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Psalm 46:1-2

India – In late March, the Indian government put the whole country in lock-down due to COVID-19. This has caused hardship for its massive poor population, who rely on daily labour to buy food. Millions of labourers are now walking home hundreds of kilometers on train tracks to get home to their families because India's massive train network has been shut down.

Pray for compassion for the poor and that the government's aid package and food will actually reach the neediest in this vast country of 1.3 billion people. Pray for the Saura and Pakur tribes, where we work, that they would be kept safe and get their daily needs met. A number of them are believers, pray that they along with the churches will be salt and light in their communities.

East Africa – A new generation of locust is about to hatch and has the potential to create swarms in the millions. If not addressed now, they might devastate country crops and cause starvation. Pray for the countries involved and that there would be a generous response to Food Aid Organization's appeal to fight this scourge that hasn't been on this scale for 50 years.

On a positive side, praise God for the early rains seem strong and steady, so this bodes for a good harvest if the locusts are kept in control, and farmers stay healthy.

Ethiopia – Pray that the Lord keeps people healthy, and that those who fall sick, will be assisted by others in this predominantly Christian area. Pray that TDA is able to work with the local churches and savings groups to spread public health awareness about this looming pandemic.

Kenya – Pray for wisdom for our partner Fadhili as they continue to manage and implement our new savings and agricultural projects. Pray that God will help guide them during a lock-down due to COVID-19 and the possible Locus outbreak. Pray that God would be glorified in this nation where the majority profess to be Christian.

Tanzania – Pray that COVID-19 would not spread in Tanzania where healthcare systems are dramatically unable to cope with such a crisis. Thank God that various donors, volunteers and staff in our local church partner there have already been able to meet and make pre-emptive plans. Praise God that crops look good in this dry region, especially among the many farmers we are training.

DR Congo – Praise God that our agricultural and savings projects are doing very well among 1,000 families where we work in North Kivu. Praise god that the rebels have retreated and are not harassing our communities and that Ebola is almost eradicated after one and a half years.



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Please pray to the Lord for mercy as COVID-19 poses a serious threat. It is the last thing the people in this nation need after so much turmoil. We pray that the virus would not spread here, and that our partners are able to do educational training to communities. Church services and other large gatherings have been banned since late March, so pray for the Christians to reflect Jesus during this time.

Liberia – Over the last 5 years, Liberia has suffered so much from poverty, war, and Ebola. Pray that COVID-19 would not spread here. There are only 3 lung ventilators in the entire country of 5 million people. Furthermore, these ventilators are not even in public hospitals but in private institutions. Pray that the healing of God Almighty come upon the people of Liberia; they are going through a trying moment, God should strengthen their bodies and spirit. Please also pray for the churches of Christ in Liberia so that they are able to receive the power of God to lead their communities through the difficult times.

Colombia (Venezuelan Refugees) – Pray for our children feeding program which had to change the way it operates due to COVID-19 restrictions. Before, over 600 children would be fed at churches, now the food has to be delivered to them in the small make-shift shacks they live. Pray that the food would continue to go to the mouths of the children, and for the mothers who had to resort to desperate measures to feed them before.