



TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPRING 2024 MISSIONS UPDATE

SCHEIBE FAMILY | IRELAND

Marc has had the opportunity to preach far more often in the last few months, as one minister went on sabbatical, and then again for other church planters who are experiencing burnout. Liz continues to serve the community as a trauma counselor, as well as working alongside Marc in facilitative church planting, encouraging pastors and their wives, and the week-to-week coffee dates for prayer and support. Our oldest, Josh, lives in LA and is quite the entrepreneur, with his hands in a lot of new enterprises as he tries to make his way. Campbell is also an entrepreneur, opening a new salon (room rented in another salon) and getting certified as a beautician. Anna is finishing her last year of secondary school and will be attending Okla State this fall. Hudson is doing very well in futbol (soccer) and is advancing in the national Irish futbol leagues. He begins "high school" next fall and anticipates being busy with futbol and a higher level of academics.



PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray for us as a family as we seek to find new rhythms for work and rest; as we are making new headway into knowing and reaching our neighbors for Christ.
- Pray for us as we bring Anna back to the US for college, which will change our family overseas. Pray for her to re-enter American culture well and find some good Christian friends.
- Pray for Josh as he continues to find his way with work and life. Pray he would find a good Christian community in which to get involved while living in LA.
- Pray for Campbell as she works to get her new business up and running! Pray for her to find connections into church and to find joy in her work.
- Pray for Hudson as he is growing in his skills as a futbol player and seeking to find a new team where he can continue to raise his level of play. Give praise as it seems one of his closest friends has become a new believer!
- Pray for each of our children that they would find the Lord is enough and that they grow in their faith.
- Pray for Liz as she works tirelessly with victims of trauma abuse, both past and ongoing. Pray for her to find rest and healthy boundaries in her work/life balance.
- Pray for Marc as he continues to lead our ministry and the new team forming. We will be looking to add new mission teammates this summer and into next year. Pray for them as they raise support and prepare to join the team here in N. Ireland. Pray for new opportunities to come alongside church leaders across N. Ireland and for him to lean upon the Lord of the harvest!
- Pray for us as we seek to make good friends here as individuals and as a couple. Pray for the difficulty of distance as we live overseas and the slipping away of good friendships and family relationships "from a distance."
- Finally, pray for us as we seek to move church homes in order to be used more as facilitative leaders in a particular church body. We've been approached by a handful of churches keen to have us come and help lead. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we decide to make this decision come fall.

JON, TANYA, ANNA & MARK | CENTRAL EUROPE

Back in February the kids had a break from school, and we were able to take a few days to rest in nearby Austria. We had just received word about the approval of our visa applications(!), and we decided to finally exhale and have a celebratory rest, along with celebrating Jon's and Mark's birthdays. Like so many others, we often struggle to find the right rhythms of work and rest, so we're very grateful for the time we had there with each other and with dear friends who extended warm hospitality to us, opening their hearts and home. Back in our home city, the work goes on, and we're so grateful to be able to engage in what God is doing to build his kingdom and bring hope to so many, even beyond our country.

PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray for us, as we have 7 couples coming to discuss how we can encourage each other in applying the gospel to our marriages.
- A big item of praise is that just this week we received our renewed visas to stay in the country until at least the end of June 2025. We have long prayed for some stability in our lives and ministry, and we feel that we can finally exhale, plan, and find our footing. Thank you to all those who have been praying for this need!

THE ADAMS | BANGKOK

These first two months of 2024 were an incredibly eventful and busy time for us here in Bangkok. Not only have we been busy with launching our new church, but we've been hosting interns, collaborating with national partners to launch a new presbytery, starting translation projects, leading counseling training events, and preparing to receive new teammates. We're so thankful for what God is doing here, both among our churches and on our team!

Now, here are a few quick updates...

We've enjoyed a really sweet time of gathering with our church, Grace Fellowship Prawet, growing and being together under the Word over the past couple of months. Please continue to pray as we do these things and as we share the Gospel with our neighbors. With the start of a new presbytery, the pressing questions are, "How do we train and examine Thai men who are called to be pastors? What are our doctrinal standards?" In answer to this question, the men above have agreed that having good, readable versions of The Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger Catechism, as well as the Heidelberg Catechism will be incredibly helpful as we move forward. As a supplement to these great documents, we will also be working on a Thai catechism that deals specifically with issues that affect those coming out of a Buddhist background (participation in local customs, spirits, karma, etc.).

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the health, unity, and outreach efforts of all our churches (New City Fellowship, Grace Fellowship Prawet, and Grace City Church)
- Pray for Kiki, as she had an absolutely brutal schedule of training events in March. Also, pray for our family as we have had very little margin in the last month.
- Pray for our team as we receive Sam and Madison Cromley at the end of March.



THE QUINNS | SOUTH AFRICA

Hello Trinity Family! The Lord has been our sustaining strength these first 7 months in South Africa and we are eager to give a brief update to you all. As we have gotten settled in, we have had some amazing opportunities to come alongside the church here and further the gospel work. Hunter has been able to give two different 'skeptical' talks on campus. These are interactive lectures to Christians and non-Christians alike on various topics. The lectures are specifically given from a Biblical worldview. Hunter has had several interactions and meetings with students as a result of these talks. The months of February and March we have been able to host a men's Friday morning Bible study where 7 regular students come. It is encouraging to see how the study of God's word is growing their faith. One final update from us is that we have been officially asked to join a Presbyterian and Reformed Church of South Africa church plant led by a South African pastor. We will be a part of the core group and eventually start a student ministry alongside that church.



PRAYER POINTS

- Continued adjustment to South African culture for our whole family
- Fruitful study in God's word for the men's Friday morning Bible Study
- Good relationships built between our family and the South African pastor and his family (the Cloetes - pronounced kloet-ta)

LOCAL MINISTRY UPDATES: CITY OF HOPE & STAND IN THE GAP MINISTRIES

City of Hope

Grace & Peace Presbyterian has been coming alongside us over the past several months to conduct outreach, which has been extremely helpful. Towards the end of 2023, they helped us gather supplies, build, and distribute about 300 kits that contained cold weather supplies. For Christmas, the women of the church helped us wrap around 300 presents that were then distributed to adults on the streets, as well as to kids at a program in North Tulsa. In February, they also did a coat and blanket drive for us. Two weeks ago, one of the men's groups came with me to hand out many of those coats and blankets collected in the drive, and we got to pray for people and share the Gospel. It was also great because a man who came off the streets through our program in 2020 was able to join us and serve as well. I would love to see Trinity have some opportunities to serve in a "hands on" way this year as well.

Stand in the Gap ***Widows Program***

Our widows team met with their leaders via Zoom for a quarterly gathering. They were able to ask questions, encourage one another, and provide support.

This month, our widows team added two new churches, and it is incredible to see the way these leaders support one another at every stage in the process of this ministry.

Stand in the Gap ***Women in Transition***

This month, our Women in Transition program has seen new graduates, new neighbors, and new mentees! We have neighbors waiting to be placed on teams, and have recently trained new mentors to be matched with a team.

Stand in the Gap ***Life Launch***

Life Launch had a few milestones in the month of February, and we are thrilled about it...

- Had our very first community night at the Oilers.
- Had our very first quarterly training with active mentors.
- Met with our first strategic partner in Hutchinson, Kansas that will take on Life Launch in their own context.

These milestones not only mark community growth in Life Launch, but highlight the demand for relational support within this demographic of young adults from hard places. If you would like to find out how your church can be a helping hand in taking care of modern day orphans, email lifelaunch@sitgm.org.



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