

**24.** At the end of March, DeeDee and Mark Landes and their three children left their home in Colombia two months early. Pray for the family as they grieve the unplanned separation from their friends and as they begin to adapt to life in Kansas.

**25.** *Meserete Kristos* College provides biblical training to prepare leaders for the Anabaptist churches in Ethiopia. Pray that the faculty, staff and students will shine with God's light in their communities as the college has had to send students home in response to government decrees regarding COVID-19.

**26.** Pray for protection and God's wisdom for all workers and partners who continue to minister in sensitive locations.

**27.** Sue and Wally Fahrer provide an Anabaptist-Mennonite witness in many denominations in the United Kingdom. Pray for them as they model a non-anxious presence in the current climate of fear.

**28.** C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz worship with German- and Spanish-speaking churches in Paraguay. Pray for them as they mentor members of these congregations as well as share the good news of Jesus through business chaplaincy and spiritual direction.

**29.** Pray for the Dhamtari Christian Hospital and the Emmanuel Hospital Association in India as they care for the physical and spiritual needs in their communities.

**30.** Bekah York decided to stay in Colombia. Pray for her as she continues to perfect her language skills and asks, "How can I sing praises in this time of exile?" (Psalm 137:4)

**31.** A family engaged in sensitive ministry in France have recovered from COVID-like symptoms. Pray that they may offer hope to their neighbors in these difficult times.

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# Prayer Vine

*Connected to the true vine:  
Together, sharing all of Christ with all of creation*

Dear Praying Friends,

Mission Network's prayer materials are written several weeks in advance. In our current situation in which the world is changing daily, be open to the prompting of God's Spirit as you pray for each day's request. For more current news, see Mennonite Mission Network's website and Facebook page. As you pray for us here at Mission Network, we thank God for your prayer ministry that sustains God's work around the world, and we pray for your health and the peace that passes all understanding.

With gratitude, Lynda Hollinger-Janzen



APR-2020

1. Mennonite Mission Network administrators request prayer for wisdom in continuing God's ministries of healing and hope in ways that do not expose personnel and partners to undue risks in exposure to COVID-19. All travel and in-person public gatherings have been canceled or postponed. Ministry continues through online connections.
2. Praise God that international guests celebrating Ecuador's partnership ministry anniversaries were able to leave the country before borders closed Mar. 15. Pray for Mission Network personnel Jaden Hostetter, the family of Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton, and the Ross Richer family, who chose to remain in Ecuador.
3. One group serving with DOOR's Discover program left their urban experience early to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Other groups planning service-learning trips over spring break have been canceled. Pray for the young adults who are grieving the loss of this opportunity to build relationships.

- 4.** Our Mennonite partners in Kinshasa, the capital city of the Democratic Republic of Congo, request prayer for the 12 million people who are quarantined in the city to protect the rest of the country. Pray for our brothers and sisters who live from day-to-day and can't pay rising food prices.
- 5.** Laura Schlabach said, "Thank you for your prayers for our work permit visas." Each JCS expatriate worker had their visa extended for the coming year. Laura is also grateful that Mongolia has been able to restrict the transmission of COVID-19. Pray for the witness of the Mongolian churches.
- 6.** Praise God for Noelia Fox's recovery from COVID-19 and protection for Brian and their three daughters in Spain. Pray that God will provide as the family reconfigures their English-language school due to closure during the pandemic.
- 7.** Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and three of their children are in Tena, Ecuador, with travel between provinces banned and limited access to the Internet. Pray for their health and for all the people of Ecuador.
- 8.** In March, Service Adventure closed all units and encouraged participants to return home. Pray for the young people who are grieving an early ending to their experience in community living and service. May they continue to find ways to share God's love in their home communities.
- 9.** Join the *La Casa Grande* family, a children's home in Benin, in praying for their country. COVID-19 has not spread widely due to early total quarantine measures enforced by the national government. Pray for the economic crisis, which results in no income for people who live day-to-day.
- 10.** Pray for mothers around the world, especially those who struggle to provide life's necessities for their children. May we share what God has given us, acknowledging that we are all part of God's one family.
- 11.** Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher are on a sabbatical year, as Jae Young writes a book and Karen and their children are with family in Pennsylvania. Pray that the family will be reunited as Jae Young is unable to leave South Korea due to closed national borders.
- 12.** Praise God that Alisha and Josh Garber are being led by 4-year-old Asher in finding joy despite the strict COVID-19 quarantine in Catalonia where they are in ministry with Barcelona Mennonite Church. Pray for them as they find creative ways to engage with their neighbors.
- 13.** Pray for Sophie Miller as she readjusts to returning to the United States abruptly and grieves the loss of her work and relationships in Guatemala ended by COVID-19 quarantines.
- 14.** Mauricio Chenlo, Mission Network's minister for church planting, is exploring ways to help established congregations join in the creation of new peace churches. Pray that the Sent Network will find innovative ways to follow God's Spirit when conferences and in-person mentoring are not possible.
- 15.** Mennonite Voluntary Service administrators are in communication with local unit leaders and are monitoring situations with each community. Pray for participants as they learn patience in intensified unit life and for those who have returned home earlier than expected.
- 16.** Nigeria Mennonite Church has 45 congregations. Pray that Mennonites will find ways to live out the good news of God's love in the fear inspired by COVID-19.
- 17.** United Mission to Nepal's rural hospitals, Tansen and Okhaldhunga, are in desperate need of protective equipment for health workers, COVID-19 tests, and hospital equipment. Pray that God will provide what is needed and peace to overcome fear.
- 18.** Living in France with a ministry in West Africa, Martine Audéoud praises God that each member of her family has recovered from COVID-19. Pray for them as they regain their strength and that God will work powerfully through them in a time of physical weakness.
- 19.** Pray for the leaders of *Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia* (Colombia Mennonite Church) as they find ways to support their members and neighbors during COVID-19 hardships.
- 20.** SOOP has canceled assignments until June 1. Pray for God's provision for community organizations in Canada and the United States that depend on volunteers to carry out their ministries.
- 21.** Praise God for a successful medical intervention in March by Congolese Mennonites in responding to the storm-ravaged city of Ndjoko Punda. Pray that this experience will give them a head-start in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in Kinshasa.
- 22.** On Apr. 7, Japan declared a month-long state of emergency. Pray for Mennonite churches, their ministries, and workers in Japan: the families of Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp, Mark and Stephanie Bartsch, and Angela and Tomoki Yamanaka.
- 23.** LCC University Summer Language Institute in Lithuania normally begins in July. Pray for Robin Gingerich and other administrators as they attempt to make plans in a constantly evolving situation due to COVID-19.