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DEAR FRIENDS

Greetings from my home in Oxford. I hope you are all well, and that God is sustaining you in these strange times. Perhaps you have already noticed that the Daily Prayer Guide is a little thicker this time? Due to financial uncertainty as a result of the coronavirus and to help us reduce costs, we have changed the frequency of Praise & Prayer and the Daily Prayer Guide. We will now be sending them to you quarterly. I hope that this will not be inconvenient for you, and that you

understand why we have had to take this step. We value your prayer support so much and are delighted to keep providing a prayer point for each day. Thank you for standing with our students and staff in bringing ministry needs to the God who holds each of us and every student we seek to serve in his loving arms.

Jill Bain

IFES Supporter Relations

📅 01 – 06 JUN

Latin America

01/06 ABUB Brazil staff worker Marcelo is pioneering in Mato Grosso do Sul. Praise God that work continues despite coronavirus. “We had to stop face-face activities but we’re planning to have online workshops with students who are interested in starting groups.”

02/06 Join with UCU Colombia to pray for Christian students to be creative when inviting friends to follow Jesus.

03/06 Every Monday, GBUCH students at the University of Chile organise an evangelistic Bible study in *Acts*. Ask that Christians would invite friends.

04/06 Historically, student ministry in Peru has been supported through the offerings of its students and graduates. Pray that the next generation of AGEUP students would be inspired to take on this challenge.

05/06 Ecuador – give thanks for CECE students and staff adapting to new technology and successfully holding online prayer times and Bible studies during the coronavirus restrictions.

06/06 Pray for GEU Guatemala’s new reading club. Pray for opportunities for gospel conversations.





07 – 11 JUN

Middle East and North Africa

07/06 LIVF Lebanon are encouraging students to apply the Bible in this difficult time with weekly questions such as: “How are we going to show love and compassion when self-isolating and maintaining social distancing?” Ask that students would submit video responses.

08/06 Praise God for students across the region growing in unity and love for one another despite ethnic, linguistic and political divisions that exist between and within many countries.

09/06 Pray for Christian international students studying in a closed majority Muslim country. Ask that they would faithfully witness to their classmates.

10/06 FCSI Israel thank God for their new team member, “R”, from the US. Pray that she would quickly settle into a new culture and role.

11/06 A movement in a sensitive country thank God for an international student returning home with a desire to share the gospel with those in his home country.



📅 12 – 17 JUN Evangelism

12/06 Pray for IFES Latin America's evangelism workshops in Jun–Dec. Ask that participants would use the training to reach out in their own countries.

13/06 Praise God for IFES movements working on translations of the *Uncover* seeker Bible study series. Ask that they would be used widely to share the gospel.

14/06 Give thanks for ZAFES Zambia's *National Evangelism Week*. Ask for good follow up with all those who expressed interest.

15/06 Evangelism often begins with friendship. Thank God for two GBUC Canada students at Université de

Montréal meeting together each week to pray for their friends.

16/06 A movement in a sensitive East Asian country have been focusing particularly on evangelism. Pray that they would see fruit from this.

17/06 IFES Netherlands students in Delft moved their mission week online due to lockdown restrictions. Give thanks for live online talks engaging students in the Netherlands and beyond. Pray that God's Word would take root in the hearts of the non-believers who watched.



18 – 23 JUN Europe

18/06 GBEU Switzerland created a guide for students staying home during the Covid-19 pandemic with encouraging Bible verses and practical suggestions. Thank God that this resource has helped francophone students across IFES.

19/06 Give thanks for SMD Germany's "subject day" to encourage and support Christian doctors and medical students. Pray for opportunities for them to witness to Christ in the medical profession.

20/06 Join with KFS Denmark to pray for plans to pioneer international student ministry on campuses with high numbers of international students.

21/06 Pray for BXCC Bulgaria staff workers meeting regularly with Muslim students "J" and "B". Ask that their eyes would be opened to gospel truth.

22/06 Praise God for FCSA students in Luxembourg taking on responsibility for the organisation and planning of the Bible study groups.

23/06 IFES Europe's *Student Leader Formación* will take place online 5–14 Aug. Ask that students will be equipped both practically and spiritually to serve.



24 – 29 JUN Caribbean

24/06 Marcello Mapo, IS/IVCF Trinidad and Tobago Board Chair, encouraged students staying home due to the coronavirus to study the Bible, care for the vulnerable and even learn to cook Caribbean recipes. Ask that students would honour God with their time.

25/06 Many of the Caribbean's smallest islands do not yet have IFES movements. Pray for God to raise up those willing to start Bible study groups.

26/06 Pray for peace in Haiti following violent protests about the economic situation. Ask that student ministry can continue despite the disruption.

27/06 *IMPACT* – IFES Caribbean's triennial missions conference runs 29 Jul – 3 Aug. Pray for a great time of learning from God, being inspired for evangelism and sharing fellowship together.

28/06 Pray for Christian teachers to be "strengthened, to continue the work of gathering students for salvation and discipleship". – IS/IVCF Belize

29/06 Join IS/IVCF Barbados to give thanks for 60 years of ministry. Pray for God's blessing for the future.



📅 30 JUN – 05 JUL Leadership Development

30/06 IFES *Global Leadership Initiative* trains and equips national movement leaders. Give thanks for the second cohort's meeting in Ukraine. Pray for participants as they are mentored online by experienced staff.

01/07 Lift up to God the IFES senior leadership as they provide direction to the fellowship during these challenging and uncertain times.

02/07 IFES Europe's *Young Staff Network* meets 1–5 Aug. Pray that staff would apply what they learn.

03/07 IFES Scholars program provides scholarships for training in Theology and ministry skills. Praise God for a South Sudanese staff worker helping those affected by the civil war after training in Christian counselling.

04/07 A Eurasian movement praise God for Alexei, who attended *Formación* student leaders training, and has decided to lead a Bible study.

05/07 Many IFES national movements run ministry training programs and internships. Pray they would be effective in preparing the next generation.



06 – 11 JUL South Asia

06/07 Praise God for UESI India's "chain prayer day". For 16 hours, Bible groups in two states per hour gathered online to pray for God's mercy and for wisdom for how to respond to the pandemic.

07/07 In Bangladesh BSFB ask us to pray for the ongoing construction of their *Living Water* training centre.

08/07 NBCBS Nepal praise God that one student "R" chose to accept Christ despite family opposition.

09/07 FOCUS Sri Lanka ask us to pray for strong community across Sinhala and Tamil students in their Sabaragamuwa University group.

10/07 In Pakistan Christians can be falsely accused of "blasphemy" and may be tortured, imprisoned or killed. Ask God to give PFES students courage to speak of him despite the risks.

11/07 Thank God for 45 students at UESI India's evangelistic camp *PURSUIT*. Pray for follow up and plans to start groups in Mapusa and Madgaon.



12 – 17 JUL International

12/07 Pray for the IFES fellowship as we continue to trust God in the face of the coronavirus outbreak and the impact on funding and ministry that this brings.

13/07 Pray for the rearrangement of the IFES Senior Staff meeting, an opportunity for staff to learn from God's Word and to encourage and support each other in their various ministries.

14/07 In the IFES Communication and Collaboration team praise God for the appointment of two new staff: Tim Boland, Head of Communication and Bethany Peevy, Writer and Content Producer.

15/07 Thank God for the successful completion of the IFES Annual Audit and the Finance and Steering Committees' meetings.

16/07 Join with the IFES Discernment and Search Committee to pray for the ongoing appointment of the next IFES General Secretary and ask for God's wisdom in decision making.

17/07 The IFES HR department give thanks for two new staff: John Criswell, Head of People and Culture and Emma Harvey, HR Administrator.



18 – 23 JUL Pioneering

18/07 Good relationships with local churches are essential for establishing new student ministry. Pray that key church leaders would catch the vision for IFES ministry.

19/07 Praise God for a new Bible study group in the pioneering movement in Timor Leste.

20/07 Political instability, religious extremism and terrorism can hinder pioneering work. Pray for peace and for God to open doors.

21/07 IFES pioneering staff are often “tent makers”. Pray for a pioneer in a sensitive Eurasian country developing

the local economy and connecting with students through his work.

22/07 In Equatorial Guinea, ministry is at an early stage. Give thanks for a Christian student praying for someone to share the gospel with — and then leading a friend to Christ.

23/07 IFES *Breaking New Ground* provides grants for pioneering student ministry in new cities and on new campuses. Pray for the plans and preparations for the next consultation in October.



24 – 29 JUL Eurasia

24/07 Renovations of a movement's office were postponed due to coronavirus. Praise God for his provision despite this setback. "The delay will give us time to collect money to prepare a great place where students can encounter our amazing God."

25/07 Join with CCX Ukraine to give thanks for students at the Linguistic University in Kyiv organising English *Uncover* seeker-Bible studies to help students encounter God's Word and practice English.

26/07 A movement in a closed country give thanks for 45 non-Christians with whom they are regularly in contact. Ask

that these individuals would come to Christ.

27/07 CSC Moldova praise God for 50 students regularly attending their English classes and hearing the gospel.

28/07 The IFES Eurasia Scripture Engagement Co-ordinator praises God for 10 staff completing *Deuteronomy Journey* – an online course helping staff deepen their knowledge of the Old Testament

29/07 Praise God for Russian students starting a new prayer group at Volga State University of Water Transport.



📅 30 JUL – 03 AUG English and Portuguese- Speaking Africa

30/07 Give thanks for the FOCUS Kenya app helping students access prayer news, online Bible studies and Bible reading plans from home during the coronavirus outbreak.

31/07 Pray for GHAFES Ghana's community service program sending young graduates to serve as teachers in deprived rural areas, so they can share the gospel with the students and local communities.

01/08 Pray for preparations for IFES EPSA's *Emerging Young Leaders Mentoring Training* 6–10 Sep.

02/08 Praise God for TAFES Tanzania continuing their *Discipleship Training Seminars* online. Ask that students would grow in their relationship with God and witness to others.

03/08 Pioneering is much dependent on visits and relationship building, which is much more challenging in a coronavirus world. Ask God to open doors to the IFES EPSA staff seeking to start student ministry in new locations.



📅 04 – 08 AUG Strengthening National Movements

04/08 Give thanks that after completing IFES *Governance Development Training* one UGBM Madagascar board member shared: “this training improves our ability to serve God”.

05/08 Praise God for the IFES *Ministry Impact* e-learning course helping IFES national movements better evaluate the effectiveness of their ministries. Pray for movements as they plan and adapt their work based on these evaluations.

06/08 Compa Mexico staff Rosa

Angélica gives thanks for the IFES Scripture Engagement resource *The Word Among Us* encouraging students to trust in the power of God’s Word.

07/08 Kehinde Ojo runs IFES *Indigenous Support Development*. He successfully trialled a WhatsApp fundraising campaign recently. Pray for plans to share learning.

08/08 Pray for the IFES *Engaging the University* team as they seek to empower and equip students, faculty and researchers to think biblically and live distinctively and missionally in all areas of university life.



📅 09 – 14 AUG Francophone Africa

09/08 Thank God that GBEEB Benin students lifted up the Covid-19 crisis across 48 hours of prayer and fasting.

10/08 GBUST Togo's national camp runs this week 10-16 Aug. Ask that students will be equipped to share Christ on campus.

11/08 Give thanks for GBEEC Cameroon's *Seminar on Academic Excellence*. Pray that students will serve God with their studies and in their workplaces.

12/08 Praise God for GBUSC Congo students cleaning and gardening to show God's love to the community.

13/08 At IPRC in Kigali, GBU Rwanda students meet weekly to pray before sharing the gospel. Thank God that 42 students heard the Good News and 10 came to faith.

14/08 In Francophone Africa many universities face issues of corruption, cheating and low academic standards. Pray that IFES students would witness to others through their integrity, dedication and commitment to their studies.



📅 15 – 19 AUG

North America

15/08 “Even in chaos, God still moves. Our New York/New Jersey region saw more first-time decisions to follow Jesus in the first week of lockdown than in the past year. We look forward to God doing even more!” – InterVarsity/USA

16/08 At the University of Ottawa, pray for InterVarsity Canada’s *International Family Dinners* on Sundays. Ask that students would be eager to invite friends and that they would come to faith.

17/08 Pray for InterVarsity/USA at John Hopkins University as they seek to find Christian faculty who are willing to pray

for student ministry and be role models as Christians in academia.

18/08 “Please pray for “M”, who has a big heart for her friends who do not know the Christ yet. Pray especially for M’s apartment mate as they plan to start studying *Uncover* [seeker-Bible study].” – GBUC Canada

19/08 Join with InterVarsity Canada to give thanks for Jamie MacArthur, their new Atlantic Director. Pray for wisdom as he leads the work in Atlantic Canada.



20 – 25 AUG South Pacific

20/08 AFES Australia give thanks for a webinar on strategies for online student ministry during the coronavirus outbreak, as well as to reflect on the challenges and theological implications of remote ministry.

21/08 Pray for students on Pacific islands affected by Cyclone Harold. Ask for God's presence with those who lost loved ones or homes.

22/08 Give thanks for TSCF New Zealand's "Hope at Home" initiative asking students to share biblical encouragements on their Facebook page during the coronavirus lockdown.

23/08 In Fiji, PSFC praise God for a weekend of student leader training. Ask that they would apply what they learned and model Christ-like leadership.

24/08 Join with VGNYF Vanuatu to pray for opportunities to serve and reach the 300 students at the new National University of Vanuatu.

25/08 AFES Australia ask us to pray for the Lord to raise up graduates for missionary service both within Australia and further afield.



📅 26 – 31 AUG East Asia

26/08 In Japan KGK give thanks for a successful general assembly held online due to the coronavirus measures. Pray for KGK and national movements across the IFES fellowship as they adapt to new technology and online meetings.

27/08 IVCF Philippines ask us to pray for God's provision for staff and new office equipment in Koronadal, General Santos City and Davao.

28/08 "Pray for the pioneering small groups at each campus to be well-settled. Pray for the small group leaders to be equipped well with the Word of God." – FES Cambodia

29/08 FCS Mongolia give thanks for a new committee for their graduates ministry but ask us to pray for a new graduates staff worker to guide and support them.

30/08 Pray with CEF Taiwan as they look to re-organise their board of directors and their movement's structure over the coming months.

31/08 Due to the coronavirus, the *East Asia Regional Conference* had to be postponed. Pray for the regional team as they consider alternative options.



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