

This month we asked our Global Workers, "What gives you hope?"

MARCH 1 Ricky and Karen Sanchez

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Hope! We have been in a season of harvest recently! And the hope of Jesus is newly in the hearts of many people in Thailand and Cambodia because of their courage to say yes to Jesus!

Recently, we took eyeglasses and a method that lets us check eye sight of poor villagers in rural Cambodia to four different villages. We saw 106 people accept Christ on the first day! And then the next day four Buddhist monks accepted Christ and were eagerly reading the Bible we gave them. The next day ninety-nine people accepted Christ! And on it went! Pray for these new believers to sink their roots and lives deep into Jesus and Scripture.

We have seen more and more people come to our English classes at Zion church because of the excellent efforts by our TREK team! They do fantastic lessons and are drawing in the middle class and wealthy who are the hardest to reach in Thailand! Pray for them all to say yes to Christ!

Pray for Boo, Toon, Oil, Faye, Gan, Ang, and Foon to be saved.

Hope is what we see in the eyes of the two new girls at ALH. They are siblings and were going to be separated but we fought for them to stay together and took them in at ALH. They were living on the streets with a relative who was mentally ill and using them to beg. The first time they went to Zion MB church on Monkey Mountain,

their faces were just glowing as they watched everyone sing and praise God and during the open mic time they both said, "We don't know who this Jesus is that you are worshipping, but we like him so much already!"

Pray for Ricky as he works on a business summit with believers to reach out to non-believers. Pray that many will come! Pray for the participants of our summer mission trip and that the right people will come. We have a few non-believers interested in coming on the mission trip. We hope and pray they come and get saved! It's happened many times before, and we love God's strategy. He does things that continue to amaze us as we invite others to partner with us for the sake of the unreached, the poor, and the marginalized.

Thank you for your prayers for us. Please pray for our daughters; one is graduating in May and headed to North America for university.

MARCH 2 Paul and Carol Bergen

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In March, we will have the privilege of training two national pilots from Ecuador. They have worked hard to prepare for MAF's Technical Training process and are very excited to be able to serve their own people in the near future. The country of Ecuador has been difficult to staff due to their current law that every pilot must be an Ecuadorean citizen. Having these two pilots that want to serve their own people is a huge blessing for sure. You may remember that in 1956, five missionaries were martyred in Ecuador by a jungle tribe. One of those martyred was an MAF pilot. After the killings, many of the tribe came to know the Lord. All these many years later, we still serve those same people and are reaping the benefit of seeing trained Christian pilots come out of

this very same area! It is such a blessing to see what the future holds for these two young, committed men as they continue their training to become pilots with MAF, spreading the gospel to their own people. Please help us pray for both pilots - Paul and Josue, that they would be receptive to the learning process to get them where they need to be and to be successful on the field of service. And as always, thank you for keeping us in your prayers as together we serve him!

MARCH 3 Wendy Eros

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Hope comes in new beginnings for me! When I do chapel time each week, I see God's Word having impact on the students' lives. This gives me hope that they will one day receive salvation. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

Please pray for two of my students. Tomoko (formerly from Moose school) had an MRI last week and is waiting for results to see if she may have lung cancer. Another student, Mariko (whom I met when I had my surgery a year ago and started attending classes last fall), is waiting for an MRI in the next two weeks to see if she also may have lung cancer. Please pray for these ladies that their MRIs will come back negative for cancer. Thank you so much.

Thank you as well for your prayers for Rocky's wife, Namiko, who has been battling lung cancer since last year. Her new anti-cancer medication has slowed the spread of the cancer. Please pray for God to give them a miracle and that her cancer will be completely gone one day. Pray too that Rocky will continue to have faith in the Lord through this difficult journey.

Thank you for your prayers and support. I'm looking forward to seeing you all this summer!

MARCH 4 Gene and Grace Fox

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Since moving to the marina in Richmond, Gene and I have witnessed an incredible sunrise nearly every



morning. Seeing it brings hope of a new day filled with God's presence and faithfulness. His promises never fail, and for that we are grateful.

On March 5 we fly to Egypt. We'll do discipleship training with a team of Egyptian believers we helped prepare for career ministry three years ago. We look forward to investing in their lives again and encouraging them to persevere in the work God's given them to do. We'll fly back to Canada on March 12 and head straight to the Prairie College missions conference in Three Hills. We return

We continue to enjoy building relationships with our unbelieving neighbors in the marina and feel sad to leave them for a time. One man recently said, "I'm beginning to think this world is more than a physical place only. I think there's a spiritual element to it." We plan to ask him and his partner if they'd like to explore that spiritual component with us.

Praise Reports:

 For good contacts at three MissionsFest weekends.

home on March 18.

- For continued relationshipbuilding opportunities in the marina.
- For good health.
- That our boat furnace was repaired before the cold snap hit, and that it's working well.

Prayer Requests:

- That the Holy Spirit will drench us in his power and presence as we teach and serve our staff in the Middle East.
- · For safety and health as we travel overseas.
- For jetlag to not be an issue. We want to be able to sleep at night and function well during the day.
- For God to protect our boat while we're away.
- For God to provide the necessary funds for our Middle East trip.
- For those good contacts we made at MissionsFest to actually apply and join our summer ministry teams.
- For the Holy Spirit to draw our marina neighbors to faith in Jesus Christ.

MARCH 5 Rob and Judy Griffioen

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There is no greater joy than to see your children passionately following Jesus and doing ministry! Thank you so much for your faithful prayers, as daily we see God going before us it quite exciting!



Here in Northern Thailand at House of Blessing when one of our house moms had to return to her village, God was working out something even better for our 20 kids in the home. A young, passionate, loving, family has confirmed

God's call to this type of ministry that we do. They had a home for trafficked children who have now grown and now they long to minister in this way again. We are praising God for Jon and Anne and their two daughters.

The House of Blessing is bursting with life. Amber and Amanda are two loving moms there who have wowed the hearts of all the children, and seeing those children growing in their walk with Jesus is a great delight! The ministry into the SKT village where many of the kids have come from is growing! More and more children are becoming bold to have Jesus set them free from shameful exploitation.

Thank you for your prayers! We believe that prayer is the powerful weapon where God moves on our behalf. Several times each week Amanda and Amber head up an early morning prayer walk where they minister to people in the market place and find areas where there are hidden brothels. It was such a joy for me (Judy) to pray for women my age who are suffering with physical setbacks and yet still have to work their small businesses on the street.

Also, I want to declare Gods healing over my own pain. My hand is now receiving the right nerve sensations, and I can finally turn my forearm and do tasks that were impossible the past year. The pain is now normal to what others feel in their joints. My fingers still do not curl or bend yet, but in time God will also heal those nerves that were damaged. We



are praising God for the great gains in my healing!

MARCH 6 Amber Griffioen

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What brings me hope? There are a lot of things that bring me hope, especially the hunger for God that I see in the kids at the House of Blessing and some of the kids and youth we visit in the surrounding villages. It also gives me lots of hope when I see how God is strengthening and growing our team closer together. The harvest is ready and there's a growing desire to work together to bring in the harvest.

We appreciate continued prayer for wisdom, guidance, and to be Jesus' representatives wherever we go. Sometimes we think we have an idea of how to best help those in front of us, but God's plans are so much bigger and higher than ours. He doesn't want to just rescue and protect a child, he wants to transform the whole family. We're learning to leave things in God's hands and trust him. Earlier, I asked for prayer for the rescue of two girls in very vulnerable situations. We've been able to bring one out. Praise God that she's doing well and thriving in the House of Blessing. God's meeting

her. But the family of the other girl doesn't want to let her leave. However, they seem to be becoming more protective of her. She still is so vulnerable and so desperately needs Jesus to come and heal her and protect her. She's at high risk but Jesus is her Saviour, not me. He has a bigger plan. So I entrust her into God's capable hands as I try to connect with her as much as God leads. Please join us in praying that God will meet and transform the whole family and the whole community.

We're trying to start meeting with young moms regularly so we can encourage them, help walk with them towards Jesus (who is their ultimate Healer and Redeemer) and help them get some skills so they will be



able to get good jobs one day. We want to help them be able to stand and support their families so they don't resort to choosing or being tricked into work that would exploit them.

Thanks so much for your prayers.

MARCH 7 Ruth Maxwell

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The truth that brings me hope is that God remains in control and nothing can thwart his plans. I look back now on a recent four-week trip in which I've listened to people tell stories about their continued faith in God in the midst of much adversity, and realize that anchor of hope strengthens God's people around the world. He is a faithful God who remains faithful to himself, faithful to his people, faithful to his purposes, and faithful to his promises. Nothing can stop him.

During most of March I am here in Abbotsford except for a trip to Alberta (March 10-18) where I will visit family and attend a missions conference. Thank you for praying!

MARCH 8 Mike and Karen Woodard

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Thank you for your prayers! We had a wonderful time with the dear Nepali people who attended the marriage



seminars. Everyone should have the experience of traveling on the mountain roads here, nothing in Canada compares. Crazy roads and crazy drivers. It took us nine hours to drive 265 km

and we saw five accidents along the way.

Our two workshops were held over two days in two cities with mostly pastor and church leader couples. In total we worked with about 85 couples. The heavy rains in western Nepal hindered some that were coming from that area. What a humbling experience to stand in front of these leaders who face so many challenges that we know so little of. They seemed so teachable and responsive. It was a very novel idea that husbands and wives would sit together. In the Nepali churches, men sit on one side and women on the other. They also sit on the floor, though in one location they rented chairs for the workshop. One pastor said that it is also unusual for them to sit and talk face to face. Of course, we learned some things that we would do differently with this material next time in a cross cultural setting.

Two couples from Campus Crusade Nepal attended the Together for Good workshop and I also had a meeting with the National Director of NCCC to share about the Canadian marriage mentoring strategy. I'm sure this will lead to some ongoing communication and encouragement as they seek to develop their own family life ministry.

Karen has continued to recover from whatever it was that caused the extreme swelling and rash when we arrived. The last day in Nepal she said her knees and lower legs/ankles were back to normal.

We feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to invest

in the lives and ministries of these sweet-spirited Christ followers. Pray that God would multiply this investment many times over in the church in Nepal.

Thank you for your partnership with us!

MARCH 9

Please pray for our Missionaries in Limited Access Countries



MARCH 10



MARCH 11 Tony and Sarah Brown

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How do you or how did you pass on the faith to your children and grandchildren? It's a big question, isn't it? And something that is deep in the heart of Christian parents. We talk about it regularly as parents, and pray that God is calling our little Violet, Rosie, and Evan to himself.

In the MB church conference here, this is a fairly new question, since they did not know Jesus until the last half of the 20th century. Since they have only been Christians for a few generations, there is not the same legacy of the faith being passed on over and over, as we have in Canada. So they are now asking this question, and desiring to start more children's ministries.

In February, some people in our church took the Awana training (you may be familiar with this children's program), and will be starting that for a Sunday school program. At the end of March, we are hosting our first team from Cariboo Bethel Church in Williams Lake. They will be here in a supporting role to the Wounaan church as they put on a two-day Vacation Bible School, which will hopefully be the start of a bigger kids ministry in our church. This is a slightly different idea than some mission trips, where the visiting team puts on a VBS in a new area. We have invited the team to be supporting the Wounaan leaders as they follow their own vision. They don't have the same experience or confidence or materials or budget that we have in Canada, BUT they have the Holy Spirit living inside of them, so isn't that full of HOPE?! We are so excited for this time of helping them spread their wings and fly.

Please pray that we and the team empower them in their new ministry. Please pray that in the Wounaan churches and homes, God is filling people with a heart to teach the little ones how much Jesus loves them. And please pray for our own three sweet children, that they meet Jesus here in Panama.

MARCH 12 Kent and Inga Friesen

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Last month I hinted at a project I was undertaking – to raise funds for Inga and myself and ten of the English teachers I work with in Uzhhorod to attend a linguistics conference in Perth, Australia this November, 2019.

Unlike students, Ukrainian teachers are much more limited with regard to means and opportunities for growth and development. One of the aims in this project is to provide them with an experience that has potential to significantly help them professionally and personally.

My main function in joining them is to establish long term partnerships with Australian schools and institutions, with focus on creating student and teacher exchange programs as well as grant/scholarship openings for Ukrainian English teachers to do their graduate work in Australia.

November may seem like the distant future, but there is much to do, and raising funds is the largest, most urgent step in preparation. There are conference registration deadlines to take into account, visa costs to consider, and airfare specials to begin watching for.

This project has been officially approved by TeachBeyond. It is an ambitious one, and I look forward to seeing how it all comes together. Please pray that above all, God's will be done.

MARCH 13 Warren and Dorothy Janzen

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The hope which we recently experienced with the homegoing of Dorothy's mother, Helen Dick, reaffirms the hope which we have for all people who believe in Jesus. Our comfort in knowing where Helen has gone fuels our passion to see this gift of eternal relationship with our Creator made available in compelling and complete fashion to those who have little or no opportunity to hear of God's love.

This month pray specifically for our workers in Russia and Kazakhstan who are being the presence of Jesus and bringing the message of Jesus to Muslim people. Pray that love would overcome hostility and that truth would break down barriers of lies. Pray also for me (Warren) as I continue to research and write on how best to work with teams which don't live or work together, but must meet virtually over the internet.

MARCH 14 Richard and Becky Szmutko

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Pray for us as we continue working on producing videos that will contribute to advancing the Kingdom of God for his purpose. Pray that we will be filled with creativity and opportunity as we daily produce, film, and edit all our endeavours. Praise, too, for the successful relationship we have with ACTS Seminary, allowing them to provide curriculum to potential students around the world.

MARCH 15 Ashlyn Adrian

Multiply (TREK) - Thailand

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support! One of my newest ministries is a kid's club in a small neighbouring village called Chok Dee. God has provided so many kids for us! On our first week, we were expecting around 5-7 kids, but when we got there 30 kids showed up! There were children between the ages of 2-13 and it is so cool how excited both the kids and their parents are for us to teach them. We teach them English, crafts, songs, and the pastors of our local church teach a Bible story.

I absolutely love getting to see all their smiling faces every week. God has been showing me through the multiple ministries I do with children how much I love working with them. God has given me a passion for



children and a desire for them to know God. Please pray for the children that as they hear about God that they would be given understanding. Pray for God's love to shine through me onto these kids. Also, please pray for me as I discern what my next steps are after TREK.

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