

# AMEN & FRIENDS

**SATURDAY 1** *Pray that my plan to visit my team in Cebu island will push through on May 2. This trip has been moved thrice already due to travel restrictions. Pray that our church planting team, Pastor Nehemias, Pastor Moises and his wife Cristina and I will be protected from Covid-19 as cases are rising. Pastor Winston, Philippines*

**SUNDAY 2** *The renovations in Geoagiu will be a big job. But we have faith. Please pray with us for the finances. An agreement was made with a company to do the foundation and concrete platform but we prefer to let a company do this because it is just too big a surface and it would take us months of work since we don't have the right materials for it. This phase will cost us about 15,000 euros, but once it is done, we can continue to work ourselves, step by step, brick by brick. Tijs & Jessica, Romania*

**MONDAY 3** *Some of our missionaries in Village Missionary Movement have been infected with Covid-19. Please pray for their safety and healing as well as comfort for those who are mourning. We have been struggling for our needs and have been asking God to raise up many new sponsors. David, India*

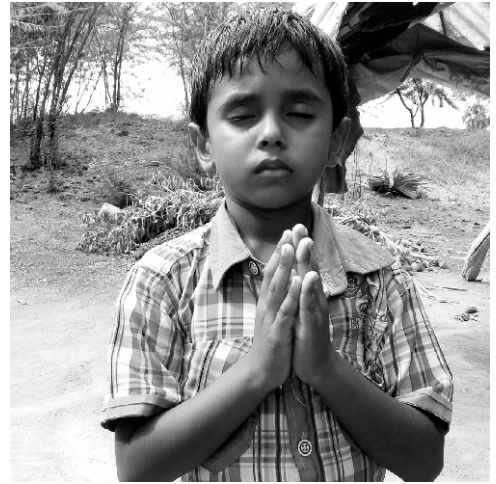
**TUESDAY 4** *Not only were the children very happy that they could finally come back to school but we were happy that we could restart the homework programme. However, we are concerned that those who have still not returned might struggle to catch up. We are looking forward to the time when we can recommence all the children's weekly programmes. Tijs and Jessica, Romania*

**WEDNESDAY 5** *On April 26th, 352,991 new Covid-19 infections were recorded. The total number of Indian cases so far approaches 17 million with 192,000 deaths. We have 6 AMEN partners and many AMEN friends in India, with their families, their teams and their contacts. Sanjay and Bastine wrote: Due to the closure of churches, we are holding our services online while also helping some poor families with food packets. India*

**THURSDAY 6** *Our volunteer Bavo can certainly use prayer. He has made a clear decision to follow the Lord which he will not go back on. However, it has made things very difficult for him and he is experiencing enormous struggles. As he endures some fiery trials, do please pray for him, he is such a great guy and it is a huge blessing to have him around. Tijs and Jessica, Romania*

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"I CALL TO THE LORD IN MY DISTRESS,  
AND HE ANSWERS ME". PSALM 120:1

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**FRIDAY 7** *Praise God! The ministry in Uyugan village celebrated its 5th anniversary in March. Four believers followed the Lord in water baptism while three more are currently attending baptismal classes. They need to grow in their faith. Pray also that the drop in the financial support of Grace Ministry will not hinder its plans to help students who want to be equipped for service. Pastor Jerry, Philippines*

**SATURDAY 8** *Praise God for the successful family camp we had. Pray for a deep understanding of the love our Saviour has for those we are reaching out to in these different ministries: children's work; evangelism; Bible studies among the women, the youth and police officers. Pastor Jerry, Philippines*

**SUNDAY 9** *Thank the Lord that during this pandemic, people go the extra mile to support AMEN by volunteering, praying and donating. They keep the charity moving forwards. Please pray for their families, their work, their health, their protection, their spiritual growth and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's guidance. May the love and peace of God always draw them to Himself, whatever challenges and problems they face.*

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**MONDAY 10** Elena writes: " We are really thankful for John and Rosanne, for their dedication and heart to serve that they show to children and people here in Romania – they are a gift from God to us." Ask the Lord to bless John and Rosanne, that their labours in the Lord will continue to bear much fruit and that their needs will be met. They have been preoccupied with organising their trip back to the UK. Following Brexit, Romania will not register their car so they must drive it back home. **Romania**

**TUESDAY 11** Our children are having a really hard time because they miss their family and friends so much. Please pray for us personally, for protection, wisdom, peace and love and a chance to visit home. Pray that in all things we will always have enough faith and continue to look up to Him and Him alone. Tijs and Jessica, **Romania**

**WEDNESDAY 12** Pray for the 120 ministers who have undergone intensive training on how to serve in these last days that they may be equipped and anointed. They will be sent to at least 60 fields where they will minister to win Indians for Christ. Pray that God's provision will come to us in many surprising ways. David (VMM), **India**

**THURSDAY 13** Village Missionary Movement (VMM) needs God's guidance in their intensive training programme and subsequent plans. They need God's hand upon every trainer and trainee, protection on the training campus and their financial needs to be met. **India**

**FRIDAY 14** We need the Lord to raise up 120 missionary partners who can give 5000 rupees (£48) to support each one in training. In addition, pray for sponsors who can give 2000 rupees per month (£19) to meet the needs of each one ministering in a village in **India**. Village Missionary Movement (VMM)

**SATURDAY 15** I need wisdom as I mentor 4 incoming missionaries. They not only need help as missionaries in training but they also need counselling as they have lots of hurts in their hearts. Pray also that God will bless my teaching ministry with the new batch of potential missionaries. Pastor Winston, **Philippines**

**SUNDAY 16** We are in urgent need for 10 rooms for accommodation in the VMM campus. The Bible School students will be temporarily living in a shed which is a converted car park. Pray for God's provision and for the Bible school students and staff to put up with the challenges and lack of comfort. David, Santhosh and Anand, **India**

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BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD. AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH SURPASSES ALL COMPREHENSION, WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS.  
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

**MONDAY 17** Please pray that new volunteers will continue to grow in their relationship with God and commitment to serving him as Grace & Light volunteers. We also need churches to continue to open their doors to Grace & Light teams, receive the message of social righteousness and change their lives to honour God. **Nigeria**

**TUESDAY 18** At the campus of Village Missionary Movement, we are constructing a big auditorium to conduct meetings for 1000 participants. By the grace of God, nearly 70% of the auditorium is done. Ask God to raise sponsors to help meet the outstanding amount of 15,00,000 rupees (£15,000). **India**

**WEDNESDAY 19** In the red light district of a large city, Shishye and Sabitha have set up a library which also serves as a prayer room to plead for the souls of those caught up in the sex industry. A grave calamity has hit the city with Covid-19 infections rising but they decided to stay there for a few more days and are considering how they may be able to give some free lentil 'daal' food packets. In the north, four men professed faith and have been baptised. Their religious backgrounds are not sympathetic to Christianity so their faith will be surely tested. 'If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer'. Matthew 21:22 **India**

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**THURSDAY 20** We meet many people with drug addiction and mental problems in our ministry fields. We need to bring them to the VMM campus for prayers and rehabilitation. The government has approved permission for the construction of a 3000 sq feet building. Pray with us for God's provision of 45,000,000 rupees (£432,000), **India**

**FRIDAY 21** We have been conducting Vacation Bible Schools in 3000 villages every year and have planted the truths of sin, salvation, new life in Christ, deliverance, heaven and hell. This year, Village Missionary Movement is praying that the Lord will use these young ones to reach other children. Please join us in prayer for this programme and for the finances involved in every village. **India**

**SATURDAY 22** Four men are in my care for accountability purposes in 'Companion With the Poor'. Pray they will be greatly helped. Conversation will revolve around issues such as money, sex, relationship with opposite sex, prayer life, etc. I also would like to have more opportunities for preaching online. Pastor Winston, **Philippines**

**SUNDAY 23** The church planting team among the urban poor in Cebu city under Pastor Winston consists of Nehemias Boloron, Moises Maaghop and their wives. They share the gospel to children through their regular feeding programme and youth and adult Bible studies. Pray for a great harvest of souls and a good spiritual foundation in the people who will form the church plant.

**Philippines**

**MONDAY 24** Ask the Lord for the new volunteer team in Bogoro as they organise Sunday visits to local churches to share the gospel of social righteousness and test people for HIV/AIDS. May the congregations in Tafawa Balewa be open to the gospel message and the call to live lives that honour God at work, in their homes, with their money and in their relationships with others.

**Nigeria**

**TUESDAY 25** Please pray for the volunteers in Jos state as they deliver the training as well as manage the gender champions' programme in multiple churches. We need to see church leaders encourage their congregations to attend the training and volunteer to become gender champions. Pray for those mentoring victims of sexual and gender-based violence. Remember the perpetrators of this violent behaviour that they may come to the light of Christ. Tassie, **Nigeria**

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HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY AND SEEK MY FACE AND TURN  
FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN I WILL HEAR FROM HEAVEN  
AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN AND HEAL THEIR LAND.  
2 CHRONICLES 7:14

**WEDNESDAY 26** Grace & Light International requests your prayer for:

- \* Young people to be inspired to work hard and support themselves;
- \* Healing for those who had been raped and for their perpetrators to come to Christ;
- \* Strong, supportive and loving relationships between wives and husbands;
- \* Wisdom for parents as they bring up children to know and fear the Lord;
- \* Funding so we can deliver this three-day workshop in Nigerian churches. The workshop covers work and corruption, wealth and poverty plus sexual and gender-based violence.

**Nigeria**

**THURSDAY 27** Pray for Liviu, Elena & Adela whilst overseas volunteers are visiting their home countries. Please continue to ask the Lord for the Covid-19 situation to improve, especially that there are no further disruptions to school life.

John and Rosanne, **Romania**

**FRIDAY 28** Continue to pray that **Adriana** will pass her exams in June. She wants to go to High School in September, which could potentially have a hugely positive impact on the Rora community.

**Romania**



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**SATURDAY 29** Zaldy and Ria need wisdom in leading the ministries left by pastor Joe Gonzales. They need a permanent place they can use once restrictions are lifted. Praise God for His comfort and love felt by the family as they work through their grief. Pray that the whole family will look at truth beyond the pain and will know the Lord's faithfulness as they continue in the ministry of SIKATT (Jesus is the Saviour of Tondo). **Philippines** *"For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love". Lamentations 3:31-32*

**SUNDAY 30** Please pray for the agricultural project of Perspectives Danes for successful crops, and that the boys involved will learn from seeing their hard work rewarded. John and Rosanne, **Romania**

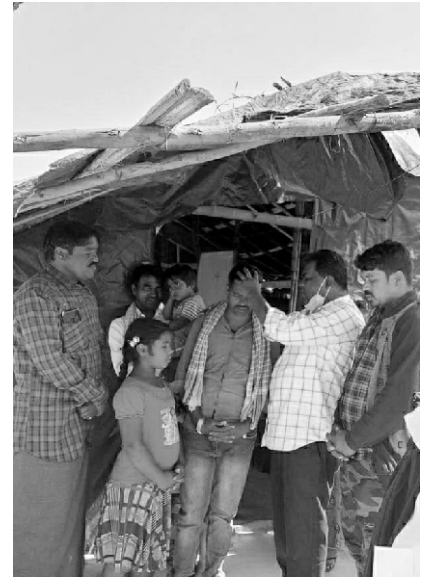
**MONDAY 31** As 'Companion With the Poor' (CWTP) plants a church among the urban slum dwellers in Cebu city, they need to receive sufficient funds for the building. Ask the Lord for good health and strength for those doing the construction work and that they will be good stewards of the funds. Pastor Winston, **Philippines**

## "Does Prayer Change God's Mind?"

We've been taught that prayer changes things. In view of God's sovereignty, what is the role of prayer in a Christian's life? First of all, we need to establish that it is the sovereign God who not only invites us but commands us to pray. Prayer is a duty, and as we perform that duty, one thing for sure is going to be changed, and that is us. To live a life of prayer is to live a life of obedience to God. Also, we must understand that there is more to prayer than intercession and supplication. When the disciples said to Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray," they saw a connection between the power of Jesus and the impact of his ministry and the time he spent in prayer. Obviously, the Son of God felt that prayer was a very valuable enterprise because he gave himself to it so deeply and passionately. But I was surprised that he answered the question by saying, "Here's how you ought to pray," and gave them the Lord's Prayer. I would have expected Jesus to answer that question a different way: "You want to know how to pray? Read the Psalms," because there you see inspired prayer. The Spirit himself, who helps us to pray, inspired the prayers that are recorded in the Psalms. When I read the

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REJOICE ALWAYS,  
PRAY WITHOUT CEASING,  
GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES;  
FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD  
IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU.  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 & 18

Psalms, I read intercession and I read supplication, but overwhelmingly what I read is a preoccupation with adoration, with thanksgiving, and with confession. Take those elements of prayer, and what happens to a person who learns how to adore God? That person is changed. What happens to a person who learns how to express his gratitude to God? That person will now become more and more aware of the hand of Providence in his life and will grow in his life and will grow in his sense of gratitude toward God. What happens to the person who spends time confessing his sins? He keeps in front of his mind the holiness of God and the necessity of keeping short accounts with God. But can our requests change God's sovereign plan? Of course not. When God sovereignly declares that he is going to do something, all of the prayers in the world aren't going to change God's mind. But God not only ordains ends, he also ordains means to those ends, and part of the process he uses to bring his sovereign will to pass are the prayers of his people. And so we are to pray. R.C. Sproul