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Ashley & Gillian (Day 19)

Over Easter, some assemblies showed initiative by distributing food bags and invitations to attend church within Indian communities. Due to setbacks, lack of transport, and fuel rationing, many workers can only visit isolated homes and compounds on foot. This year, the Brethren Hindi Fellowships of Fiji have seen growth in pastoral workers and visitation teams, with many eager to evangelise and make contact visits. Feedback indicated a good Easter turnout, including several unchurched people who heard the Easter Bible messages. We are prayerfully considering raising funds for motor scooters for some full-time assembly workers to help them access off-road and narrow tracks to remote communities. While indigenous Fijians have traditionally attended church regularly, attendance has declined sharply, with statistics showing a 33% decrease over the past 20 years.

Jeff & Ginny (Day 1)

PTL that our family has settled well in NZ, especially the kids at school. We've picked up a few sicknesses along the way, but it seems to have helped build up our immunity. Please pray for Ginny's health, as she recently experienced quite severe abdominal pain for a few days. She has had blood tests and an ultrasound, and we are still waiting for the results. Please pray that the cause of the pain can be clearly identified so she can receive the right treatment.

Please also pray for our new ministry preparation, particularly the Missionary Training Centre in Santo, Vanuatu -that God would give us wisdom as we navigate various meetings and decisions. Please pray that we would grow in Christlikeness in our daily lives.

Kevin & Helen (Day 20)

We were supposed to be in Pakistan and Armenia right now, but the issues in Dubai have forced us to cancel the trip. Along with that, the war between Pakistan and Afghanistan would have made it difficult for our partners to feel safe with us there. Kevin has rebooked to go to Uganda on the 17th April to do the final leg of the original trip, bypassing Dubai. The trip to Uganda is to introduce our agriculture team to our partners there as we push towards developing the sustainability of our partners. There's a great deal of uncertainty right now in the places where many of our partners live. In the D R Congo, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Jordan, Myanmar, they are facing great danger daily. In north India the opposition continues to increase, and we are hearing many stories of difficult times. We're finding that it's important to encourage and communicate with them more regularly. Prayer has never been so necessary on their behalf.

Mitchell & Elisabeth (Day 26)

Ministering to international students provides us with so many opportunities to impact the nations right at our doorstep. Whether helping international students with their English or encouraging our ministry teammates, we are privileged to represent Christ to the nations and to develop our teammates to do the same. Even though students are away on Easter break, we are busy preparing to meet their needs. One way is for our local team to connect and encourage each other. Ask the Lord to prepare our hearts and minds to reach out to the students on tertiary campuses in Christchurch.

Pray for M, who is from China, as he recently told us, "I believe in God now." Pray for his new faith to grow and strengthen as we meet with him regularly.

Praise the Lord with us as A safely returned to New Zealand from Iran with his mother just before the USA launched a bombing campaign there. Pray for their extended family there during this especially turbulent time. Pray for his family here as they wrestle with the reality of a war in their home country.

Murray & Ruth (Day 9)

Special thanks to those who prayed for the new worldwide teaching webinar that Murray had been asked to lead on 24th March about difficult verses in the Psalms. The organisers reported that 97 Bible translation consultants joined online, and they announced that it will be the first of many. Pray these consultants will use their new skills as they guide translation teams to translate the Psalms more accurately.

Murray's three courses (two online) will continue through to mid-May. Topics are varied (Jeremiah, Daniel, Psalms), but the focus is on difficult texts to translate. Pray these consultants-in-training will gain more skills to qualify them to check some of the many drafts waiting to be published. Pray for wisdom, clarity, good health, positive interactions, and reliable technology. Pray too for stamina as Murray teaches different topics and different audiences while also mentoring next-generation trainers, with whom he's already meeting over Zoom to prepare for co-teaching three further courses from mid-May until Christmas.

Maree (Day 14)

Curriculum Prep - I am so grateful to have completed the facilitators guide for the Effective Fundraising course. It is now being formatted by a friend into a presentable book format. This month I am working on preparing some training modules for a colleague who will be teaching a seminary level leadership course while I am away. Please ask for chunks of quiet thinking space, and God's leading and creativity, as I prepare.

Kathleen & Anita (Day 17)

Joseph and Natalia still haven't found a house. They are living with us right now, so we all need to adapt to a rather difficult situation.

Please pray for those who are attending our workshop on Kingdom culture and for other contacts we are visiting during these days in Medellin.

A pastor who recently graduated as a specialist in geriatric care is inquiring about a permanent place for Vitelio. Please pray we can settle him before his memory deteriorates further.

Manuela is waiting for a permanent position with the private security company as up till now she has been relieving. Please pray against discouragement.

Ashley (Day 11)

I have visited several different places now but none of them are right for me to settle for various reasons. This week I hope to visit more villages with a couple I met with recently. They also invited me to join them on mission trips into a war-torn country. Pray God will show me clearly which village to serve in and for the provision of a house to live and do ministry in. I would love to be deep in ministry again already; this is the hard part for me - the searching for the exactly where I should be. So far, I have been blessed with accommodation but on the 14th I need to be out for a week. Pray for somewhere to stay in that week.

Karl & Helene (Day 4)

Please pray for our friend Gideon who has been unwell in PNG. Please pray for our team as we grieve for a team member who passed away during childbirth complications.

Robert & Ayesha (Day 14)

Thank you for your prayers for our student conference! We had a great time and the content and experience was influential for all our students in different and powerful ways. We are celebrating healing from past hurts, boldness to follow Christ, excitement to join fellowships, and a strong desire to reach their peers and families. Please pray that the students would take up the opportunities God is giving them and that the body of Christ would grow here in Central Asia.

Marion (Day 6)

Blossom Festivals have been drawing crowds, after the long winter hibernation. Wake up time comes to the north. My cousins have been with us for Easter. We have had deep refreshing ministry on the Lord's prayer, about praying from the heart.

On the weekend of 17th April, an evangelist from Kumamoto is to be with us. Please pray that strongholds may be broken down.

MOVEMENTS

Pearl (Day 24)

Departs 11th April
Returns 18th April

John (Day 20)

Departs 24th April
Returns 16th June

Kevin (Day 20)

Departs 17th April – Uganda
Returns 4th May

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Please pray for the GC3 Board as they meet this weekend for our AGM, asking that God would guide us and lead us to make wise decisions. Also pray for the GC3 staff team as they gather next week for a short retreat—that it would be a productive and encouraging time together, and that our time together would be valuable.