



# Global Allies in Prayer

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



## Words to live by:

"Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all."

Col. 3:11



## Birthdays:



- July 6 Dr. Israel Hernandez
- July 11 Dr. Julius Surjadi
- July 12 Drew Vogel
- July 17 Kurnia Tulung
- July 19 Dr. Nestor Salavarría
- July 27 Dr. Alex De Jong

# Telling number: 1,500

Patients seen at the Agape Community Care Center in Habaraduwa, Sri Lanka, in April despite the continued circulation of COVID-19.



## Listen up:

Do you have a prayer request? We'd love to pray for you, too.

Send requests to [deb@lukesociety.org](mailto:deb@lukesociety.org).



## Ukraine director's message goes viral

By Nathan Stob

**L**UGANSK, UKRAINE—Dr. Alexander Shevchenko, one of three doctors directing the Lugansk, Ukraine, ministry, was isolated in May in the infectious disease hospital for a positive COVID-19 test. Shevchenko wrote to us that these were challenging times as he was isolated from his wife, Irina, who was in another ward with a positive test, and from his three children, who were temporarily placed in a children's hospital.

Shevchenko wrote that he felt "disappointed and discouraged" during this time when his "family was temporarily torn" apart. But he said, "the Lord showed mercy to me. He came and supported me. I continued reading the Scriptures, and little by little I began to communicate with [patients] on spiritual topics. At some point in time, one of the roommates noticed that I was calm and different from the other patients. I understood that the Lord was working. I saw the Lord touching people. They asked questions." He went on to hold services in the hospital where people prayed, sang psalms and the story of salvation was shared.

These truly are difficult times in Ukraine and around the world. I do not want to minimize the pain many people are experiencing around the world, yet, I also believe that God is at work through these trials. Let us pray that someday we will all be able to say alongside Dr. Shevchenko, "I am grateful to God for all the trials that He gives, because...after them, we become a completely different quality. Faith is strengthened and we are tempered like steel, becoming suitable for the services that the Lord has prepared for us."

Let us pray that God works through the trials the world is facing right now. May the Luke Society ministry directors and their staffs be strengthened to do the Lord's work, and may God pour out his mercy upon them as they labor to bring the hope of Christ to our profoundly broken and hurting world.

*"God put me in the hospital for a specific purpose — to bring the Gospel to people, to help, support and comfort."*

— Dr. Alexander Shevchenko



Dr. Alexander Shevchenko and his wife, Irina, contracted COVID-19 in May and had to be separated from children (L-R) Dominica, Victoriya and Liliya. They've since recovered.



# Prayer & Praise



## Eastern Europe

### Transcarpathia, Ukraine

Pray for Dr. Laszlo Vacko, a doctor at the Christian Medical Center in Munkacs, Ukraine. He developed COVID-19 and has pneumonia in both lungs. Pray that the Lord would be gracious to him and allow this virus to pass quickly.



### Naryn, Kyrgyzstan

Pray for Mahabat Jhuzmambetova's ministry as the government is cracking down on nonprofits receiving money from outside sources. Pray for wisdom of how to deal with this issue.

## Africa

### Kinshasa, DR Congo

Dr. Hyacinthe Tudiabioko recently had a scary situation when his home was attacked by criminals seeking money. The criminals were unable to get in, but the family was traumatized, and has hired a security officer to guard their home against future incidents.

### Kasei, Ghana

Dr. John Oduro-Boateng asks for prayers for unity among his staff after some recent struggles caused a level of division. Pray that the staff would be of one mind and vision as it serves the Lord together.

## Latin America

### Regional

Pray for two of our directors who are going through transitions in facilities. Dr. Johnny Belarme (Rafey, Dominican Republic) is moving to a new building within his community, and Teodocia Paredes Cabrera (Chilimarca, Bolivia) is looking at relocating her operations to a new village in her region.

### Metapan, El Salvador

Continue to pray for Dr. Abigail Ramirez who works with Dr. Beatriz Navidad. During the process leading up to the birth of her daughter, Dr. Abigail contracted what is likely COVID-19. The baby, Reina Sofia, is healthy and with her father, but Abigail remains in the hospital. Pray for her healing.

## Asia

### Eastern Indonesia

We give thanks to the Lord for a new member in the Luke Society. Congratulations to directors Rani and Kunia Tulung on the birth of Hananiel Elyon on May 2. The family is in good health and enjoying time together.



### Southern Laos

Give thanks for the recovery of our ministry director in Laos who was hospitalized in May for a severe sinus infection. Pray that there will be no occurrence of the infection.