

*Prayer needs from our Mission Partners during this time of Crisis updated 7/5/20*

*Thailand Now (formerly Thailand Methodist Mission)*

During this time of crisis in Thailand, St. John's you were generous and compassionate, by remembering the Blessing Home children and your Thai brothers and sisters who were unemployed and had no means to purchase food for their families. We and your Thai Christian family are deeply appreciative of your faithful giving to Thailand NOW mission during this time of trial.

Please pray for Thailand NOW missionaries David and Allie Houle, who serve as Field Directors for all the Blessing Home Centers. Because of COVID-19, the language school which employed them part-time and provided a visa for them had to close for good. The Houle's are scrambling to set up a business and do a lengthy process so they can receive new visas. The **deadline is July 31** (unless the Thai government chooses to extend due to the COVID-19 crisis) for the Houle's to finish this process and receive new visas. Your prayers are needed.

God we seek your provision. Thailand Now is currently receiving only 10% of normal funding. Phase One of the new Training Center is currently on hold. Provide Mike and Sherri with connections while they are in the US even though they cannot travel among their supporting churches due to covid19.

Pray for Mike's Dad and Sherri's mom to stay healthy and safe from COVID-19 as they also recover from recent health problems. May the whole family be drawn closer to you Lord.

*Stand at the Crossroads Ministry*

We lift up the women at Crossroads who each had a plan with a job or school and a new home. Please help them not to be discouraged by the delay this virus has put on their plan and help them to persevere through the additional challenges of this time. Ask God to meet these specific needs: 4 cars for the four ladies without transportation, volunteers to maintain and clean the property and work on the fence, teachers to possibly help with children if they do not return to the classroom in August, a deck to be built on Grace House, a garden shed for Grace House to store yard tools, a roof over the Grace House patio, and prayer partners to join the Monday prayer meeting at 10am.

*The Williams Family serving in Ethiopia*

Pray that God will make it very clear to them when the family (N, H and A) can return from South Korea to their home in Ethiopia. The most challenging aspect which we need prayer for is that my family would not return to Ethiopia prematurely only to have to evacuate again if the Coronavirus situation in Ethiopia spins out of control (as many have predicted for months that it will). Pray for strong internet connections which allow them to communicate daily. Continue to bless Your desire for the Hararri Muslim's to come to know Jesus.

*Life for Children Ministry – Kenya*

It is our prayer that as a ministry we could be of help to our orphans, widows and the community we work with and ask God to provide the resources to procure masks, soap, hand sanitizers and water containers fitted for washing hands. There is a government curfew for all people from 7pm-5am. Hotels, restaurants, schools and colleges, some government office and other private sectors have been closed or some working from home. Pray for understanding and wisdom and for God to guide all through this time.

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*ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving)*

Ask God to meet their specific need as they carefully and intentionally search for volunteers who can fill the immediate needs in client services:

1. Help with Food Pantry which includes placing orders for food, monitoring inventory, assure paperwork is documented
2. Volunteers for Food Pick-up
3. Volunteers for Furniture Pick-up
4. Volunteers in the Graniteville Resale Store

Safety of our volunteers is our utmost consideration. Face masks will be required for the foreseeable future and as a precaution, persons with underlying medical conditions are discouraged at this time.

*Carolina Honduras Health Foundation*

Upon cancelling team trips, one of our major concerns was providing maintenance medication to diabetic and hypertensive patients. God provide a source for these medications or a quick means for them to be shipped to Honduras. Pray for continued stable health for those awaiting medications.

Pray for God's help and guidance as they set up a telemed system. Please provide the funds, equipment, technology knowledge, doctors and pharmacists and all that is needed.

*Grace Kitchen*

May God spread the word that Grace Kitchen is now offering breakfast "to go". Give us wisdom to make the right amount of food to serve those who come. May each person feel your love. Please give us wisdom when to return to a full breakfast in the gym and to offer the loving fellowship we all need at this time.

*Christ Central*

Pray for the youth summer enrichment programs – for God to provide mentors, teachers and transportation and for the children to grow and learn. Give the leaders of Christ Central wisdom and guidance as they help those who come to their door and as they look to programs in the future. Show them the timing to begin the Kids Club and provide the adult volunteers needed especially a youth director. Please continue to protect the volunteers and those they serve from covid19. Lord, continue to meet the financial needs.

*Christian Union Sports Club*

It is a great time to witness...people are very sensitive and seeking. We pray for connections to be made as their coaches, via online, are in touch with the kids and families. We ask God to intercede to move greatly in hearts in Medellin, Colombia, and around the world...Pray for revival in the hearts of this world! We lift up the coaches and the soccer families as they navigate during this difficult time. Please meet their needs.

*Aiken Habitat for Humanity*

Thank you for thinking of us! St. Johns is a wonderful partner; we are truly blessed to have you. Aiken Habitat is gearing up for the new year for us, which starts July 1<sup>st</sup>. We are planning to build 3 homes this coming year, we are having to cut back due to the COVID pandemic. Our biggest need is home sponsorships. Please pray for that, it cost us \$89,000 to build a home for a very deserving family and we hope to raise enough sponsorship this year to pay for all three. So yes, please put us on your prayer list!

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*Honduras Agape Foundation*

As schools and businesses shut down, please provide for the HAF families and children. Help Maynor to find bulk food to purchase. With no safety nets like we have in the US, this will be a very difficult time for the people of Honduras. May the people turn to God and find their souls satisfied.

*Helping Hands and Epworth Children Home*

Pray for the residents of each of these homes. We pray for these children and youth to learn about Jesus, so they grow in confidence. We pray for all the children in their care to graduate from high school and these programs will guide them to a better future. We seek God's provision for all of the summer activities to keep the children active and motivated. Give the those in charge a creative mind and the volunteers needed.

*Life Choices*

May they continue to "transform one life at a time" through sharing God's love and Word with the women and families who seek their help. Please show them how to safely continue to serve during this unusual time.

*Epiphany and Kairos*

May those in prison know they are not forgotten. We pray for those in prison who are followers of Jesus, and may they have the boldness and the words to share Jesus love with their fellow inmates. We pray for guidance and strength for the chaplains of each facility.

*The Artisans in SE Asia – now in Aiken*

Give thanks for their safe transition to their new assignment in Aiken. Please give them wisdom and guidance as they serve on a team to train and promote the model of "business as mission." May their years of experience in South Asia continue to bear much fruit for the Kingdom. We thank God for providing temporary housing upon their return to the US, leading them to a home to purchase on Kalmia Hill and the most recent gift of a car. Their heart is still with the people of South Asia and we join them in praying that Artisans would encounter Jesus and His love and power amidst all the pressures and unprecedented challenges they are facing. Please pray with us that as the "landscape" of South Asia changes, God would usher in a new wave of trust and hope in Jesus to counter the fear and heartache.

MAY ALL HEARTS BE DRAWN TO JESUS.