



team
PRAYER FOCUS
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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!

The last year has ravaged the world's cities. COVID-19 regulations shut down businesses — many to never recover. Low-income workers struggled to find work, and many went without food for days at a time.

Meanwhile, wealthier professionals abandoned cities after realizing they could work from anywhere. And various protests have disrupted what little peace was left.

“Unrest is more predominate as people are questioning the authorities of government, religion and the Thai Kingdom,” says TEAM missionary Kennedy Paizs.

Yet, despite cities' failings, missionaries like Kennedy see them as a key part to fulfilling the Great Commission. A year before COVID-19, over half the world's population already lived in cities — many drawn by economic opportunities they could never find in the countryside.

“Working in the city ... allows us to work with people from all over the world in one place,” says Heath*, a TEAM missionary in Southeast Asia. “Our [learning] center works with students from over ten countries.”

And as immigrants and refugees build new lives in new cities, many are eager to discuss religion, God and the meaning of life. It's just one of the tremendous opportunities for ministry in the world's cities.

WILL YOU PRAY WITH US FOR URBAN MINISTRIES AROUND THE WORLD? PRAY WITH US THAT GOD WILL GUIDE MISSIONARIES AS THEY PLAN OUTREACHES AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS FOR HIS GLORY.

Sun: **PRAY** that city-dwellers will choose church over work and other activities.

Mon: **ASK GOD** to give city leaders wisdom in creating COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Tue: **PRAY** that missionaries and seekers will have good spiritual conversations amid unrest.

TURN OVER FOR MORE REQUESTS!



Wed: **PRAY** for wisdom as missionaries consider how their congregations can safely meet, as well as how to visit individuals whose health makes them especially vulnerable.

Thu: **ASK GOD** to give missionaries rest amidst the hubbub of city life, and pray for opportunities to rest outside the city.

Fri: **PRAY** that local believers will catch the vision for reaching their own cities and nations.

Sat: **PRAY** that non-religious people will begin asking key questions of life, such as, “Where did I come from?” and “What is my purpose in life?”

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. MEXICO** | Missionaries Carlos and Sandy are seeing growth in their church plant, even as they meet online due to COVID-19. Their group includes people from Guadalajara, Aruba, Colombia and the U.S. The women and men have also started monthly prayer groups. Pray for continued growth in Christ as they begin a new study in Ephesians.
- 2. GLOBAL** | In the midst of mass unemployment, some missionaries have struggled to meet their monthly support goals. Ask God to provide for both missionaries and the people who partner with them in ministry. Pray that missionaries will know how to love their partners well during this difficult season.

PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. PAPUA** | Before the pandemic, a missionary was ministering at the local prison, and an inmate chose to follow Christ. Although the missionary can no longer serve at the prison, this inmate is actively sharing the Gospel with those around her. Recently, she led another prisoner to Christ!
- 2. AUSTRIA** | A growing church plant has gotten to baptize six new believers since spring! One of them, is a young man who was involved in witchcraft and eastern mysticism. Last year, the demonic oppression became so great, he realized his actions were leading him to an early grave. He chose to find new life in Christ instead!

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