



## October 2020

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."*

**Psalm 121:1-2**

**COVID-19** – We thank God for the generosity of our donors, that enables us to respond and help alleviate the impact of COVID-19 around the world. But many of the countries we work in are still suffering from COVID-19, not only due to sickness and death, but the harm it brings to the economy, causing economic hardship and food insecurity for millions. Pray for these families, that God would protect them and provide for their needs.

Pray for governments as they continue to battle the pandemic, that God would lead and guide them. Pray for us and our partners as we serve and reach out to those families who are in great need. The world seems very dark with everything that's happening right now, so pray that people will cling to the light of Christ and his word, and not lose faith.

**East Africa** – Over the last few months, regional rains have been heavy in East Africa, but the fall season is expected to be very dry. This, combined with the complications in production and marketing of food due to COVID-19, and locusts early this year, will lead to food shortages, and higher prices. Please pray for food security and provision across East Africa. Pray for good and moderate amount of rains in October until December so farmers will not lose their crops.

**DR Congo** – Our partners in the DRC are asking for continued prayers for peace and harmony, as they still face internal violence and tensions. Pray also for the people's safety and good health as they also face the pandemic. Pray for the families affected and have lost someone, that God's mercy, grace and comfort would be upon them.

**Lebanon** – Please pray for the people who have been affected and are left homeless by the tragedy in Beirut, as they continue to rebuild from the ashes while mourning their lost loved ones. Pray for those who are trying to find solutions and resources to rebuild the country's economy and restore stability and peace, that God would guide them and give them the wisdom in making the right decisions. Pray that God would use the churches in reaching out to those people, and that God's glory would be seen even in the midst of the chaos.

**India** – As India continues to contain one of the highest number of COVID-19 cases in the world, our partners are asking for prayers for health and safety as they continue to serve those in most need. Pray that all their planned response programs will be implemented and funded so they can help the most vulnerable in this time of great distress.

**Latin America** – The impact of Covid 19 on the Latin American economies has been devastating. Advances built with effort over the past 20 years evaporated in just months. Political tensions are on the rise and there is already a sharp increase in violence in countries like Colombia and Bolivia. Let us pray that God brings provision to the needy and wisdom to the leaders of these countries. Pray for the people's protection and strength, that God will be with them as they face all of these challenges.

**Give Thanks** – Despite all the news, God is faithful and we have hope in him. Praise God that we have been able to start a few new exciting projects that have the potential to lift 10,000s out of poverty.