

Guard the Gap

Pray for SPC Mission Partners and Projects
Meets every third Wednesday of the month

May Prayer Letter

Global Missions

Tom Smith (I.T.E.M.)

- I.T.E.M. provides theological education to church leaders around the world. Most of their students are bi-vocational, and some have lost their jobs. Pray for these students and for I.T.E.M. as it provides financial support to those hardest hit.
- Pray as they work to continue instruction online—both through livestream and recorded lectures. Pray for local field directors as they facilitate this.
- On Sunday, March 22, a 6.6 magnitude earthquake struck Croatia near where Tom used to live and minister. Praise God that few were on the street due to the COVID-19 lockdown, but pray for families whose homes were damaged.

Timothy and Lydia (England)

- Pray for Timothy as he works with the local council to support the elderly and vulnerable by shopping and taking food to them. Pray for Lydia as she spends time on phone with ladies from church and her Sharing Skills group. Pray for wisdom, stamina, and developing relationships.
- Pray for their family, as Timothy's dad and brother are at high risk for the virus.
- Pray that God will guide their adoption process and place two twin girls with them.

Kurt and Jill (UK)

- Pray God would move in the negotiations for their church to buy their building—the owner has asked they increase their offer. Praise God for the start of three online evangelistic Bible studies and ladies' English classes.
- Pray for Jill's mom who has been hospitalized twice in the last month.

Jonah and Jennifer (undisclosed)

- Pray for Jonah as he continues to speak to groups of believers virtually. Praise God that on Tues, April 21 they had a "water party" for a new sister even during the lockdown. Pray her faith would be strengthened.

Jeannie Tabb (Ukraine)

- Pray for the virtual English clubs and Bible studies that continue during this time. Pray that many students will come to faith.
- Pray that Jeannie's dad will remain healthy and there would be no outbreak of the virus in his assisted living facility.

Sally K (undisclosed)

- Pray she will invest in the Word and come to Him as a child, trusting and resting.
- Pray children in this undisclosed country would have enough food to eat and for their impoverished parents to cry out to God for rescue and find Jesus answering.

Opportunities to Give

stonypointchurch.org/give

Uganda Emergency Fund

Many people in the Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement are going hungry because the UN has stopped providing food and locusts are destroying crops. Consider giving to fill this need. As of May 15, we have received \$15,380 of our \$40K goal.

PRC Baby Shower

Donate items to help new moms take care of their babies. Leave them on SPC's front porch. Items must be new, except for maternity clothes.

Meditations

"The very sovereignty that rules in sickness is the sovereignty that sustains in loss. The very sovereignty that takes life is the sovereignty that conquered death and brings believers home to heaven and Christ. It is not sweet to think that Satan, sickness, sabotage, fate, or chance has the last say in my life. That is not good news. That God reigns is good news."

- John Piper,
Coronavirus and Christ

Local Missions

American Red Cross (SPC Blood Drive on Sun, May 17)

- Praise God that 39 people (both regular attenders and people outside SPC) gave blood at the church on Sunday. The schedule was completely booked! Pray that the Lord would heal the sick people who receive this blood.

Church Hill Academy/CHAT (Karen Holland)

- Give thanks and pray for their 11 graduates, and pray also as they plan for a possible graduation celebration on June 5.
- Pray as they plan for next year (38 applications have been received), and CHAT received a loan from the Paycheck Protection Program to protect jobs until the end of June. In spite of all the uncertainty, Karen says, "My job is still a joy! And our school community is tighter than it has ever been."

Redemption Books

- Pray for the health and safety of the employees and customers as they reopened on Fri, May 15. Pray that the bookstore would be a helpful resource during this time.

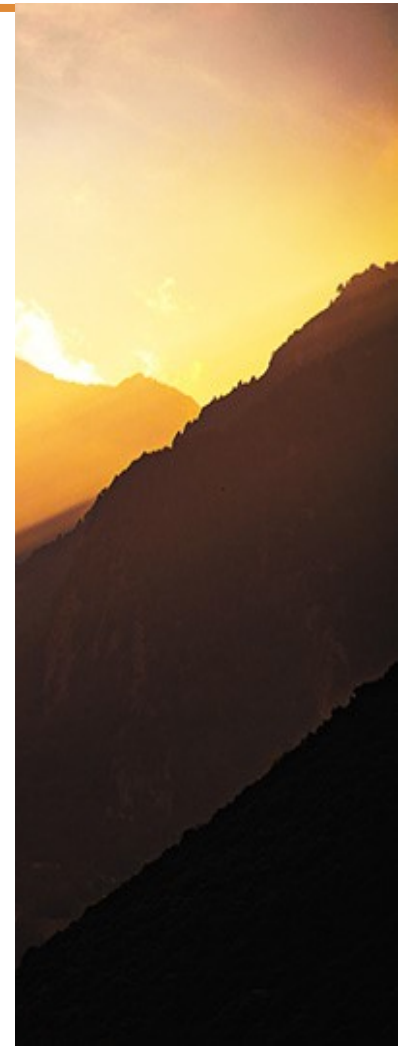
Elijah House Academy

- Praise God that their first ever Virtual Gala on May 14 was a great success! Over \$40,000 was raised to support their mission of providing Christ-centered education.

Special Requests

Emily Van Doornik

- Pray as she plans to go to Guatemala and join Students International as a full-time staff member in Oct/Nov. Pray for her fundraising and for peace during this season of uncertainty following her graduation from JMU.



List of SPC-supported missionaries

Global

- CRU (Moldova)
- Dornoch Church (Scotland church partnership)
- Jonah and Jennifer (undisclosed)
- Sally K. (undisclosed)
- Kurt and Jill (UK, closed people group)
- Pastors Silas and Bab (Uganda)
- Bruce and Pam Sinclair (Uganda)
- Tom Smith (I.T.E.M.)
- Jeannie Tabb (Ukraine)
- Timothy & Lydia (England)
- Rebecca Y. (ReachAcross)

Local

- American Red Cross (Blood Drive)
- CHAT (Church Hill Activities and Tutoring)
- CrossOver Ministries
- Elijah House Academy
- Homework Helpers
- Love in Action Home Repair
- MNA Second Career
- Needle's Eye Ministries
- Pregnancy Resource Center
- Redemption Books
- SPC Emergency Food Pantry
- SPC Fostering and Adoption
- STEP (Strategies to Elevate People)

Campus Ministries

- Church Hill Academy (Karen Holland)
- International Students Inc. (UVA)
- InterVarsity (UR, VCU, JMU)
- Reformed University Fellowship (VCU)
- Richmond Center for Christian Study (UR)
- VCU Internationals



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