



## MISSIONS FOCUS

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Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid-19

### J&D OMF, Creative Access Country

From today's bulletin / Missions Report from Missions Team

J and D left for their field in April. They are adapting well to their new environment and currently spend much of their time learning the language and local culture. They made 3 vision trips during the fall to determine where they will stay and serve. Like any huge decision one must make, there are plus points and minus points for each location. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as to where God wants them to be, that they will continue to gain the needed listening and speaking skills, and for their health and continued adaptation to their new country. They are grateful for our prayers, friendship and support. Because of supportive teammates, they were able to celebrate Thanksgiving although the place they are serving does not. Prayer for those in their theological study groups--hearts open and miraculous encounters with Isa al Masih, wisdom with health concerns, and those who lost loved ones or have no shelter or food after large recent earthquakes in their country.

Highlights from December update:

Language learning – able to survive, get what they need and have a general discussion—while not fluent and with some extra explanations and repetition, still able to do what they couldn't do even a few months ago.

Vision trip locations: each had some wonderful things and each has 1-2 serious drawbacks. Receptiveness of the area, visa considerations, the environment, natural beauty but difficult circumstances are things they need

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to consider. Your extra prayers for God's clear guidance would be appreciated.

Theology Study group meets once a week and have studied several key Old Testament characters that are already familiar in that culture. They have now started study in the Gospels. Pray for wisdom in describing and explaining the Trinity in an unfamiliar language. Pray for fruit. Pray for another person to come alongside and take over in the future.

Using their professional skills: J spoke at a local university for an educational conference. While uncomfortable at best, the inviting faculty member reported that the students enjoyed the session.

Thankful: God's promise that the Holy Spirit abides in us to bear fruit when we abide in Him

Thankful: developing relationships with those they meet and those in their local area.

Thankful: provision of medicines, healthcare and a schedule that allows them to cope with frequent minor illnesses but doesn't prevent them from engaging in work

Prayer: His guidance and Him making it apparent where and how they should serve for the long-term

Prayer: Wisdom to lead those in their study group

Prayer: Growth in the hearts of these members and miraculous encounters with Him leading to a love for him

Prayer: Health concerns

Prayer: Those affected because of large earthquakes in their region

*Thank you for reading about and praying for our missionaries, countries and people locally and globally!*