



May 2020

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Deuteronomy 31:6

COVID-19 – Please pray for those who are affected by COVID-19 and our efforts to help the most vulnerable. Pray for our partners in Africa and India, as we work with them to prevent the spread and mitigate the effects of COVID-19. We are working in many communities to deliver supplies where needed most, and collaborating with local churches, governments, and clinics to ensure that lives are saved.

Pray for our partner staff, that they would remain healthy and able to serve. Pray for those who have lost loved ones, at home and abroad, that God would comfort them. Pray that we would not be a people of fear, but of hope and trust in God.

Locusts in East Africa – East Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan, and Somalia) is facing the worst locust outbreak in decades. News sources mention swarms of "biblical proportions." These locusts pose serious threats to families in these regions and are able to strip fields within minutes.

Please pray that God would kill these locusts or drive them into the sea or desert. Pray for protection not only for the families we work with, but all the families in these countries. Please pray that if required, we are able to provide the food necessary to help those who don't have enough to eat. Pray for governments to be able to help, especially during these difficult times of COVID-19.

India – India and its 1.3 billion people are still locked down to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This has a dramatic affect on India's massive poor population, as they often rely on daily labour to buy food and essentials. Now millions are stranded and riots are forming in some cities. Please pray for peace and that India will be able to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Pray for the government, that God would give them wisdom to navigate this difficult situation. Pray for our partner churches that they will be able to continue to provide COVID-19 training and relief, as well as food, to communities who need it most.

South Sudan – Our partner in South Sudan asks that we continue to pray for the success of ongoing projects during the midst of COVID-19. They are still active in food assistance and sexual and gender based violence counselling to hundreds of women who have been abused. Program modifications have had to be made due to COVID-19.

Pray also for peace in the country which has a long history of war. Pray that the peace agreement formed earlier this year will be implemented successfully.

Lebanon (Syrian Refugees) – Pray for the health and protection of staff as they continue to work on providing healthcare services to Syrian refugees. As you can imagine, COVID-19 is a big threat in crowded camps and although no spread has been recorded yet, we pray for God's continued protection. Please pray for wisdom and planning in implementing



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project activities during the reality of movement restrictions, social distancing, and economic challenges.

Sierra Leone – Our church partners ask that we pray for God's continued protection in the midst of COVID as the number of cases continue to increase daily. Pray for all staff in the region as they continue to engage communities in COVID-19 education and hygiene promotion. Pray for churches in the area – especially young believers – for the grace of God upon their lives, by staying in the faith and relying on God.

DR Congo – Please pray for our partners in the Congo as they work to continue to provide farming training to struggling farmers in the midst of COVID-19. The DR Congo has been riddled by internal violence, Ebola, and crop disease in the last 5 years and COVID-19 is just another item in a long-list of many. It is the last thing they need. Please pray for their ongoing protection and resilience as the people there face another challenge.

Tearfund Family – All members of the Tearfund family, made up of 11 countries, have been affected by COVID-19 in some way. Please pray for our response, for wisdom, guidance, and discernment as crucial decisions are made.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank – As world hunger increases due to COVID-19, pray for families going through this pandemic hungry. Pray for those who have lost their jobs and livelihoods and are struggling

to feed their families. Pray for those who have lost their loved ones, homes and hope. Pray for those who are settled in refugee camps where conditions are crowded, and those who rely on food assistance for their daily food—from school meals, rations or food banks. Pray that Tearfund Canada, alongside other Foodgrains Bank members and their partners, are able to continue providing their essential food assistance to families facing both COVID-19 and hunger.

Thanksgiving – Thank God for the continued generosity of our donors and churches who continue to give during the uncertainty for COVID-19. It is hard to overstate how much we appreciate this ongoing support and it is such an encouragement. We also thank God for all of those who join us in prayer and walking with us as we look to help the most vulnerable.

Supporters and Canadian Churches – Please pray for all of our supporters and churches, many of whom are struggling in various ways during this unprecedented time. We pray for protection and provision for all our donors and supporters. Pray that the Canadian church would grow stronger during this time and be a light throughout Canada and that faith would deepen.