

## **Quarterly Missions Report – Fall 2020**

## **Our Missionaries**

Nelson & Lisa Monteiro – Brazil Serena Assiobo – Togo Douglas Lochhead (Young Life) – Qualicum Beach Zachary & Megan Wylie – Thailand RAN Worker (couple) – Restricted Access Nation Vancouver Island University Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp – Vancouver Island ERDO – SaVeoung Seang and Tee Tom Darcy & Leanne McAlister – Asia

**Nelson and Lisa** – Throughout this difficult time the Monteiro's have continued their work in the DNA movement, including online courses and completing the translation of the book *Discipling Nations* into Portuguese. Through their partnership with CADI, they continue to minister to children and families in ten poor communities in Brazil. Please pray for all their endeavours and for His comfort, peace and healing during this difficult season as the Monteiro's lost loved in Brazil ones due to COVID-19.

**Serena Assiobo** – Togo has begun to open up and Rodrigue and the Justice Water team have travelled to villages, checking on the status of drilled wells, as well as beginning to drill two new wells. Since Serena and their newborn, Tehillah, have had to stay in Canada, they have had video calls regularly with Rodrigue. He has now been granted a visitor's visa to Canada and arrived in September! Praise God! Thank you for all your prayers and support. Please pray for opportunities to share Jesus and wisdom regarding the locations of the new wells.

**Zachary and Megan** – Thailand is like other parts of the world: dealing with COVID-19 in its own unique way. Imagine Thailand (IT) has continued to build strong communities as they've connected with local community leaders, asking, "What do you need, how can we help?"

In Takua Pa they adjusted their learning centre to provide food and other necessities for the community. With easing restrictions, daily tutoring has resumed and they have also been invited into 3 new schools to run after-school programs – amazing!

In Mae Sot the soy milk and clean water projects team also converted space to accommodate distribution of masks, sanitization, as well as meals, soy milk and food bags. As restrictions have eased, they have returned to soy milk distribution to the migrant children, and now also Thai schools who can't afford to provide milk for their kids.

In Bangkok, COVID-19 opened the door to partnership with some of the non-Christian groups IT work with and they've now launched a community based education initiative with the largest education

start-up in Thailand. It's been an amazing Jesus opportunity as doors that have been opening over the last two years have finally swung wide! Please pray for the nation of Thailand. Rallies are being hosted around the country as many ask for the resignation of the cabinet, the dissolution of parliament, and the drafting of a new constitution. We're praying for justice to come and shalom to reign.

**Douglas Lochhead** – Young Life has had a great summer running their 'more than camp' summer program every Wednesday night with COVID-19 protocols. Kids love it and keep coming back! They didn't have any overnight camps as per government mandates but that didn't stop them being with kids and sharing Gospel talks in Doug's front yard, down at the beach in Qualicum and on top of Mt. Washington before riding the chairlift down. They are very aware of the mental health and stress challenges that kids and their families are experiencing and doing everything they can to support kids while being safe and keeping events smaller. It's a time of 20 – 30 kids searching deeper in their faith stories rather than working with lots of kids and seeing lots of new faces every week.

**RAN Couple** – The village in which these global workers help poor migrant workers was blocked for four months due to COVID-19. When they were finally able to return, it was sad to see the changes. The kids are looking rougher and many of their parents are now unemployed. Please pray for employment for these migrant workers. Compensation cheques are not being handed out here, even though many have lost work. These families are already living in desperate poverty. Now, some of the children are going without food. Pray also for strength for the kids. School exams were not cancelled here. Although students missed months of school, once studies resumed they were instructed to start studying for exams. Summer break was shortened to just two weeks. Please pray, as the kids strive to meet difficult requirements.

**United Campus Ministries at Vancouver Island University** – Currently UCM is seeking a new director for VIU. Please pray for the vitality and stability of the VIU campus ministry.

Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp – Please pray for their leadership in these days of the pandemic.

**ERDO** – We continue to sponsor SaVeoung Seang and Tee Tom through Child Care Plus. Both children live in Cambodian villages. Pray that these children and their families will flourish under this sponsorship. Tee Tom likes to play football in his spare time and wants to be a policeman. Sa Veoung Seang likes to read books and would like to be a teacher.

**Darcy and Leanne** – Darcy and Leanne returned to Hong Kong in July, sharing, "We are not afraid, and we are not bored!" The ZOE Network continues to flourish as more people are taking online courses. They are writing new material for additional courses and making videos.

Please pray for courage and wisdom to hear from God daily about what to do and how to do it. Pray also for finances: with COVID-19 has come a shift in some people's financial situations. Also needed is prayer for the right people and resources to help make God's dreams a reality. Lastly, pray for protection over Darcy and Leanne's lives and ministry.