



GRACE METHODIST CHURCH

# Missions Prayer Newsletter

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***"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." - Isaiah 43:19***



## GMC Congregation

**Missions Committee co-chairs: Liao Jiexiang, David Khew**  
**Missions pastor: Ps Gareth Yeo**

Pray that every GMC-ian will develop a missional heart:

- Eyes to be opened to see what God is doing in various places (e.g. Blk 76, Chiangmai trips, Rough Sleepers ministry, etc).
- Hearts to be aligned with Jesus to serve in local and overseas mission work.
- To embody the love of Jesus wherever we go.
- Wisdom for the Witnessing and Mobilisation (WAM) team in planning events to mobilise the church.
- Wisdom for the Missions Committee to support mobilisation and missionary care.

## Chiangmai, Thailand

**Missions worker: Ps Cassandra Lee**

### Thanksgiving

- Thank you, GMC, for sending a team in Dec 2022 to minister and to celebrate Christmas. Pastor Niwet and members of Thung Yao Preaching Point are so grateful for the visit and support from Singapore and are greatly refreshed and encouraged.
- Praise God for the completion of the wall construction on the piece of land intended for a new church building. The wall is a necessity in the countryside to avert incidents of disharmony with neighbours resulting from unintended land encroachment.

### Prayer items

- Church building: To seek God's providence and wisdom to raise THB 6M (SGD \$240,000) for the church building fund.
- Ministry:
  - God's guidance and wisdom for Ps Niwet and Cassandra in the outreach efforts and church ministries.
  - Discipline among church members to commit to read God's Word, prayers, worship service and cell group meetings.
  - Good health and stable income for all church members.



# Myanmar

**Associate worker: Ps Mang Kaih Thang**

Prayer items

- Peace and security in the country.
- For God to create and make a way for the military and the people to resolve their differences, and to rebuild and to bring love into their lives again, instead of hatred.
- For a better economic situation as many the people are facing difficulties in acquiring basic daily necessities.
- For the attendance at Grace Community Church to grow, and for more people coming to receive Christ as the Saviour.
- For Ps Mang as he searches for new places for visitation and church planting.



# West Asia

**Missions workers: C and IK**

Thanksgiving

- Praise the Lord for their recent time in Singapore and now in the UK. IK's father gained 1.8kg in the last two months. In the UK they are attending the same church as David and Sue Pickard, former international director of OMF.

Prayer items

- They will be spending April-June in West Asia. Their first couple for marriage coaching is from Turkmenistan living in their country's capital. Pray also for a further four confirmed couples, that God will bring healing and closeness to their relationship.
- Other couples confirmed to meet with them were all from the earthquake areas and now are in no state to meet with us. Pray for God to open other doors.
- Pray whether is God wanting them at this time to be involved in trauma counselling and in earthquake relief work.
- Their country is a nation living in fear, especially those in the capital. Every place is earthquake-prone. Perfect love casts out fear. Pray that they will meet the Prince of Peace.

Turkiye and Syria are still reeling from the 2 recent earthquakes on 6 February 2023, with >50,000 ppl dead, many more injured, and 1.5 million people left homeless.

**A prayer for Turkiye and Syria**

*We pray for the people of Central Turkiye and North West Syria, whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake. Be present, O Lord, our Good Shepherd, to bring comfort, relief, shelter and human kindness. Shield the people who suffer, console those who are bereaved, prosper the provision of relief, strengthen the work of emergency teams, and shine your light and hope in the midst of despair.*

*We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## Nongpling, Central Thailand

**Associate workers: Pastor Prasit and Piya**

### Thanksgiving

- For Pastor Prasit's (75yo) relatively good health despite chronic illnesses, and his passion in serving the flock.
- For Piya's brother Mr Tak (a freelance lay preacher) agreeing to preach at Nongpling church once a month.
- For Bird (2nd daughter of Pastor Prasit) being a key church leader serving older children and adults, alongside her job in teaching.

### Prayer items

- For the elderly church members, especially Mr Prathern (86yo), who has constant aches and pains and is still helping his wife in making and transporting desserts and transporting them to the market to sell. Pray also for Mrs Siam, who is coping with ill health.
- Many families are vendors and struggling to make a living. Pray for God to bless their efforts and to sustain their faith in Him.
- Church attendance has been affected in the COVID-19 era as members are hard-pressed in earning a living to survive. May they experience God's goodness on them despite hardships.
- Pray for Piya's longstanding insomnia, which resurfaced again for the last 2 weeks. Pray for God to restore sleep to her.
- For Bird to be transferred to a school nearer to home, to save on cost, energy and time, and allow her to support her parents better.
- For Fai and Gat, who are graduating from university. May God provide them with jobs to help support their families financially.

## Field Worker Candidates

### (Hanley and Janice)

**Hanley, Janice, and Jeremiah are planning to leave for Lebanon in June/July 2023. Lebanon has been experiencing severe economic and political instability over the last 3 years. The country has been hit hard by COVID-19, the 2020 Beirut blast, fuel shortages, and currency devaluation.**

### Prayer items

- Settling of domestic affairs in the coming months.
- Moving into Lebanon - suitable place for rental, ability to deal with cross-cultural challenges.
- Harmonious relationships among GMC, their mission agency (Pioneers inAsia), and field partners.
- School arrangements for Jeremiah, who will be enrolling in a local private school (entering at K2).
- Harmony at home - to continue building a strong marriage and have wisdom in parenting.



**The Missions Committee serves the church by coordinating missions-related activities, increasing awareness of ongoing missions work, and caring for GMC's missions workers. Have questions on participating in God's mission to the world? Contact us at [missions@gmc.org.sg](mailto:missions@gmc.org.sg)**