



In every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6



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Words to live by:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Rom:
15:13



Birthdays:

March 12 Dr. Cindy Van Andel

Telling number: 1,641

conversions were reported at Luke Society ministry locations in 2019. It's a 77 percent increase in conversions from five years ago, and 6,176 lives have been given to Christ over the last five years.



Listen up:

March is a busy month for Luke Society mailings. Be on the lookout for the Spring Luke Society News and our latest fundraising letter coming out this month.



Dr. Alex Suquen talks to community members about taking a stand against government injustices.

Guatemalans learn about civic rights

By Nathan Stob

PATZUN, GUATEMALA—It is difficult to imagine life without water. No water to wash your clothes or dishes or body. No water to drink or water your crops or feed to your animals.

High in the mountain village of Quisache, Guatemala, outside of Patzun, the people do not have a water source. The rain brings some relief, but mainly they depend on hiking down the mountain to a neighboring village which has dug a well, or they purchase their water from delivery trucks.

Digging a well is possible, but expensive. It involves hiring a specialist to locate where there might be water, then bringing in equipment to drill 40-70 meters into the earth in hopes of hitting water. Villages that have pooled their resources together enjoy easy access to water and also save about a day and a half of wages each week. Drilling sounds like an obvious solution, but is not easy when you are barely making financial ends meet.

Luke Society ministry director, Dr. Axel Suquen, is helping these villages get clean water. He gathers communities together and teaches them how to petition the government for water and about their rights under the law so they can expose government injustice and misspending. Oftentimes this results in the government finishing community wells that have been started years ago.

Pray for Dr. Axel and his staff as they train people how to fight for their rights. Pray for the multifaceted ministry Dr. Axel runs in Patzun, from training in political rights to running a clinic that sees more than 4,000 patients per year to operating a successful pharmacy. Pray for the many Luke Society ministries that work on holistic care, ministering to people physically, mentally and spiritually.



Prayer & Praise



Asia

Regional

Pray for the continent of Asia as it deals with the outbreak of the coronavirus. The virus has impacted the lives of many. The Luke Society has a ministry in China as well as eight others in Asia. Pray that the ministries would be protected from a direct impact.

Habaraduwa, Sri Lanka

Dr. Avindra Jayawardene is one of the newest Luke Society directors and recently left his job as a professor at the local university to serve the underserved. Avindra has cleared brush on a piece of property where he plans to build a new clinic.



Africa

N'Dali, Benin

Give thanks for the 13 cleft palate surgeries that were conducted at the ministry. The surgeries also provided evangelism opportunities. Also, at a new site called Wabaoudo, 40 people gave their lives to Christ.

Kampala, Uganda

Pray for the country which has experienced a locust outbreak. The locust are eating many of the crops, raising concerns about food availability for the people.

Eastern Europe

Lugansk, Ukraine

Pray that promotions implemented, including cooperation with private doctors and laboratories, will bring more patients to the new clinic. Also give thanks for a recent mobile clinic to Novocherkassk, Russia.



Latin America

Chilimarca, Bolivia

In the last week, the community has experienced a large landslide with water, mud and rocks toppling several homes. Some families had to be rescued from their rooftops. Pray for the safety of the people and for those who have lost property.

Jalapa, Mexico

The ministry has lost several medical employees in recent months and is in great need of replacing a doctor, psychologist and nutritionist. Pray that the Lord would provide replacements at the ministry.

Cayes-Jacmel, Haiti

Dr. Erol Rene has been encouraged that the political turmoil in his country has died down somewhat. However, the economy remains in extremely dire straights. Pray for better economic stability in Haiti.