



Global Allies in Prayer



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:

“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward.”

Phil:
3:14-15



Birthdays:



- Jan. 1 Assoumane Mahamadou
- Jan. 2 Dr. Beatriz Navidad
- Jan. 4 Dr. Greg Kuiper
- Jan. 9 Marty Ozinga
- Jan. 10 Rev. Chan Thleng
- Jan. 17 Dr. Martin Luther Osse
- Jan. 24 Dr. Mark Veenstra

Telling number: 7,000

refugees are living in temporary shelters with daily rations discontinued in a camp where Dr. Kapil Mishra recently conducted medical work in Nepal. Pray for conditions to improve soon.



A girl in Quininde, Ecuador, prays at a Luke Society ministry project location. (Photo by Dan Breen)

Year ends, but not world's troubles

By Nathan Stob

Our goal in writing the GAP newsletter each month is to help you, our faithful prayer partners, focus on particular requests from Luke Society ministry directors. This month we would like to say thank you on behalf of all of the ministry directors.

As you know, 2020 was a particularly challenging year around the world. In addition to running a medical clinic, ministry directors faced additional trials. COVID-19 challenged many Luke Society clinics and also devastated world economies. There were multiple hurricanes which hit ministries in Central America (Guatemala, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Haiti). Government corruption left people in poverty, straining their ability to pay for medical services (Uganda, DR Congo). Stability was pressured by war (Ukraine). Growing suspicion of Christianity resulted in persecution (Kyrgyzstan, Laos, China, Egypt, Nepal). Rebel groups threatened ministries as they attack Christian groups (Mali, Niger, Indonesia). There have been increased kidnappings (Haiti, Cameroon).

These challenges are real, yet, somehow God provides avenues for Luke Society ministry directors to continue touching lives. Thank you for your prayers, which open doors and allow ministry directors to persevere in the face of adversity.

Please continue to pray to the same God who healed Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:41). Call upon the heavenly hosts, which were revealed to Elisha's servant (2 Kings 6:17). Ask the Holy Spirit to fall on all who hear the word of truth (Acts 10:44). You truly are a partner to the work in each ministry – thank you!

If you know of someone else who would be interested in receiving updates and praying, have them e-mail the Luke Society office at office@lukesociety.org.





Prayer & Praise



Latin America

Jalapa, Mexico

Keep Latin America Regional Coordinator Dr. Jose Luis Guerrero in your prayers. He has been suffering through some kidney ailments in recent months. Pray that his doctors will get the issues under control.

San Juan, Guatemala

Dr. Israel Hernandez is making plans to construct a clinic for his ministry base. Pray for the plans and that they would follow the Lord's calling for his goals as a ministry director. Pray also for the funding to come into place.



Eastern Europe

Transcarpathia, Ukraine

Continue to pray for the daily work that goes on at the clinics in Munkacs and Vilok. COVID-19 has complicated how the clinics function and the number of cases continues to rise. Pray for the team and that they would be able to endure these times.

Rivne, Ukraine

Co-directors Dr. Oleg Kolbach and Vitaly Korsunsky are grateful their families have overcome COVID-19 and are encouraged by a recent increase in rehab patients.

Africa

Segou, Mali

Pray for the discipleship efforts being led by Dr. Bourama Sidibe. There are security issues that face Christians in Mali, but Dr. Sidibe is a soldier for the Gospel and desires to change the face of the Muslim context of the culture. Pray for the safety of all who are committed to the work of Christ.



Nairobi, Kenya

Perhaps no Luke Society ministry has been more negatively impacted by COVID-19 than Dr. Tom Olewe's ministry in Nairobi. There has been much stress in the ministry. Pray for these friends.

Asia

Southern Laos

Give thanks for the recent mobile clinic and health care workers training event held by our Laotian director. All those assisted came from persecuted churches.

Habaraduwa, Sri Lanka

Pray for Dr. Avindra Jayawardene as he serves the medical needs in the community while also balancing his responsibilities with his family and with the construction of his new clinic. Pray for building resources to be available at reasonable costs.