

Weeks Family Prayer Update – November 2020

Dear family and friends,

How could it be the last day of November? In Australia, this marks the last day of spring, as summer officially begins on the 1st of December. (Sorry to all of you reading this in the northern hemisphere!)

Melbourne has finally caught up to the rest of Australia in suppressing the local spread of COVID. Australia and New Zealand have been able to limit and quarantine international arrivals. Some flaws in that system led to the 2nd wave in Melbourne! After living through that from June to October, we can sympathise with the increasing restrictions and



lockdowns being experienced around much of the world. And we are saddened and concerned for friends and family who have had the virus or restrictions hit closer to home.



In July, we mentioned the needs of **Pastor Bolívar Báez** and the **Checa Church** in dealing with COVID restrictions in Ecuador. We're thankful to report that God led some folks to provide timely funds to help out in August. We have been able to pass on those **kind gifts**. Along with this update, we've included a more detailed update of the story in Ecuador. This has been a personal project of Christian charity to brothers and sisters in need, not connected officially to Reach Beyond or SonSet Solutions Canada. There are still some needs – **if you'd like to help**, please get in touch with us directly.

Ministry News

Pray for our program partners as they reach out to people and listeners, working through the challenges that COVID has brought. Here are some examples:

- In **India**, one partner is **distributing food packages** to a slum community of untouchables who are struggling to find any work.
- **Matu listeners in Myanmar** have shared: “We usually listen to the Matu radio program even from the workplaces. The Bible message from the speaker are short and effective with relevant songs (...) as well as the general knowledge such as how to protect ourselves from Covid-19 and other health care things.”
- Meanwhile, our long-time **Japanese** producer is **meeting up with listeners over Zoom**, in place of making a personal trip this year.

Pray for the people being ministered to in these different situations, that they would come to fully know God's love shown through the gift of his Son, Jesus.

Thank God that interstate travel restrictions in Australia are easing. This opens the door for us to make an **extended trip to Kununurra**, to provide backup and tech support at our broadcast site. *Please pray that the doors would open fully and remain open.*

Family News

Perhaps the biggest news is that **Trevor and Chelsea** recently completed the big move from **Edmonton back to Victoria**. (Those cold prairie winters finally got to them!) Trevor is now a mechanic with BC Transit in Victoria, and just completed his first week on the job.

Nelson also **changed jobs**. He's now working in the factory with Selectronic, an electronic design and manufacturing company. He's also been receiving updates about the **tourism guiding course** that he wants to take – now scheduled to start again in February. After a year of false starts, *please pray that the course will go ahead this time.*

Malcolm has finished university assignments and exams online, but is finally getting to do some **labs on-campus**, albeit on a compressed schedule. Then he's back at the **berry farm** for a 3rd summer. *We thank God for his faithful provision of work to cover tuition costs.*

Brent had his second **cataract surgery** on the 27th of October. He now has good distance vision, but occasionally finds himself searching for the reading glasses he misplaced! 😊

At church, uncertain of when restrictions would ease, we decided to move online with our annual **Christmas event** to reach out to the local community. **Shelley** has been particularly **busy helping** with script writing, preparing props (aka baking) and filming, including some puppet scenes with Nelson. *Please pray for strength and energy to keep up with the extra busy schedule over the next couple of weeks.*

Thanks so much for your continued prayers and support.



*Brent &
Shelley
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