



Heart for Asia. Hope for Billions.

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*My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry... — James 1.19*

Greetings!

For much of this year, we have had to deal with new realities of life: loneliness, disruption and separation from family and friends. Several close friends are dealing with recent diagnoses of cancer. For most of us, life has become more difficult and complicated in 2020. What new challenges and trials have you been facing? What has God been teaching you? How can we **pray** for you?

We are entering a very busy 3 weeks. **Please pray** for us and these events. Wanee has multiple Serve Asia (SA) Zoom meetings (local and international), China prayer journeys, and more. Some overlap with GMHC (below) conference and many preparation hours! Tenth Presbyterian Church (with Medical Campus Outreach) has asked us to join in their GO Missions Conference—to share in two small group sessions, for which we are thankful! See “Prayer Diary” below.

Several of our young friends in OMF joined mobilization ministry because they were ultimately interested in serving long-term in East Asia. Some are single. Some are married with young children. Like so many others, the pandemic has thrown a wrench into their planning. They are confused, not able to move forward in GOING, not knowing what to do and wondering where God is in the midst of all this. Should they wait? Settle down? Or, apply to OMF, even though no one knows when they could actually GO! As you think and pray about “Missions 2020”, **please pray** for those in a quandary, searching for God’s leading.

### **Healthcare Missions**

Our next HCM meeting features a doctor couple who served in SW Asia for over a decade, treating those with HIV-AIDS, as well as training a local team (mostly believers) to care for them. These Zoom sessions have really helped to inform and inspire our team during this 2020 year of isolation.

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Global Mission Health Conference (GMHC). We understand how speakers can speak virtually. We don’t yet know what having a booth and representing OMF will be like—virtually! We expect thousands to attend. **Please pray** for our 4 speakers (David N, David L, Terri F and Keith S) and the four others (besides us) who will be our team. While we don’t know what to expect, **please pray** that God will lead people to search us out and that some will be led to serve Him with us in East Asia!

Follow up: Kreg and Jenny returned to Cambodia last week. PTL. **Thank you for praying.** Here’s their story, including the harrowing story of her family’s horrors of

the genocide years: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/from-killing-fields-to-harvest-fields-why-christianity-is-growing-in-cambodia/> .

For some time, I have felt the need to step down from heading up healthcare missions. Why? So I can assume a more retiring role and allow a younger, energetic, committed, former missionary doc to take over. We believe we have found such a person. **Please pray** for the process, final decisions and eventual turnover. **Please pray** for the next steps the Lord has for me. Wannee will continue in her roles as a Serve Asia coordinator and continue as assistant to the new International Facilitator for Healthcare Missions.

### **Family Matters**

Our family had a wonderful time at Ocean City in August. Each of us arrived and left safe and healthy! **Thank you for praying!** Wannee started teaching SS for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. After a few rough weeks, she seems to be reaching their hearts now. **Please pray** for Nathan as he is actively searching for a new job. **Please pray** for Kevin and Ioana as there are many new Covid cases in Europe. Wannee and I have many doctor's visits coming up over the next month or so. Several of hers are thyroid follow up, with another biopsy. **Please pray** for our health.



Our small group started studying the book of James recently. There are so many challenges for living a godly life, with many similarities to Proverbs! **Please pray** for us to learn the lessons God is teaching us! And to be thankful throughout. Happy Thanksgiving!!

Blessings, *Neil–Wannee, Nathan, Kevin & Ioana*

### **Prayer Diary**

**Please pray** for the demise of Covid-19 and a decisive, peaceful election.

*November*

2,9,16 W: SA Pre Field Training practice sessions

3 Election

3 N: “Med Missions: What’s it like?” MCO & Tenth hosting Philly med students

3 W: 4 events, 10.30 am - 9 pm, MST

4 W: SA Team Mtg

6 W: GMHC Exhibitor trial run

NW: Tenth Bible Study Group (brother Tom & Leslie’s group), 6 pm

8 N: “Long-Term Missions”, for GMHC “Student Pre Conference”, 5 pm

10-12 W: SA Consultations (International), 6 am

13-14 GMHC (6.30 am – 7.30 pm)

26 Happy Thanksgiving