

Prayer

Reaches the World



MCBC Mission Prayer Guide 2020

Pray now more than ever...

*The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;
He delivers them from all their troubles. – Psalm 34:17*

At the beginning of 2020, the Mission Committee chose to base our work in prayer first, resulting in our theme of “Prayer Reaches the World”. For without seeking God first, how would we understand how God wanted us to reach this world? We began a weekly prayer time where we pray over all of the global workers we support as well as the short-term mission trips and training plans we were beginning to form.

Then the COVID-19 pandemic came and turned all of our plans upside down. Instead of sending our church out to serve around the world, all (but one) mission trips were scrapped. Although everything remains uncertain, the one thing that remained was our committee’s weekly prayer time, which is still going strong.

Even though international travel has grounded to a halt, MCBC’s global workers have not stopped serving their communities around the world. It has not been an easy year for them, and more than ever, the best way to take part in God’s exciting kingdom work is by praying.

How to use this guide

- Read the global worker updates with your family, friends or small group and join us in praying for them regularly.
- Check out the easy-to-use online mission prayer apps and websites on page 28 to engage in God’s global work through prayer.
- Contact mission@mbccanada.com to get involved!

Global Worker Updates and Prayer Needs



Carol Vuong

Serving in Taiwan
with SEND International

My ministry:

In the mission field, the pandemic turned into a wonderful opportunity for evangelism. God used several regular meetings to encourage early retired believers to go to the villages to share the gospel with villagers through caring visits. May the gospel repel the forces of darkness and enable the villagers to surrender to the One True God.

Prayer needs:

- Pray for the 6 brothers and sisters who were baptized in September 2020 and ask the Lord to give them wisdom and strength to be disciplined. May they grow vigorously like saplings, learning to love participating in worship on Sundays, and to live a life of communion with the saints.
- I give thanks for an open door to evangelize at the Fuxing Community Care Center. Pray for the Lord's spirit to sow good works in this service, and pray for God to save the lost souls.
- Pray for the 5-year land acquisition and construction plan of Guanfu Muyi Church, which will run from 2020 to 2024.



Rev. Conrad and Fiona Kwok

Serving in Northern Thailand
with Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM)

Our ministry:

Our ministries in Northern Thailand include:

- Equipping and training Kingdom workers through teaching in a Bible school and discipleship training centre.
- Partnering with Operation Dawn to help drug addicts to regain new lives.
- Involvement in Community Development in remote Lahu villages in the Myanmar mountainous region.
- Leading as team leaders for the CBM Chinese ministries team that oversees the work in Germany, Hong Kong and East Asia.

Prayer needs:

- Please pray for our spiritual and physical health, so we may serve the Lord in a way pleasing to Him.
- Please pray for members of our Chinese Ministries Team, for God to grant us the wisdom to serve.

Get involved:

Any short-term mission team is welcomed!



Esther Ho

Based in Toronto
with OMF

My ministry:

I went on a member care trip from January 12 to 21, 2020 before travel restrictions were imposed and the city and country were locked down due to COVID-19. The office building was closed to the public from March 24, 2020. Most of our work shifted online. I continue to connect with people via email or SKYPE and go to the office at least once or twice a week to help out with the finance team. I took over the mailing out of the monthly China prayer letter (about 500 copies) because volunteers are not allowed to come into the building to help out. The closing of borders resulted in some colleagues being delayed from returning to the field. We will continue to work in this mode until the pandemic is cleared.

Prayer needs:

- Pray for God's help to enable us to be creative, flexible and open to ministry opportunities.
- Pray for those suffering from the effects of COVID-19. May they experience God's healing and comfort, and put their trust and hope in God for their future and destiny.
- Pray for those going through transitions and need to change ministry locations, and/or ministry plans.



Gladys Mok

Serving in the Greater Toronto Area
with Fight4Freedom

My ministry:

Fight4Freedom continues to experience a lot of growth with increased number of staff, increased number of sex trafficking survivors we support, deepening of outreach relationships and gaining momentum in ways to minister to men impacted by sex trafficking and the sex industry.

Prayer needs:

- Pray for the potential start-up of outreach teams in New Brunswick and British Columbia.
- Pray for connections with the Niagara and Simcoe region prison chaplains to discuss the potential of prison ministry there.
- Pray for protection in all areas as 2020 has been a challenging year physically, emotionally, spiritually and financially.

Get involved:

- **FabFeb:** Our annual awareness and fundraising campaign. People can wear bold lipstick, bright ribbons, or colourful bowties through February in order to initiate conversation about the realities of sex trafficking. Check out: <https://www.fight4freedom.ca/fabfeb.html>
- **Freedom Fighters Conference:** Each April, we host a conference in Toronto to help educate people on sex trafficking in our world. Check out: <https://www.fight4freedom.ca/freedomfighters.html>
- **Walk4Freedom:** Each fall, we gather to walk and pray for the end of trafficking in cities around the world. All proceeds raised go to funding our outreaches, survivor care, and operating costs. Check out: <https://www.fight4freedom.ca/walk4freedom.html>



Dr. Jesse and Priscilla, and Ethan and Oliver Wong

Serving in Rwanda
with Commission To Every Nation (CTEN)

Our ministry:

COVID-19 does not stop painful teeth! Here at our clinic we are busier than ever, being a witness of loving compassionate care to Rwandans living in the capital. We recently had several dental students come to observe while having the person of Christ shared with them through testimony and life example. We are thankful for the reputation we've been blessed with. May it open more doors to witnessing to more patients and dentists in Rwanda!

Prayer needs:

- Another Korean American retired missionary dentist has moved to Rwanda and we are partnering together to train dentists. Please pray for opportunities to expand a combined purpose.
- Pray that we would be filled with the Holy Spirit to endure and be effective in our witness.
- Please pray for our fellow Rwandans who are suffering from hunger and lack of employment due to COVID-19.

Joanna Yee

Serving in Toronto
with Rahab Ministries

My ministry:

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we do ministry. Many of the women that our Rahab team ministers to have lost jobs. Normally our ministry includes meeting individually with these women to provide support and practical assistance, but because of physical distancing and lockdown, we changed to delivering groceries to their doorsteps instead. We also put the Massage Parlour visits on hold but we reach out to the parlours via phone calls. Looking forward, we are developing outreach using social media.

Prayer needs:

- We recently rescued a young woman from a trafficking situation. Please pray for her recovery process.
- Pray for our new social media outreach initiatives.
- Pray for our financial needs as the need of the women we helped have dramatically increased and we need more fund to help them.

Get involved

This year we will not have physical Massage Parlour caroling due to the pandemic. Instead, we invite supporters to upload short caroling videos and when our staff goes out to drop off Christmas gifts to these parlours, we will show these caroling videos to the workers.

You and your church can still bring Christmas joy to these workers in a safe manner. Check out <http://rahab.yugta.ca/> for more information.



Rev. John and Ruth Chan

Based in Toronto
with Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM)

Our ministries:

2020 is the year of COVID-19. John's ministry changed from flying to visit mission fields to working from home and contacting CBM missionaries and partners through Zoom. While some of the mission ministries were limited because of the worldwide lockdown, the COVID-19 relief ministry is thriving. CBM provided over \$600,000 for COVID-19 relief to our partners in 14 different countries and helped thousands of households with PPE, soap, food and sanitation baskets.

Ruth's ministry has also gone "online", where she held 22 Seminary On The Air (SOTA) student meetings, reaching out to students in Brazil, Germany, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Spain and across Canada.

Prayer needs:

- Pray for flexibility in ministry during COVID-19.
- Pray for the financial needs of CBM and Trans World Radio (TWR) Canada through this economic recession.
- Pray for Ruth as she deals with a fracture in her left foot.



Rev. John Loh

Serving Mexico and Latin America

My ministry:

Under this pandemic, we really feel overwhelmed. The new normal has brought us into a new habit. It has also brought us to try new ministries. The new way requires prayer and waiting.

Prayer needs:

- Colombia: To meet the needs of the Chinese church in Bogotá, Colombia, 8 co-workers formed a preaching team and shared the stage via Zoom. The church in Bogotá is responsible for worship, praise and other activities. Pray that the Lord will be kind to all the co-workers who contribute.
- Bolivia: At the Holy Cross Chinese Church, the online Cantonese Bible study has completed a study of Philippians. In early August, they started to study 1 Corinthians. Praise God that Brother SF led the Bible studies, and that 2 Mandarin-speaking people joined in as well.
- Mexico: Because of the pandemic, those who were already poor have become poorer, and so serving the community has become an even more important church ministry. The relief project of the Chimalhuscan Church, with the support of two churches and a few companies, has contributed more than US\$3,000 to assist 160 children and families.
- Praise God that despite the pandemic, six sermons and three mission meetings can be shared on Zoom for those in Toronto.



Jon and Elaine Winter

Serving Thailand and Asia
with SEND International

Our ministries:

Even though COVID-19 has delayed our return to Asia, God has allowed us to serve both the Asia field and our global SEND family. Between many video interactions every week with missionaries both in Asia and other countries and our training (Jon is almost done his clinical counseling degree, and Elaine is taking coaching and spiritual direction courses through Tyndale), we are very busy. Most of our appointments are early morning and late at night as we connect in Asia, but we are so glad to be helping others through this stressful time.

Prayer needs:

- Thank-you for praying for energy and endurance as we serve at odd hours here in Ontario and wait for the Thailand borders to open. We are praying that we will be able to fly to Thailand shortly after Christmas!
- Thank-you for praying for us as we seek to know how to best care for our global workers in Asia so that they are able to bring the message of Jesus in powerful and effective ways.
- Thank-you for praying for our children and grandchild (Aaron/Eli/Levi, Jacob/Tess, and Ben); pray they would stay deeply connected to Jesus.

Get involved:

Because of quarantine requirements, returning to Thailand will require a \$4-5,000 stay in a quarantine hotel. We also need about \$15,000 for a vehicle and household setup.



Rev. Joseph Wong

Based in Toronto
with SEND International

My ministry:

During this pandemic, I have been using Zoom to conduct Sunday services and discipleship for the Chinese Diaspora Ministry in Russia since the first week of April. I have also been using the internet for a mentorship program and also to give a theological course for the leaders in Italy.

Prayer needs:

- Pray for resuming ministry ASAP.
- Pray for our physical and spiritual health that we are able to serve our Lord.
- Pray that God will use the Chinese Diaspora Ministry to reach those unreached and to give effective discipleship to disciple makers.

Get involved:

Would MCBC form a short-term mission team (Mandarin speaking) for participate world missions? There will be an opportunity for service in July/August 2022, with 2021 being a year for preparing and training.



Kathleen and Colin Wassenaar

Serving in Cambodia
with Engineering Ministries International
(EMI)

Our ministries:

Kathleen continues to use her engineering skills to lead design projects with EMI, and is also in charge of discipleship within the office. Colin runs a small moto repair shop where he trains and disciples Cambodian mechanics.

At this point, plans for 2021 are much the same as this past year. We do hope that travel restrictions will ease so that we can accept interns and volunteers from other countries in the office.

Prayer needs:

- For the church of Cambodia to stay rooted in God's Word and bold in sharing the gospel.
- For us as we both have many responsibilities in our roles, including managing others and leading discipleship, and we are often fatigued.
- For God to continue to be our Rock and our lives to be steeped in His Word.



Rev. Keith Lee

Based in Toronto
with GO International

My ministry:

We cancelled most of the short-term missions and on-field ministries during the pandemic since March. We connect with our missionaries and upload their sharing about the mission field on our website (www.gointl.ca). We also connect some supporting churches to serve the mission fields online. We celebrated our 25th anniversary on September 26 over a webinar setting. We have posted the celebration on our website as well.

Prayer needs:

- Pray for the challenges during this pandemic. We have to freeze salaries for all staff and missionaries for 2021.
- Pray for our new trend of hybrid ministry in both online and on-field mission settings.

Get involved:

There are a few online meetings in 2021 that you can participate in:

- Early January (date TBA): Hudson Taylor Legacy
- January 28: Intercultural Missions Webinar
- March 25-26: North America Roma Ministry Conference



Kit Ming Koo

Serving in Richmond Hill
With Living Water Counselling Centre
(LWCC)

My ministry:

In response to COVID-19 and as the virus continues to circulate in the community, LWCC has provided telephone and virtual counseling, online workshops and new podcast programs to extend our services to more people who are impacted by the pandemic.

We received emergency funding from the government to provide one free single counseling session to assist people with emotion distress, mental health and family relationships challenges to cope positively and effectively during the pandemic. We also received funding to provide training in elder care and activities to help reduce the feelings of isolation and loneliness.

Prayer needs:

- We praise God for His presence, faithfulness, protection and provision of guidance in this special challenges of COVID-19. Pray that we continue to obey what the Lord requires of us: “to do justice, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with God”.
- Pray for His provision of partners and supporters who share the same vision and mission of LWCC as well as financial resources to enable us to carry on His healing and compassion ministry for the restoration and transformation of life and relationships.
- Pray that God will continue to guide LWCC and use us as the vessel of His healing and empowerment to our service receivers through our ministry of psychotherapy, Marriage & Family Counselling, Psycho-social-mental-spiritual education, care-giver and professional training and spiritual formation programs.



Lewis, Felain and Caleb Lam

Serving in Germany
With Canadian Baptist Ministries
(CBM)

Our ministry:

We have resumed our physical Bible Study and Worship in Goettingen and simultaneously have our virtual worship with other 3 places in Germany. All the planned New Student Reception outreach and Christmas Outreach will be held online.

In 2021, if the pandemic gets better, we plan to come back to Toronto during summer time, and hope that we may come to share in your congregation face to face or online.

Prayer needs:

- Please pray for Germany and the whole of Europe as COVID-19 cases keep increasing without signs of stopping. Recently, the daily cases in Germany broke the record high (7,830 on October 17).
- Especially pray for our health as we still need to contact and connect with others physically.
- Please pray for our son Caleb as this is the last year of his high school and may God lead him for his further study.

Mark and Anita Cassidy

Served in Canada and Asia
with CrossWorld, now transitioning to volunteering

Our ministry:

We want to thank you for your very faithful support and prayers over many years in partnering with us as we have served in Taiwan, Canada and Asia, and recently here among international students. We are severely limited because of the COVID-19 rules. Most physical classes at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus are not being held, neither can we hold a face to face club. Instead, Lord willing, we desire to volunteer to serve these students nearby at Fellowship Church Rouge Park.

God is the One who takes our efforts and makes it grow for His kingdom. This is our confidence together. "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." (1 Cor. 3:6)

Thank you for being behind us so faithfully as we transition to being volunteers. We know you will press forward for the gospel around the world.

Prayer needs:

- Pray for international students Albert, Simon and Camille to grow as disciples and disciple another student.
- Pray for Mark's foot to heal. The last four months have shown minimal healing from an injury.



Rev. Peter Chan

Based in Toronto
with Grace to China
International

My ministry:

Teaching and mentoring more seminary students and potential missionaries.

Prayer needs:

- Pray for renewed vision, passion, stamina, and love as a cross-cultural mission mobilizer and teacher.
- Pray for my preparation and writing of an article on cross-cultural mission to be published on CCST (Canadian Chinese School of Theology), Tyndale Seminary festschrift. (Deadline: End of June, 2021)



Pius and Eliza Hau

Serving in Panama
with GO International

Our ministry:

We continue to gather online for weekly worship, Sunday school, fellowship, and also for daily prayer, praise, and devotion. Some newcomers have joined our Wechat group. Praise the Lord!

Prayer needs:

- Please pray for God's continued protection of brothers and sisters and their families.
- Please pray that brothers and sisters continue to hang on to God, seek His will, witness their eternal hope, and share the gospel.
- We have recently restarted weekly student outreach using Zoom. Please pray that everything goes well so that more students are brought to Christ.



Randall Mah

Based in Toronto
with Wycliffe Bible
Translators

My ministry:

This past year has limited my role in Mobilizing and Recruiting missionaries since I am unable to meet with potential missionaries and church leaders.

We will continue to monitor and evaluate when that will begin again. The Kairos course and other training courses called The Unfinished Story and Empowered To Influence by Simply Mobilizing have been offered and are conducted online and will continue into 2021.

Prayer needs:

- Pray for my wife Rita who is a front-line worker nurse in a long-term health care hospital and also as she continues to teach nursing students.
- Pray for our two children, Tabitha who is now in 4th year university studying Linguistics at the Glendon Campus of York University and for Jairus who is in his 2nd year studying Culinary Management at Centennial College.
- Pray for my role as I have more access to people in more remote areas with the online version of the Kairos Course, and pray for wisdom to know how to encourage and support them after the courses are completed.



Rev. Stephen and Nightingale Liu

Serving Eastern Europe
with SEND International

Our ministry:

Due to COVID-19, SEND Canada stopped all short-term mission teams. We kept in contact with churches on the mission field through WeChat or Zoom. There were 2 seminary courses in Kiev, one in April and the other in October with about 19 students attending.

Thanks for your prayers and support.

Prayer needs:

- For God to allow graduation and teaching at Kiev Seminary in April 2021 if COVID-19 is under control.
- For strength to continue supporting churches on the mission field through WeChat and Zoom.

Get involved:

If COVID-19 is under control, we need a team of 4-6 people going to 2 churches in Russia for evangelism, games and biblical teaching at a students' retreat between September and November 2021.



Timothy Ho

Serving in Waterloo
with Power to
Change

My ministry:

Power to Change Students has been adapting to online platforms to reach students. Currently, in the Waterloo region, we have started to run weekly meetings, small groups, and socials all online with around 20 - 30 students on average @ Wilfrid Laurier University (with around 6 new first years) and 50 - 60 students on average @ the University of Waterloo (with around 15 new first years). My role has also significantly been focusing on 1 on 1 discipleship with 6 guys, working with the annual budget for the Waterloo Region, managing relationships with local churches, managing technology, and managing the online Alpha program we are doing with the University of Guelph, University of Waterloo, and Wilfrid Laurier University.

Prayer needs:

- Pray for the students as some of them find it so hard to balance school and home life, as their day to day life seem to just blend into each other.
- Pray for more first-years to come and reach out to us.
- Pray for more outreach opportunities as we are currently connecting with local churches in Waterloo.



Dr. William Tsui

Based in Toronto
with Trans World Radio
(TWR)

My ministry:

Trans World Radio's China ministry has basically moved to online ministry, and all of our discipleship training, preaching and Bible study training have moved online since March. COVID-19 didn't affect the learning of the students of Seminary on the Air (SOTA), and we have graduated a total of 53 students and still have 1734 active students.

I will be stepping down as the Director of China Ministry beginning January 2021 and we have set up this leadership team of 3 (pictured) to pick up my responsibilities at TWR. Beginning January 2021, I will be the Ministry Strategist and Trainer for the China ministry of TWR and will continue to assist the leadership team to lead in the coming years.

Prayer needs:

- Three missionaries in Canada can't return to China due to COVID-19, so pray that China will open her border soon so that these missionaries can return to China.
- It is more difficult to do training online. Pray for patience and wisdom so that the trainers can provide the needed training effectively.
- Pray for protection of our staff in China who work in a challenging context.

Updates from the Creative Access Nations Workers

Due to the sensitive nature of the ministries of these workers, we are using pseudonyms for their protection. Please lift them up in prayer!

David

Serving in Asia

We did not receive an update from David this year, but please continue to pray for his ministry in serving the poor and equipping the church in Asia.

Greg and Debbie

Based in Toronto

Our Ministry:

Debbie continues to serve full-time as a missionary based in Toronto and Greg supports her ministry as a tent maker. She continues her role as the ESL Evangelist Program Co-ordinator for an ESL ministry, ministry co-ordinator for an overseas teaching ministry, and a ministry coach in her “company”.

Prayer needs:

- Greg: Wisdom to write computer programs that can help churches function more effectively during COVID-19. Growth in the young adults whom he is mentoring in leading the study of the Word.
- Debbie: For physical and mental strength as she ministers long hours online and sometimes in person to 70 ESL students in Toronto, also leading a team of 13 teachers in reaching students in southeast Asia online.
- Their 2 children: For safety as they attend school during COVID-19.

Get involved:

More online ESL volunteer teachers are needed.

Gretel and Jill

Based in Toronto

Our ministry:

Time is flying. We have been back to Toronto for more than 6 months. Due to COVID-19, we couldn't go back to the field as we have scheduled. However, we thank God for this precious time and enjoyed so much being here throughout the summer since 2001.

God turned bad things into good! To our surprise, we have received Preschool and Super Seminars training on webinars from the States during this period of time. We also had opportunities to do Preschool ministry in person throughout the summer. Right now, we are waiting for the door to become open again.

Prayer needs:

- Please pray for a new visa to enter the mission field.
- Pray for the needs of the Preschool ministry and ask God to open the door for us.
- Please pray for Gretel's waist and Jill's frozen shoulder. It has improved somewhat, but we still need His mercy.

Get involved:

We need to form a team to translate our organization's literature from English into Chinese.

Luke

Based in England

My ministry:

I continue to co-lead the team which oversees the 30 national offices of a large agency that recruits, prepares and sends workers to more than 50 unreached countries all over the world. I also teach Islamic studies in a Christian university/seminary. We are also very involved in teaching, worship and leadership in our local church.

Prayer needs:

- Two of our daughters are in university and one is in her last years of high school. Pray that they may know and trust God in their new experiences and challenges.
- Pray for wisdom to facilitate many non-Westerners to give input, shape and contribute fully in an international agency that has mostly Western personnel, culture and history.

Missions Resources

Even if we're stuck at home during this pandemic, you can get involved in missions work around the world. Check these apps and websites out!

Just Beginning

Prayercast

<https://prayercast.com/>

Sign up to receive prayer videos on the nations of the world, and visit the website to read descriptions of the political, cultural and spiritual landscape of each country. It's easy praying along with the videos!

Unreached of the Day Website and App

<https://joshuaproject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday/today>

Download the app to learn about unreached people groups around the world and join others worldwide praying for these groups daily.

Getting Deeper

Let Me Be Your Neighbour (Crescent Project)

<https://www.crescentproject.org/letmebeyourneighbor>

Gather your family or small group and do a 4-week video discussion series which explores how to engage our neighbourhoods more intentionally.

Dive In

The Embassy (Crescent Project)

<https://www.crescentproject.org/embassy>

Share Christ in closed nations through your phone! Make connections with Muslims and share the hope of Jesus with them.