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PRAYER FOCUS
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HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES IN LIMBO DUE TO COVID-19

Some missionaries take years to raise their support. Most take many months. Iona and Perry* raised their full support in just 102 days.

And they did it in the middle of global pandemic.

Any other year, people might have seen such success as God rushing the couple to the mission field. But it's been six months since the couple finished raising their support, and they're still waiting to go.

"We were planning on leaving for southeast Asia in September 2020, but that ship has sailed, and we are still in the U.S.," Iona says. "The borders will not open for international travel this year."

The couple isn't alone. Around the world, nations are keeping tight regulations on who crosses their borders. TEAM has 11 new missionaries waiting to go abroad, as well as seasoned missionaries who are serving remotely in the U.S. or Canada. Missionaries from other agencies are facing similar struggles.

"We are kind of living in the 'neither here nor there,'" Perry says. "We have quit our jobs and sold our homes. ... This is an uncharted area for most of us."

THIS MONTH, WILL YOU PRAY WITH US FOR MISSIONARIES IN LIMBO DUE TO COVID-19? LET'S ASK GOD TO CALM MISSIONARIES' FEARS AND SHOW THEM HOW THEY CAN USE THIS TIME FOR HIS GLORY!

Sun: **PRAY** for peace, wisdom and contentment while missionaries wait to go to their ministry areas.

Mon: **PRAY** for strong internet connections for missionaries who are still ministering online. Pray that the people they serve will also have easy internet access.

Tue: **ASK GOD** to give missionaries opportunities to glorify Him where they are right now.

TURN OVER FOR MORE REQUESTS!



Wed: **PRAY** that missionaries will be able to deepen relationships with supporters while they wait.

Thu: **ASK GOD** to strengthen believers around the world as they continue God's work without foreign workers.

Fri: **ASK GOD** to draw people to Himself, even as ministry looks unusual.

Sat: **PRAY** that missionaries can safely go to their host countries soon.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. GERMANY** | Black Forest Academy is a Christian boarding school with many missionary kids and other international students. Many of these students are growing anxious about the holiday season because their home countries require them to quarantine, alone, when they come home. Pray that parents will have wisdom as they make family gathering decisions. Pray also for BFA staff and faculty, that they will know how to care well for their students.
- 2. ZIMBABWE** | "Many families around us are severely stressed with concerns for employment, food, rent, school closures, health issues and more," writes TEAM missionary Doug E. "Relationships between husbands, wives, children and elderly parents are fraught with tensions. Pray for our church people to look to the Lord and see His help and provision."

PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. PERU** | TEAM church planters Jessica and Seth write, "A young husband and father in our group has battled various addictions for most of his life. Obviously, this has had a devastating effect on his family. But the Holy Spirit has been moving in his life. He is struggling to take solid steps of returning to the faith. This is an answer to many prayers and a request to continue praying for him and his family."
- 2. EUROPE** | Due to COVID-19, a church planting conference in Germany couldn't be held as planned. However, the conference wasn't cancelled entirely. Attendees were invited to over 100 locations throughout Europe, where they gathered in roundtable settings and were linked together by video conferencing. "It was so encouraging to see what God is doing all over Europe and to network with other church planters in our area," writes TEAM missionary Paul D.

The names of the people you've helped may be changed to protect their privacy.