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Dear Eric & brothers & sisters in MCBC,

I give thanks to the Lord for your dedications to The Great Commission. May the Missions Night on 28 August with the theme of “The Heart of Missions” be held smoothly, that it will bring encouragement and empowerment to all who will attend the meeting. And may the Lord be glorified.

Thank you for asking me to submit some prayer requests of GOI Aus so that MCBC can remember us in prayers. The covid-19 pandemics have affected all aspects of our ministries, both locally and worldwide, though to different extents. The following is a synopsis of some of our prayer needs, mostly centered around covid-19 pandemics.

Nearly all the mission fields are affected by covid-19 with varying degrees of lockdowns and restricted movement. The lockdowns have obviously affected the ministries as the missionaries may not be able to attend in person physically. Unlike Australia, the internet service in many mission fields is not stable and may hinder the online ministries. The availability of vaccines is limited, and the medical care is less than satisfactory. Some co-workers have fallen ill with covid-19. A few missionaries cannot return to their homeland for furlough because of travel ban or restrictions.

1. Pray for Fanny Lam in the Bethel Bible Institute in Maesai, North Thailand. Thailand is currently under the 4<sup>th</sup> wave of the pandemics. Quite a number of the staff and students in the Institute have fallen sick with covid-19. Teaching is done online. The rainy season has brought heavy rainfall, and the threat of Dengue Fever.

- Pray for good health – especially for Fanny’s mobility, and God’s protection against covid and Dengue Fever.
- Pray the scheduled appointment for Moderna vaccine injection in October
- Pray for effective online teaching, and preparation for next semester teaching.
- Pray for political stability in Thailand and in Myanmar

2. Pray for Cambodia mission. At present GOI has 10 missionaries in Cambodia under the leadership of Rev Solomon Oh who is based in Phnom Penh. Phnom Penh is one of GOI’s gateway city to mission in IndoChina. Some missionaries are serving in the provincial areas such as Kampong Cham, Sihanouk and Batambang. The major mission areas are church planting, theological education, language education, dormitories and community cares. Rev Oh has recently connected with Pastor Kundate via zoom.

- Pray the missionaries can develop friendship with the locals and the mission ministries continue to thrive
- Pray Rev Solomon Oh can know Pastor Kundate and his ministries better, and come up with strategic plans for partnership

3. Pray for Ugandan mission. GOI has two mission fields in Uganda. One in the capital Kampala headed by Rev Joshua Dong, and the other one in Pakwach in the north by Mark & Yvonne. Uganda has just come out of strict lockdown as the covid-19 situation has eased, though church gatherings are still prohibited.

- Give thanks to the Lord for the opening of the Multifunctional Centre in Kampala in January 2020, which is serving the Kampala Chinese Church as well as the local Ugandan people
- Give thanks to the Lord for adding local co-workers to both fields to better serve the local people
- Pray for effective ministry as the missionaries resort to use ongoing radio broadcast to share God's words during the pandemics
- Pray for Pakwach as the flood from early this year has not subsided and the mosquitos infestations and malaria remains rampant
- Pray for the health and safety of the missionaries during the pandemics, flood and malaria season.

4. Pray for GOI Australia office.

- With the travel ban and restrictions in place, all the short term missions are now ceased. Pray that we can face the challenges and remain faithful and come up with creative strategic ministries. Pray for launch of an online mission course for Chinese churches later this year.
- Currently the National Director position and the Mission Mobiliser position are vacant. Pray the Lord to call His servants for His ministries.
- Continue to pray to the Lord to send His servants to the mission fields – the harvest is plenty and the workers are few.

Thank you for spending time to pray for our needs. I appreciate very much your kindness and the opportunity to serve in mission with liked minded people in MCBC. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

Serving together in Him,

Thomas Ng  
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