

Supported Worker Prayer Letter

May 2021

Thank you for praying for our supported workers in a very challenging time in our world. We believe that prayer is powerful and effective and your support is greatly appreciated.

Shane and Ruth: Disciple making in Northern Spain



A description of our work is: "Building into disciples who make disciples; empowering new and old believers to invite others to meet God in the Bible in simple and reproducible ways."

This has looked different during the pandemic, but Shane and Ruth continue to invest in national believers and rise to the challenge of discipling in a region and community that does not know Jesus. Prayer is vital to this type of ministry.

Prayer Points:

- Praise for God's care and provision.
- For a united prayer movement across denominations.
- For our oxygen group members to be actively inviting people to discover God in the Bible.
- For protection and sustenance for our team in the many struggles and challenges of life.
- For our kids; spiritual, educational, physical... all areas.

Ben and Manje: SIM Mongolia



Serving in Central Asia, Ben and Manje work with university students as teachers and mentors. Benjamin also provides pastoral care, vision, direction, and leadership for the mission team. They are moving into a new phase of ministry as they return to Central Asia – now a family of three. Manje is now seeking the Lord's guidance as she considers how to build a ministry among the young mothers, many of whom were her former students.

They are temporarily serving in India, having been trapped there by COVID travel restrictions and unable to return to Central Asia. Benjamin has therefore been teaching the university courses online.

Prayer points:

- Praise for the churches and individuals who are generous and faithful in their prayer and support as we together continue to serve the living LORD amid uncertainty.
- Thanks to the Lord for opportunity to visit some of our supporting churches and share the word. (here in India)
- Thanks for answered prayer in provision of our daughter's passport on time and please continue to pray as our visas are processed.
- Pray for Benjamin as he juggles teaching and team leading which require online lectures and meetings in an area with slow Wi-Fi and frequent blackouts.
- Pray that, as we preach and share about our work at churches, believers will be challenged and encouraged to strengthen their relationship with the Lord!

Kath:

Local School Chaplain



The role varies. Including running a gardening group , a breakfast Club , Lego group and the Buddy Balcony .All these groups assist kids with their social skills and hopefully help them connect with each other so that they have another new friend in the playground .

Kath also run Rock and Water (a resilience program) and social skills groups for the younger kids .

The support the GBC so generously gives enables Kath to do extra hours which means more time connecting with kids (like getting to go on camps) more time after school connecting with parents (Going to the P and C meetings) and more time connecting with the community (organising the wonderful volunteers) so thank you GBC.

Mentoring and building relationships in 2 local school communities.

Prayer points:

- Praise continued support from the P and C.
- Praise for a wonderful supportive staff team
- Praise for GBC continued support
- Prayer for the many families that are experiencing family breakdown and the impact that is having on the kids.
- Prayer for the kids that struggle socially at school. Pray that I would pick up on it and that they would find friends that would value them.

Brett and Gill:

Action Sports Ministries and Christian Surfers



As the Founder/Advisor I continue on the global leadership team, Mentor national leaders, am part of the Asia Pacific team supporting Japan and Indonesia, initiating the Olympics outreach, initiating local CS mission, working at leadership development

Prayer points:

- Wisdom mentoring many leaders
- Japan is the worlds largest unreached surf population but is struggling, pray for that national mission and Olympics outreach.
- Multiplying mens ministries particularly growing groups that will raise up more mentors
- Gills new role and impact in developing material that can be transferable and transformational
- New Surf and Art Festival initiative for south NSW coast May 22nd
- Favour for more financial resources to flow into action sports ministry development

Andrew: Jesus Racing and Life Choices



The Life Choices Foundation directly IMPACTS the lives over 20,000 High School students and around 1000 gaol inmates. The organisation leverages off the profile that Andrew Fisher has within the Australian motorsport community and has recently added several new programs under its umbrella with the introduction of Make Bullying History and the Unlock your Olympian Mindset which is a program that brings together Olympian Eloise Wellings and Sports Psychologist Rory Darkins.

Prayer points:

- Continued access into High Schools
- Booking for the new programs
- Great response to the new programs
- Financial support
- Recovery from injury for Andrew (was hit by a car whilst training)

Heather: OM (Operation Mobilisation) International



OM's role is to motivate, develop and equip people for world evangelism.

Heather is part of the International People Services (aka HR) team, specifically involved with Policy roll-out and incident management. One of OM's core values is 'loving and valuing people' which requires systems in place for people to raise concerns. There are more than 5000 people and 120 nationalities serving with OM, Heather's focus is in the 'less-fun' areas of Child protection, bullying, harassment, and grievance – policies that OM hope never to need but are important to keep both OM workers and the communities they work with safe.

During 2021, Heather is busy creating reporting and response systems and making sure all OM know about them. Heather is working with leaders, helping them to have good policies in place and coaching them in handling concerns when they are reported.

Thank you for your partnership!

Prayer points:

For OM workers around the world – that amid high-pressure situations, away from family and home cultures, that we would treat each other with such love and respect that people are pointed to Jesus.

- For Heather – wisdom and energy to deal with incidents when they are reported. For patience and care for those who are hurting because of negative experiences.

- Pray that I will have opportunities to engage with leaders on people management issues. Pray that I will be able to help leaders understand what they need to do and what assistance is available.

Gary and Jan: GAiN (Global Aid Network)



Seconded to work with GAiN, the humanitarian aid partner of Power to Change. The main emphasis is Medical missions and Water for Life Projects. The vision is "to demonstrate the love of God by revealing hope and restoring life through relief and development projects for people in crisis and poverty".

Before the lockdown Gary had the opportunity to go on a medical mission in the Philippines where he saw the importance of partnerships with the National GAiN staff and volunteers.

Prayer points:

- For the Typhoon Disaster Relief Project in the Philippines. Work has started on restoring homes and creating job opportunities.
- Australian GAiN workers are fundraising for possible Medical missions and hygiene projects run by national mission partners in Cambodia in the Philippines.
- Gary is mentoring guys through chaplaincy and personal contacts. Pray for more opportunities with easing of restrictions.
- For health. Gary and Jan have ongoing medical needs and have had their first Covid-19 vaccination.
- For the Ministry Partner development of a couple and a single woman who are joining the GAiN team.

Kevin: FEBC (Far Eastern Broadcasting Company)



FEBC provides vital words of comfort and peace to the unreached, the least reached, to refugees and to those who are persecuted, imprisoned, and often forgotten.

Prayer points:

- Partners/Volunteers: our mission colleagues overseas are not only providing vital life, health, information, and hope messaging through radio media, they are also taking parcels of seeds, rice, blankets, teaching materials for children, etc. As a result of this service many have tested COVID positive. Please pray for comfort for the families who have lost loved ones, and please pray for the many still recovering from COVID. Our broadcasts take on even greater relevance as those with COVID talk through their symptoms and journey on-air helping those in need in isolated areas. Pray that God will use their words to heal both physically and spiritually – inspiring many to follow Jesus Christ
- Local Office: God continues to expand however the workload is high as we seek to make known the tremendous way God is using FEBC and reach across our vast country of Australia. We need staff (full-time / part-time / casual) – so pray for godly, highly skilled, and experienced staff to join our great team.
- Health: I am still recovering from major surgery (C2-C6 fusion) in July 2020 which impacted nervous/spinal system, and thus navigating difficulties with pain management.
- Strength: With the country opening up I am now travelling many kilometres inter & inner state preaching, sharing, and doing various radio station live interviews. Please pray for safety, strength, wisdom; and that God would encourage hearts to engage in His mission to reach the unreached – 2 billion people yet to hear the name of Jesus for the first time.