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Week 1: APRIL 6-12 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY DURING EASTER	
MON 6	PRAY as the global Church celebrates Easter differently this year, as the coronavirus and social distancing measures affect how Christians gather together. Pray that despite the limitations, Christ would remain the focus of the week and the miracle of His resurrection would be proclaimed.
TUE 7	PRAY as the message of Jesus' death and resurrection is shared on partner radio stations in Thailand, Indonesia and Nepal. Praise God for our dedicated partners who work to be the light of Christ in their communities.
WED 8	PRAY for our partner and their outreach in India through their special Easter TV broadcast. Pray that Jesus will reveal himself to many people through the broadcast and through follow-up.
THU 9	PRAY for our Arabic media partner, who will be doing a special Easter message created for women. Pray that women would be moved by this program and will respond. Pray for the follow-up ministry as they interact with listeners to the program.
FRI 10	PRAY for a 30-second Easter radio ad produced by Reach Beyond UK, on the theme of hope in troubled times, to be broadcast on local commercial radio. It will direct listeners to the website Christianity.org.uk - which is hosted by the Christian Enquiry Agency.
SAT & SUN 11-12	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Enim Country: Indonesia Population: 136,000 Language: Malay Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.01% The Enim are very open to newcomers and are free to form relationships with anyone regardless of ethnic or religious background. This openness has led to many mixed marriages. Although almost entirely Muslim, Enim follow Islam because their ancestors chose it. Many still practice traditional beliefs, as well. The Enim believe that they originated from a supernatural being that lives in the forest. Heaven and Hell are understood to mean that which is good or bad in this world. Heaven means having a good or comfortable life. Hell means a difficult or unpleasant life. Pray for a personal and transformative understanding and belief of God, Heaven and Hell.
Week 2: APRIL 13-19 – PRAY FOR REACH BEYOND'S COVID-19 RESPONSE	
MON 13	PRAY for wisdom for our leadership as they continue to manage our response to COVID-19 (coronavirus). Pray as they monitor locations where we have missionaries, that we would be able to protect our people while ensuring important ministry continues. Pray as they evaluate the impact this virus might have on the ministry and that steps would be taken to prepare us well for a sustainable future.
TUE 14	PRAY for God's blessing over our donors. Pray that God would protect their finances, and that He would bless them for their continued giving to Kingdom work. Pray that even during this season of uncertainty, God would continue to bring new donors to Reach Beyond.
WED 15	PRAY for our missionary appointees who are in various stages of getting to the field. Pray as they determine next steps in the midst of global uncertainties: how to raise support, gain training, sort through visas and paperwork and prepare to launch when coronavirus and social distancing measures are impacting plans. Pray that God would give them wisdom and confirm the plans He has for their ministry.
THU 16	PRAY for our team as they evaluate the viability of summer short-term teams and trips. Pray for wisdom in making these decisions, and that our partners would not be burdened as a result of these decisions.
FRI 17	PRAY for wisdom in how to proceed as COVID-19 opens up opportunities for ministry in many of the places where we serve. Pray for our missionary doctors and medical professionals as they treat patients impacted by coronavirus with compassion and love. Pray for our media partners as they broadcast hope and community in areas facing uncertainty and isolation. Pray that God would expand our ministry during this time, and that His Church would see the fruits of that work.
SAT & SUN 18-19	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Romani Country: Egypt Population: 1.76 million Language: Domari Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.64% Romani originated in India where they worked as musicians, entertainers and metal workers. Later, they were sent to Persia as minstrels. From there they were separated into two groups: one traveled northward and became the Romany-speaking European Romani; the other traveled southward and became known as the Domari, or Middle Eastern Romani. Rom is derived from the Indian word Dom, meaning "a man of low caste who gains his livelihood by singing and dancing." The Romani live scattered throughout much of the world. Most of them are nomads, wandering from region to region, and they depend on a variety of entrepreneurial skills for their livelihood. Because of their nomadic lifestyle, it has been difficult for missionaries to reach them. Pray that Christian broadcasts and Scriptures would be made available.

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Week 3: APRIL 20-26 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN ECUADOR	
MON 20	PRAY for our first class of Corrientes students in 2020, who celebrated graduation on April 9. Corrientes is a three-month missionary mentoring program for Latin Americans preparing for cross-cultural ministry. Pray God would continue to lead Paty (El Salvador), Erick (Guatemala) and Luisa & Fernando (Ecuador) in their support raising and preparation for departure for their areas of ministry.
TUE 21	PRAY for Apoyo, and its focus on pastoral training. Pray specifically for missionary appointees Javier & Dorita Cuchiye, that they will be able to raise their remaining missionary support this month. They are planning to arrive in Ecuador in May for orientation just prior to the whole Apoyo team being together for two weeks of training in early June.
WED 22	PRAY God for the initiation of a fourth year of the chaplaincy training program at Hospital Vozandes – Quito. There are 26 students enrolled in the eleven-month course that started in March of this year. Pray for the Spirit to work in the life of each student and that He would work through them as they have opportunities to minister to people at the hospital or in their homes, where they work, or in their church.
THU 23	PRAY for God's guidance over the six-member board of directors for Hospital Vozandes – Quito. The board met the first week of April. Pray specifically for a continuing shared vision for the nature of the future ministry of this organization between majority and minority owners as well as those they represent.
FRI 24	PRAY for Dr. Steve Nelson, missionary physician, as he travels every other week over a three-day period to assist a clinic in San Lorenzo, a northern border town in Ecuador. This area of the country is not always a safe place to travel, and the condition and needs of many patients referred to Dr. Nelson are beyond the capabilities of the health care system in that part of the country. Pray for wisdom in how to best treat each individual.
SAT & SUN 25-26	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Jula Country: Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) Population: 2.6 million Language: Jula Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.10% The Jula people, also known as Dyula, were skilled craftsmen and traders in the 1500s. They held high status as merchants for centuries, and eventually their trading posts morphed into market villages and cities. Jula have been Muslim since the 1400s, but they maintain good relations with non-Muslim neighbors, trying to convert them by setting a good example rather than by force. They are fiercely loyal to their clans, and they maintain their cultural history through the oral traditions of dance and storytelling. The best way to present the Gospel is probably orally, and at the clan level in order to start a disciple-making movement. Pray that radio might be a tool to reach the Jula people. Pray that leaders of the Jula clans would come to know Christ, and that the Gospel would spread as a result.
Week 4: APRIL 27 - MAY 3 – PRAY FOR MINISTRY IN NORTH AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	
MON 27	PRAY for our online Arabic radio partner. In mid-March, heavy rains came through the roof of their radio and television studios. The owner of the building is repairing the roof and outside walls, but (as of the end of March) has refused responsibility for the internal damage. Broadcasting has resumed from a temporary location. Pray for God's provision of the funds to pay for these unplanned expenses.
TUE 28	PRAY as new ideas are developed to distribute Scriptures and bridge-building materials throughout the Middle East. May the audio production for an animated video program go well and be completed soon.
WED 29	PRAY that a proposal for funding our North Africa broadcasts will be accepted. God continues to use these programs to bring people to Himself and grow His church.
THU 30	PRAY for our Middle Eastern partners (S&D) as they continue to reach out to their countrymen over social media. Because of the high rate of deaths due to the Covid-19 virus, there is great fear and many are terrified. This is creating more opportunities for sharing. Please pray for wisdom for our partners and volunteers.
FRI 1	PRAY for our media partners in the region so that their teams will handle this time well and that God's word will spread. May the voices and programs be sounds of peace in the midst of so much turmoil and uncertainty.
SAT & SUN 2-3	WEEKEND PRAYER FOR UPGs PRAY for the Luri (Northern) Country: Iran Population: 1.85 million Language: Luri Main Religion: Islam Evangelical: 0.00% The Luri are a nomadic tribe of shepherds who live in the Zagros Mountains of southwestern Iran. Many believe they were the original inhabitants of this area. They travel six to eight months out of the year, only living in permanent dwellings during winter. The valleys in this area have rich pastures that make it ideal for this lifestyle. The Luri language is very similar to modern Persian, or Farsi. The men, who have regular contact outside the community, are generally bilingual, but the women only speak Luri. The Luri have had little chance of ever hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While portions of the Bible have been translated into Luri, they do not have a complete New Testament. Pray that the Luri would receive a Christian witness. Pray for more openness in Iran to share the Gospel.

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