

1 Tuesday ~ Ireni Mota, Sao Paulo Brazil, Restoration Ministries, WorldVenture.

In spite of all the problems we are facing right now in Brazil (economic and political despair, extreme poverty), we can thank the Lord for the liberty to evangelize without barrier. We rejoice in the Lord for the enormous opportunities He has given us to evangelize, pray with desperate people, be invited into their homes and celebrate the life they have in Christ Jesus,

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We visit families weekly, sharing the Gospel, praying and listening to their life's stories. These are precious moments when we can strengthen our relationships and have open doors to return when we want.

3 Thursday ~ Ireni Mota, Sao Paulo Brazil, Restoration Ministries, World Venture. Two weeks ago we received a donation of flour & eggs, and decided to eat homemade bread in our kitchen. By God's Providence, we were able to make about 300 bread rolls. All of which we gave to the mothers of our communities & relieve some of the immediate hunger in these families. So it was a great way to bless these women with a simple gift for Mother's Day but also remind them of a profound truth that "Jesus in the bread of life! The only way to our God."

4 Friday ~ Andy Miller, Harvesters. For the first time in 14 months BCC members and friends were back in the sanctuary. The building was full, pretty much to capacity, given COVID spacing requirements. The balcony was opened to accommodate the indoors overflow - and then the patio was also made available for those who preferred the fresh outdoors. Joanna and John tried to help me to identify which Harvesters were attending - we saw Norma & Bob McKee, Barbara & Bill Brown, Sharon Burrows and Lee Hildebrand. If I/we missed anyone, please send a REPLY to this email. So come on back to Bridges, we are open for business (the business of salvation) and doing well.

5 Saturday ~ Arab World Media. It was this ability to meet with seekers face to face that came to a brisk end with the restrictions of Covid-19.

For several months now, our Arabic ministry has been trialling a new approach – hosting discipleship groups online using Zoom. Our team of responders has found these to be an incredible new resource for our ministry. As new Arab Christians are often isolated and fearful of persecution, online groups are proving to be a fruitful way for such individuals to connect with other believers. Building trust and learning to pray for one another is an important part of these online gatherings.

6 Sunday ~ Brenda Allen, Guinea West Africa, WorldVenture. Apart from the small missionary Ahmadiyya sect and Shia Muslims in Northern Nigeria, West African Islam is Sunni. West African Islam's uniqueness is that its fight against European colonialism caused it to flourish. There are four main types of Islam in West Africa. First, there is a conservative tribal Islam widespread among peoples such as the Fulani, Tuareg, Hausa, Wolof, etc. In rural areas, many practice Folk Islam. This is led by itinerant marabout (holy men) and imams who are practitioners in the occult. Women especially seek help from the jinn spirit powers.

7 Monday ~ Brenda Allen, Guinea West Africa, WorldVenture. Third, Sufi mystic brotherhoods strongly influence politics. The Qadariyya Sufis from Baghdad spread to Mali, promoting conservative political Islam and mystic worship at saints' tombs. Tijaniyyah Sufis from Morocco split from the Qadariyya in order to engage in jihad against French colonialism. Due to the success of Fulani jihadists, the Tijanis are now the largest Sufi movement in West Africa. In Senegal, the Mouride Sufis dominate.

8 Tuesday ~ Bryson Vogeltanz, West Africa, Partners International. An unreached people group is a group of people with a distinct language, culture, or social class whose population is less than 2% Christian. The Bokoruge is an unreached group of 100,000 people in West Africa. They are primarily Muslim and resistant to the Gospel.

9 Wednesday ~ Bryson Vogeltanz, West Africa, Partners International. Four years ago, one of our courageous local ministry workers moved to live among the Bokoruge to share the life-saving Gospel with them. He planted over 20 house churches and led hundreds of the Bokoruge to Jesus. But after three years, the persecution became so intense that his life was in danger, and he was forced to flee the country.

10 Thursday ~ Bryson Vogeltanz, West Africa, Partners International. One of his disciples, Ayo, a local Bokoruge man, took up the call to reach his people with the Gospel. Eventually, the persecution became so intense that he, too, was forced to flee. Last year, despite the danger, Ayo returned home to continue sharing the Gospel among his people. The Church continues to grow, and the power of the Gospel is transforming individuals, families, and communities.

11 Friday ~ Bryson Vogeltanz, West Africa, Partners International Without your support, stories like this wouldn't be possible. The Bokoruge would still have no Gospel witness or a growing Church. Ayo is reaching his people because of the prayer and support of men and women like you. But there are still so many unreached groups who have never heard the name of Jesus. Today, you can help Ayo and many others like him continue to reach their people with the most important message on earth — the Good News of Jesus Christ.

12 Saturday ~ Matt and Susi Lundquist, Central Washington University, Campus Ambassadors. And here we were, sunny and clear, but still only 19 degrees, not a cloud in the sky, no place to go except outside! Matt and Susi Lundquist. Staying in touch with our ministry partners.

13 Sunday ~ David and Beth Penney, Tunisia, IDEAS As we prepared to head back to Tunis and began our journey through the Denver International Airport as well as through other airports (Dulles, Frankfurt and Tunis), I was being reminded, despite the long break we have had from it all, of the why of our doing it. For it had all become so common and natural for us to be traveling around and connecting with our associates before COVID hit.

14 Monday ~ David and Beth Penney, Tunisia, IDEAS
But as we landed here in Tunis once again and we got to our villa home overlooking the city of downtown Tunis. I was reminded just by looking out our front window why we are really here. You see, there was the usual flock of sheep with a shepherd standing near by.

15 Tuesday ~ David and Beth Penney, Tunisia, IDEAS.
Sheep need their shepherd, and we know He is available to them. However, there are still many in North Africa who have yet to have an opportunity to get to know him personally.

16 Wednesday ~ David and Beth Penney, Tunisia, IDEAS.
May we facilitate their coming to Him, whether it is in seeing that those associates who are here are healthy and effective or whether it is in relating with the nationals directly ourselves. We have the unique privilege of being the face, hands and feet of our Savior to those around us. May we be faithful in this for their sake.

17 Thursday ~ Pioneers USA. Two years ago, a woman in West Asia was forced to stop studying Scripture by her husband. Last week he changed his mind. Praise God! She began studying again and invited several friends to join her. Let's pray for salvation for these women and for their families.

18 Friday ~ Pioneers USA
In the Old Testament, God designated cities of refuge in the land of Jordan. Today, many have come to this region seeking refuge. Praise God that some refugees are finding new life in the One who offers an eternal refuge.

19 Saturday ~ Pioneers USA
"My ancestors have been Buddhist for 500 years," a student told a Pioneer teaching in East Asia. "Now my family are the first Christians." Let's pray for this family!

20 Sunday ~ Pioneers USA
It's the hot season, a Pioneers family in North Africa acknowledges. They ask us to pray they have grace for themselves and others as the heat decreases productivity and increases irritability.

21 Monday ~ Pioneers USA
A Pioneer in Eastern Europe didn't know what to do when water from the flat upstairs poured through her ceiling in the middle of the night. But praise God for redeeming the stressful situation and turning it into an opportunity to meet more neighbors.

22 Tuesday ~ Pioneers USA
"God has no grandchildren," the saying goes. Pray for the Pioneers seeking to make disciples in historically Christian but not decidedly post-Christian environments. May multitudes in these places come to know God personally.

23 Wednesday ~ Pioneers USA
Pray for Pioneers considering ministry opportunities as COVID-related restrictions begin to lift. Should they try to go back to the way things were? What should change?

24 Thursday ~ Pioneers USA
Pray for Black Rock Congregational Church, a partner church in Connecticut. They ask us to lift up their Board of Missions as they seek the Lord for wisdom and direction.

25 Friday ~ Pastor Kato, Partners International, Horn of Africa.
Pastor Kato has been in prison for over two years in the Horn of Africa. He was falsely accused of inciting a mob in a refugee camp where he was ministering. We recently learned that his trial has been postponed again, this time indefinitely. Please pray for his release. Pray for his wife and ten children as they wait for their dad to come home. Pray that God would do what only He can do.

26 Saturday ~ Dean and Cindy Lundgren,
We are SO excited for this weekend!! We need you all to PRAY as we take students on a spiritual retreat this Friday and Saturday at a camp! Our theme is "Knowing God," and we have students from Oman, Saudi Arabia, Japan, China, Uganda, Ghana, and Togo attending!

27 Sunday ~ Dean and Cindy Lundgren

Please pray...

- That students from Muslim and Buddhist backgrounds would be captivated as they learn more about Jesus.
- That believing students would be refreshed as they spend time with God in nature. Pray that they would be challenged to grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- There are a couple students who are waiting to see if their schedules will clear. Please pray that God would open a door for these students from Iran and India to attend.
- That God would give us beautiful weather and that it wouldn't rain.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: : that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."
-1 John 5:14

28 Monday ~ Marty and Denise Shaw, WorldVenture.
We had anticipated that we would start traveling again in February; however, with restrictions in place, especially in so many parts of the world, we have not been able to do so. That does not mean that our ministry has not been very active. Our days can find us talking to people in any part of the world. I do not know what we would have done 20 years ago in terms of communication.

29 Tuesday ~ Marty and Denise Shaw, WorldVenture. We are very excited that, despite global restrictions, the ministry has been moving forward. We are in a spiritual battle, and so it has not been without its challenges. COVID has not been the only challenge for missionaries around the world. Visas, other health issues, and restrictions on travel have all impacted ministry, yet God is good, and we have seen the work move forward.

30 Wednesday ~ Marty & Denise Shaw, WorldVenture. We would ask for prayer as we began to travel the first week of June, then Marty in July, and then both outside of the US in September. It will be good to be back working with missionaries in their specific locations. We do hope that the airline food will have improved during these months that we have not been able to travel since we spend a lot of time in the air getting places.