We are working to secure food for our widows' group, but prices are soaring quickly and people don't want to sell large quantities," a team writes. "Pray that we can find a way to practically help these women."

Intercede for medical workers throughout the region, specifically for protection against illness and the ability to adequately meet the needs of the sick. "We thank the Lord for Christian hospital staff and chaplains," Alliance workers write.

Pray for an Alliance team that is seeking a way to finish their Bible school year. Pray that the students will not be discouraged and will use the time to study even if classes are not in session.

Alliance workers are grateful for the support of those who enable them to spread the good news through Christian radio. "We are also thankful that there is always a way to communicate the love of Christ, even when traditional means of evangelism are closed to us," the team writes.

## **Asia/Pacific** **Indonesia**

Pray for churches in Indonesia to show mercy and compassion amid the COVID-19 crisis. Intercede as well for Alliance teams as they work with CAMA to distribute soap and antibacterial liquids to those in need.

Praise the Lord for several open doors for visa processing.

Pray for the safe delivery of a baby to an Alliance team member and for good health for both mother and child.

## **Europe/Middle East** **Balkans**

Intercede for Kosovo as the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise. Last week, a vote of no-confidence passed, and the country's government is considered "dismissed" until a new one can form. This is a regular occurrence in the country, but the situation with the virus complicates what will happen next. Pray for leadership to navigate this crisis well and for God's protection on Kosovo during this fragile time. "Your Alliance international workers are safe, healthy, and staying home!" the team reports.

## **Italy**

Please join the Alliance World Fellowship in praying for Italy, which is experiencing the highest level of mortality among those infected by the virus (more than 10,000 deaths as of March

30) and that people will turn to God at this time. Intercede for unity and wisdom among the leadership of Alliance churches in Italy. Ask God to pour out His blessing on the Alliance family there during this tumultuous time.

## **Portugal**

The Alliance church in Portugal has been closed for two Sundays as the Portuguese government has required people to self-quarantine. The COVID-19 outbreak is more severe in the north, where Alliance international workers and the church are located. Pray for people's physical protection.

## **Spain**

Pray this week for medical professionals, the police, the army, and civil service workers who are putting themselves at risk for the sake of their fellow citizens; some have lost their lives. As in Italy, there have been many heroic stories of altruism and sacrifice.

Both life and ministry in Spain have been disrupted by COVID-19. "Thankfully, communicating, caring, discipleship, and restoring hope can still be done well and personally through the internet," says Field Director Tim Westergren. "We are not on pause! Being confined has opened the door for most of us to reach out to elderly neighbors. Pray for your international workers in Spain who communicate continuously with their economically vulnerable friends and immigrant neighbors. They are the most anxious but also the most receptive to consolation and Christian hope."

Thanks to all who prayed for the dozens of Alliance church members in Madrid and Barcelona who have suffered to varying degrees from coronavirus symptoms. While two other churches have members who were infected, "so far we know of no one in the Alliance family who has succumbed to acute pneumonia" Tim Westeren writes. "Pray that in these days of fear and anxiety, the Church will point people to the hope and refuge of our Good Shepherd."

Pray for Tim Westergren this week as he teaches the online INFORMA module Exegetical Methods.

Pray for international worker Steve Irvin as he recovers from a mild case of COVID-19, and for his wife, Claudia, who has not exhibited symptoms.

## **Latin America**

### **Mexico**

On March 23 many churches in Guadalajara went online for the first time. "We are so blessed with this means of communication available," writes Alliance international worker Janice Greenfield. "And believe me, we—like you—are using it to full advantage with our friends, contacts, church folks, and family. May God give us unusual opportunities in these days."

## **Creative-Access Locations**

Pray for the development and longevity of the maternity home for central Asian women facing crisis pregnancies. Ask God for more opportunities to impact the lives of these women and their unborn children. Pray that He will send volunteers with hearts to serve.

Pray for wisdom in how to adapt plans for Easter services and outreaches now that most churches can't meet because of restrictions related to the pandemic.

Intercede for a worker suffering from a frozen shoulder who started physiotherapy. Pray that she will regain movement and for healing of all affected body parts. Pray that the worker's English students will be open to God's Word in the texts they read, ask more questions, and come to faith. Pray also for her son, who has cancer and is receiving chemotherapy for the next six months. The first five days after receiving chemo are difficult. Pray that he will respond to God's grace and receive Christ as Savior.