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Online Sunday Gathering



Keep in Prayer

Emily Harwood- Emily's ANC is back up so she is back to getting chemo. Please pray for her to tolerate the treatments well, and for it to be effective. Pray for her and her family's encouragement and peace.

Lorilee Padgett- (Denè Joubert's mother)- Lorilee was able to take a nice walk (with help, of course) and take a full shower and wash her hair! She has ups and downs but continues to show signs of improvement. Thank you for your continued prayer support. Lorilee also wants to thank you for all the cards and notes of encouragement. She is enjoying all the mail.

Sharian Johnson- Sharian became ill and was tested for COVID-19; thankfully it was negative! Please pray for her health and her therapy for her ankle.

Mandie Strom- Mandie will be having surgery the first week of May. Please pray that God would calm the hearts of her girls as they anticipate their mom's surgery, and for quick and complete healing following the surgery. Mandie also requests prayer for Lillian McPoland, as she picks up the slack of all the custodial responsibilities at the church during Mandie's absence.

Year-to-Date Giving as of April 26, 2020

General Fund Needed: \$232,586 Received: \$178,010

Global Outreach Highlight

Luis & Vanessa Lopez– Tanzania

Ethnos360

An update on how things are going here due to COVID-19:

The last weeks have been so different for everybody here in Tanzania; a lot of the expat community has already gone, including a lot of families from our Ethnos360 team. This was quite a shock for us since we sometimes feel abandoned, but at the end we decided to stay. It is still hard for us to understand the way people are dealing with the pandemic in this country. This is a place where people are used to seeing death as a part of life due to different diseases; mainly Malaria. People often wait for 3 months to name their newborns because they often die due to malnutrition. With that said, COVID-19 maybe is just a different disease that could bring more deaths, but authorities think it is not the worse (at least for now). Churches are still having service; in fact, for the last 3 weeks I've preached at different places. This week we decided to stop going to the services since cases are going up around our community. The strategy to face the pandemic definitely looks quite different from other countries.

With that in mind we are asking God for wisdom in order to know the best ways to help the community. Obviously, we can stay at home without problem, but we feel God is putting in our hearts to be his hands and feet, to reflect the light and hope from Jesus in the midst of the uncertainty. We are giving out hundreds of reusable masks (made by locals) around our community. This is the first step for us during the pandemic in order to engage more with our friends and people around us. It seems it is not going to be enough, but it will be a beginning. Expert projections indicate that in May the pandemic is going to hit Africa making it the new epicenter, so please keep us in your prayers since the scenario is not good for Tanzania and its people.

Overall, we think we are doing well, living every day with its challenges by God's grace. This situation is new for all people around the globe. As a family, facing this pandemic in a different country, different culture and different perspective, it's been a challenge that is taking us through a journey of ups and lows. But as I said we are staying in His word, believing that He has a purpose in every single situation.

The kids are doing well; Caleb is learning a lot about God, sometimes feels sad but gets happy when he remembers that a littler one is coming soon. Vanessa is doing well; her pregnancy is going normal. The due date is June 4th. Sometimes we get stressed with the uncertainty of how the situation will be by June (not knowing if private hospitals are going to keep working even with the pandemic).

Please join us in prayer:

- ◆ For spiritual, physical, emotional health, for God's protection in every situation.
- ◆ For wisdom in order to discern what our role is as missionaries during the pandemic, asking God for the best ways to bless the community around us, and the best timing.
- ◆ For God's grace and mercy being manifested to the people in Tanzania.
- ◆ For Vanessa's pregnancy and the delivery of the baby, may God prepare everything we need to have the baby with no problems.