

MONTHLY PRAYER BULLETIN

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“WE WAIT IN HOPE FOR THE LORD; HE IS
OUR HELP AND OUR SHIELD.”
~PSALM 33:20 (NIV)

GIVE THANKS

- Thank you for your prayer for the Cash Injection Programme in Ethiopia launched to help SHG members whose lives and businesses have been affected by Covid-19. We are grateful to God for recent funds which have enabled us to extend the Programme further.
- As we come to the end of another financial year, join us in giving thanks for you, our supporters and prayer partners. In this unusual year we are so thankful that through your generosity God has provided the funds for the work of our partners in Cambodia, Ethiopia, Lebanon and Uganda.
- Thank God for the churches we work with around the world who are adapting and supporting their communities through new lockdowns. In challenging circumstances, they are providing practical, spiritual and emotional help to people in poverty. Pray for wisdom, energy and strength for their leaders.

WORLD NEWS

- Ethiopia: Please continue to pray for the people of Ethiopia as they face multiple challenges including continued ethnic unrest and the conflict in the Tigray region. There is a huge humanitarian crisis and people need immediate assistance. Sporadic clashes between insurgents and government troops prevented free movement within the region to reach remote areas in humanitarian aid. Covid-19 cases are also escalating in the country with limited health facilities to care for the seriously ill.
- Uganda: The Ugandan government has announced that internet and social-media services will be restored in the country. They were shut down more than a month ago, ahead of the election. The result of this election is being challenged in court. Pray for this challenge to be resolved swiftly and peacefully, so that justice can prevail and tensions across the country will be eased.
- This month marks 10 years since the conflict in Syria began, our partners in Lebanon write: “This winter, people in Lebanon and Syria are struggling like never before to afford the most basic necessities. Both the Lebanese and the Syrian pounds have heavily depreciated during the past year, resulting in substantial increases in prices, while many people have lost their jobs or the little savings they had. In Syria, households are now suffering from long hours of power outages every day and shortages of diesel for heating and gas for cooking. In Lebanon, 90% of Syrian refugees and 23% of Lebanese households are now living in extreme poverty.” “Meanwhile, COVID-19 cases continue to escalate across both countries, public hospitals are overwhelmed, and private hospitals only take in patients who can pay cash and in advance for their stay.” Please continue to pray for our partners and those they work with facing so many challenges.

IRELAND

- Please pray for the team as we finalise workshop materials to help young people and others explore the issues around volunteering in orphanages and the impact of institutional care on children. Pray that the resources will be helpful and will result in more children growing up in family and community.
- The coronavirus pandemic has forced us to live life in the present. This doesn’t mean just waiting for a time when we can do things more freely again. God is still at work in the world, and wanting us to join him. Take time to listen to God this Lent, ask him what he would have you to do in this time of waiting.
- Please pray for the Tearfund Ireland team, Board and Committee members during our strategic review process. Ask God to grant wisdom as to where to focus our energies and work at this time.