

OMS Prayerline – Monday, March 23, 2020

Colombia Prison Ministry Chris Williams, Colombia Field Director

Colombia is in urgent need of prayer! The Colombian government has taken measures to combat the coronavirus in this country with a national quarantine beginning Tuesday to last 19 days. They also closed all schools, universities and the majority of businesses. To prevent the spread of the virus in the prisons of Colombia, they suspended all visits to the prisons. This ended OMS-Prison Fellowship ministries as well as ALL outside visits to the prisoners. Last night, prisons all over Colombia experienced rioting as the prisoners feel abandoned in overpopulated institutions without any hope.

Violence erupted in numerous prisons and 23 prisoners were killed, 83 injured. Partners in the prison ministry shared with me various disturbing videos of prisoners bleeding out in the cell blocks with no one to help them. Please pray for peace to fall upon the prisoners and INPEC, the entity that is in charge of the prisons, to be filled with wisdom and be directed by the Lord. Pray also that the thousands of prisoners that have been disciplined by the prison ministry will be protected by our Lord and that they will be a light in this difficult and chaotic time within the prisons.

Pray also for Marco and Laura Vergara and their three children, our Canadians working with the churches in Colombia. Ask God to protect them and use them.

Haiti, Radio 4VEH

Radio 4VEH is a major provider of health information in Haiti, while faithfully sharing the Gospel and Bible teaching. Ask God to keep them on the air despite the limitations of the Corona Virus and the ongoing violence in Haiti. Pray that many will respond to the clear presentations of the Gospel.

Haiti, Bethesda Medical Centre

Dr Rodney Batpiste and his staff at Bethesda Medical Centre are at the forefront of the battle against the Corona virus. Uphold them in prayer; for protection for the staff and their families, wisdom in treating patients, and sharing the Good News of Jesus. Ask God to multiply their limited supplies as Haiti has closed its borders.

Julie Edler works at the clinic in the physiotherapy unit. Bill needs God's wisdom at Emmaus University. Colleen Taylor is also in Haiti and needs God's wisdom and protection.

Because Jesus lives we can face life today, tomorrow, and forever,

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