



PRAYER DIARY

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ICMDA

Starting and strengthening Christian
national medical and dental movements

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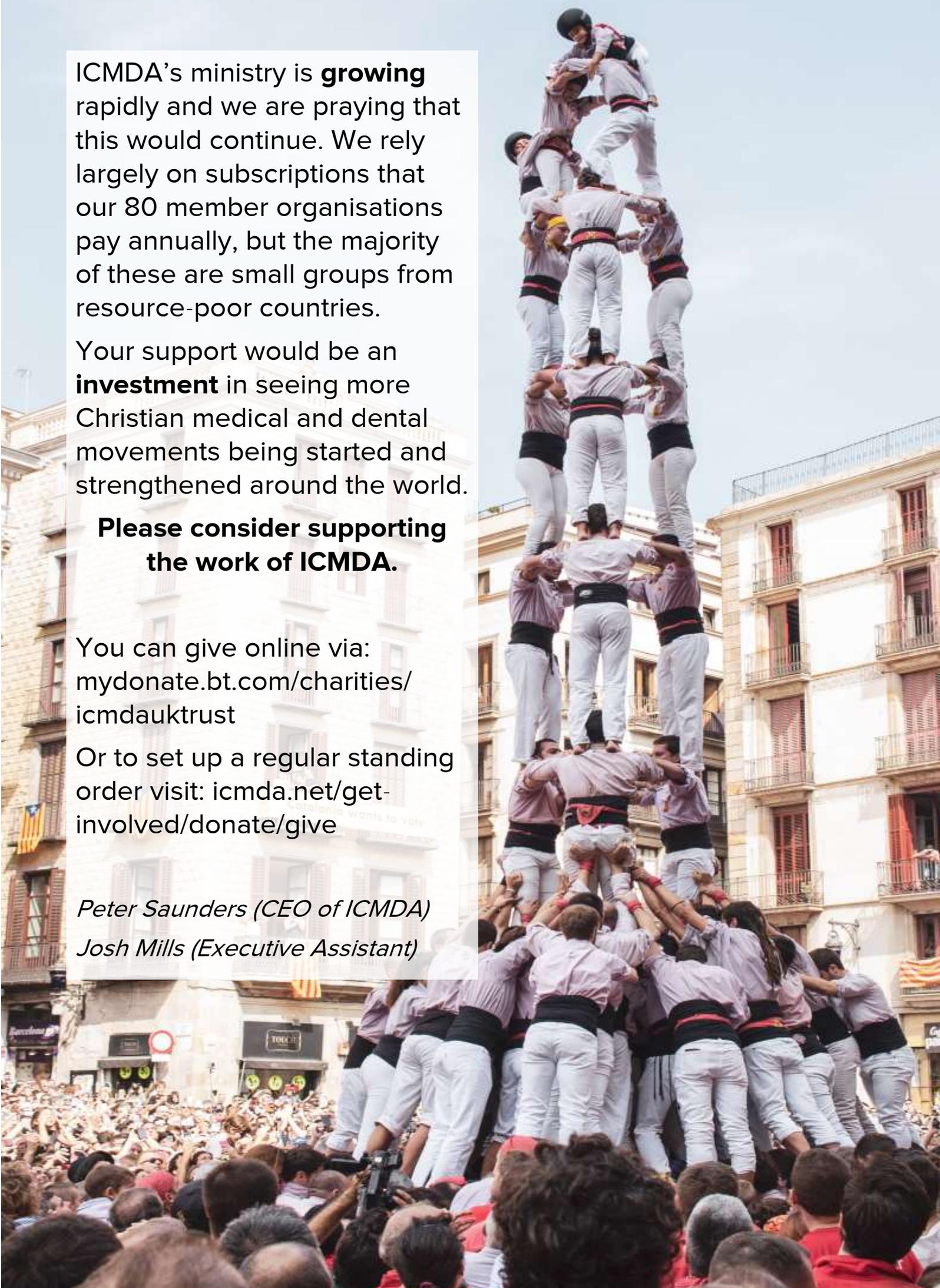
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Welcome to the first edition of the new ICMDA prayer diary which takes you through all of our twelve world regions over two months.

Saint Augustine once said:

*'Pray as though everything depended on God.
Work as though everything depended on you.'*

We are forever reliant on the power of God in all that we do; everything truly does depend on him.

Thank you for partnering with us in prayer for the global work of ICMDA. We have an excellent group of volunteers **highlighted** in this diary. They are all working hard to see Jesus glorified in their communities through the witness of Christian doctors and dentists.

Paul wrote to his friends in Thessalonica, 'With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may **make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.**'
(2 Thessalonians 1:11)

That is our prayer too for the ICMDA community around the world. That each individual would live a life worthy of their calling and that their faithful deeds would be enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for praying with us for this work that is utterly dependent on God.

EURASIA



Mon 1. The Netherlands National Students' Congress has just come to an end - the theme was 'Doctors with Limits'. Pray for students across Eurasia that they would know their God-given limits and that it would cause them to lean more on God's grace each day.

Tue 2. Today is **World Autism Awareness Day**. Remember in prayer those with autism spectrum disorder, their carers and the medical professionals tasked with the difficult job of diagnosis.

Wed 3. Eurasia is the biggest ICMDA region with 53 nations. 26 of them are members of ICMDA. Pray for **Rick Paul**, ICMDA Eurasia Regional Secretary, **Nurgul Mamyrova**, Associate Executive Officer, and the team of Regional and Area reps.

Thu 4. The Romanian National Conference starts today. Uphold **Paul Nandrea** (Balkans Regional Rep) and the CMA Romania team with all their preparations. May the conference be a blessing to each participant and bring a greater unity to the fellowship.

Fri 5. The CMF of Serbia have a national gathering across three different cities over the next three days. Pray for Klara Dudas the CMF president for God's wisdom and inspiration as she leads their national movement.

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Sat 6. There are twelve countries in ICMDA's South America region: seven are members, we have good contact with three others, just Suriname and Guyana are considered 'unreached'. Pray the Lord would open doors into these nations too.

Sun 7. Today is **World Health Day**. The World Health Organisation's number one goal is universal health coverage. Pray that Christian medics and dentists would be at the forefront of using their gifts to ensure every community can access quality health services.

Mon 8. Pray for the 19 people (15 from Uruguay, three from Brazil and one from Chile) who have just arrived in Jordan to serve and give medical assistance to Syrian refugees for two weeks. Pray that they would share the love of Jesus with all they meet.

Tue 9. Brazil is the fifth most populous country in the world. The Doctors for Christ association just held their eleventh national congress at the end of March in Salvador on theme: 'Signs of the Kingdom in Health'. Pray that the congress will bear fruit throughout the region.

Wed 10. Uphold **Jorge Patpatian**, ICMDA Regional Secretary for South America, as he seeks to support and strengthen the member organisations. Pray for good contact with countries where no medical fellowship exists.



SOUTH AMERICA



Thu 11. Today is **World Parkinson's Day**. Parkinson's is a serious and progressive neurological condition with more than 40 symptoms that affects people of all ages. Currently there is no cure. Pray for those suffering, their carers, medical doctors and researchers.

Fri 12. Burundi and Tanzania both hold national conferences this month. 'Lord, we thank you for the Christian witness in these countries, may you build your kingdom and equip your people to live and speak for you, all for the glory of Jesus.'

Sat 13. Please remember **Alex Bolek**, ICMDA Regional Secretary for East Africa, as he encourages the eight member nations, helps Rwanda through the process of membership and seeks contacts within Comoros, Djibouti, Eritrea, Mauritius, Seychelles and Somalia (all unreached).

Sun 14. Preparations for the 17th ICMDA World Congress in Arusha, Tanzania in 2022 are well under way. Pray for the team coordinating all the details, for God's wisdom and leading and that he would provide all that is needed to glorify his name.

Mon 15. Over Easter weekend there is the East Africa Student and Junior Doctors' Conference in Kigali, Rwanda. Pray for the final preparations for this event that it might be a blessing to all involved and that young medics would catch a vision for using their gifts to serve the Lord through healthcare.

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Tue 16. There are 21 countries in the ICMDA Central America region, many of them small islands. Only seven are current members, we have good contact with Jamaica, but the rest are considered unreached. Please pray for this region: may the Lord stir up a passion for doctors and dentists to unite in serving him there.

Wed 17. Today is **World Haemophilia Day**. Their key message is that outreach and identification are the first steps to care. Pray for all those with bleeding disorders and for the medics and scientists looking to treat sufferers. May the Lord bring grace and healing.

Thu 18. The National Convention of the Mexican Christian Medical Society is well under way in Xalapa. Pray for Jose Luis Guerrero, the leader of SMC, and for all those attending, that the Holy Spirit would be at work equipping them with all they need to glorify Jesus.

Fri 19. As we remember **Good Friday**, praise and worship the one who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorned its shame, and now sits at the right hand of the throne of God. This king is drawing worshippers to himself from every people group in the world.

Sat 20. Thank the Lord for **Reyna Durón** who has served as ICMDA Regional Secretary in Central America. Please pray for a Spirit-filled successor to continue the work of promoting the vision and values of ICMDA in the region.



CENTRAL AMERICA



Sun 21. He is risen! **He is risen indeed!** We worship you Lord for you have conquered the grave; death has lost its sting; there is a rescue from the dominion of darkness. May the world know more of the life and resurrection that is offered in Jesus' name.

Mon 22. Australia and New Zealand are the only member organisations in Oceania - they both have thriving national movements. Thank the Lord for this witness and uphold all those serving their communities with the love of Christ.

Tue 23. This is **Experience of Care Week** - putting a spotlight on the work happening to improve experience of care for patients, families and staff all over the world. For Christians, love and compassion is central to all that we do - pray for doctors and dentists to care like Jesus cared in their work today.

Wed 24. Pray for Erick Mange who heads up a lively group of young doctors and medical students in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. They are not an ICMDA member yet, but some of them attended the World Congress last year and have recently formed a national CMDF group.

Thu 25. Today is **World Malaria Day**. There are still over 200 million cases of malaria each year despite huge efforts in prevention, diagnosis, treatment and surveillance. Pray that we would see this preventable disease eradicated and for wisdom for those driving healthcare initiatives.

Fri 26. Today is the second day of IMPACT 2019, the 20th Student and Junior Doctor Conference in NSW, Australia. The theme is 'gratitude'. Pray for Jeremy Beckett the main speaker and for all those attending - may God be at work inspiring young people to devote their lives to Christian witness through healthcare.

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Sat 27. South-East Asia is an exciting region - there are only two member bodies, but we have good contact with Christian doctors and dentists in another eight countries. Please pray for the membership process and that these nations might be blessed as they connect to the global body of Christ.

Sun 28. Remember **Hedwin Kadrianto** in your prayers. He is one of ICMDA's three Associate Executive Officers around the world. Hedwin is an Indonesian dentist with a passion for mission and works closely with students and junior doctors in the region.

Mon 29. Plans are under way to run the Saline Solution course in Laos and Thailand. Pray that this course would be a blessing to those attending and that they would be inspired to live out their faith in practical ways and to share the good news of Jesus as they have opportunity, with sensitivity, permission and respect.

Tue 30. **Wei Leong Goh** is ICMDA regional secretary for South-East Asia and the chair of CMDF Singapore. Please pray for him as he coordinates and promotes the work of ICMDA in the region.

Wed 1. CDF Malaysia have an event for students starting tomorrow and CMF Thailand have their national conference starting this Friday. May the Lord bless these meetings and bring glory to his name through each person attending.



SOUTH-EAST ASIA

NORTH AMERICA



Thu 2. The North America region only consists of Canada and USA, but these are two of our biggest national movements. CMDA US have over 19,000 members - do pray for this strategic body, particularly as Mike Chupp takes over from Dave Stevens as CEO later this year.

Fri 3. The CMDA National Convention begins today in North Carolina, USA. The theme is 'Transform - Celebrating God's Faithfulness'. Pray for each of the speakers and seminar leaders and for the many who will be attending, that they would truly be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sat 4. There are many other national conferences taking place this weekend around the world: CMF UK, CMUCA in Central Asia, CMF Thailand & CMA Ukraine. Pray for the Lord to be at work amongst his people, equipping and preparing them for Kingdom work in healthcare.

Sun 5. Today is the **International Day of the Midwife**. Thank the Lord for the wonderful work midwives do in supporting women through their pregnancies and giving birth. Pray for their protection from pressure to ally themselves to abortion activists and that they would continue to have freedom of conscience.

Mon 6. CMDS Canada hold their National Conference in Vancouver on 9-12 May. This year is the society's 50th anniversary - praise the Lord, he has been faithful! Sarah Williams will speak about Refreshing Streams from Isaiah 43. May all those attending be refreshed over the weekend.

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Tue 7. Today is **World Asthma Day** with the theme 'STOP for Asthma' (*STOP = Symptom evaluation, Test response, Observe and assess, Proceed to adjust treatment*). Pray for asthma sufferers and their carers and for healthcare professionals working in prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Wed 8. This week in Kyrgyzstan a camp is being held for medical students. Pray for this country, part of the Central Asia Medical Union, that a new generation of young people would be filled with the Spirit to serve the Lord in healthcare and mission.

Thu 9. METNA (an area covering the Middle East, Turkey & North Africa) is one of the most unreached regions of ICMDA (Egypt is the only member country.) We have some contact with twelve countries with a further eight still to go. Pray for opportunities to connect with Christian physicians working in this region.

Fri 10. Pray for **Ehab Ayoub**, an Egyptian national and ICMDA Regional Secretary for METNA, as he communicates with other groups in the region and looks to strengthen the movements with a view to them being affiliated with ICMDA.

Sat 11. Pray for Syria & Yemen, two countries in particular that have been besieged by violence for many years. We now have contacts in both Syria and Yemen. The healthcare needs are great and the resources are few, but there are groups of faithful Christians here - uphold them in prayer today.



METNA

SOUTHERN AFRICA



Sun 12. The Southern Africa region covers ten countries from Angola, Zambia & Mozambique down to South Africa. There are good contacts with all countries except Lesotho where there is only one small medical school. Pray for God's blessing in this part of the world.

Mon 13. **Tygje Nadesan** is ICMDA Regional Secretary for Southern Africa. May the Lord lead and guide him in all his work, particularly as he helps organisations become strong and mature groups, honouring the Lord in all their work.

Tue 14. Mozambique and Namibia are not affiliated with ICMDA yet but both are starting the membership process. Pray for the work involved in establishing a strong national movement and for the right individuals to lead these groups.

Wed 15. Today is the **UN International Day of Families**. The foundation of a healthy society is strong families. Pray that the UN sustainable development goal #16 of peace, justice and strong institutions would be met, and that Christian healthcare workers would be at the centre of these initiatives.

Thu 16. Remember **Augustin Lutakwa** in your prayers. Living in Durban, RSA, he is one of three Associate Executive Officers for ICMDA. Pray especially for his work in organising best practice for ICMDA's work with students and junior doctors.

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Fri 17. There are five member countries in the South Asia region: Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Bhutan and the Maldives are yet to be affiliated with ICMDA. Pray for the name of Jesus to be glorified in this region.

Sat 18. Uphold **Santhosh Mathew** in prayer today. Santhosh is ICMDA Regional Secretary for South Asia. He is involved in organising the Masters in Family Medicine (MFM) course. Pray for the right accreditation to be organised for this, for centres to be identified to host practical training, and for a good intake as we hope to relaunch the course this autumn.

Sun 19. The work in India has been central to the work of ICMDA over the past eight years with Vinod Shah acting as CEO from Vellore. Pray for him and his team as they transition to a new phase of ministry and for the ongoing handover of information to the new ICMDA office in the UK.

Mon 20. Praise God for **Samundra Rana** who just last month was appointed as a Regional Representative for South Asia. Remember her in prayer as she forges links with groups across the region and that her many language skills would be put to good use.

Tue 21. The Maldives National University have just had their first ever intake of medical students in 2018. Pray that God would be at work in this beautiful country and that even though it is a 'closed' country and constitutionally '100% Muslim' in time a national movement of Christian doctors and dentists would be established.



SOUTH ASIA

WEST AFRICA



Wed 22. After Eurasia, West Africa is our second biggest region covering 24 countries. There has been encouraging growth over the past few years with six of our nine West African members joining at last year's World Congress. Pray for ICMDA's work here as we continue to strengthen and encourage these new members.

Thu 23. Today is the **International Day to End Obstetric Fistula**. More than two-million young women worldwide live with untreated obstetric fistula (a preventable condition) many of whom are in West Africa. Pray for an increase in efforts to support, educate & treat individuals and communities.

Fri 24. Anthony Enimil is ICMDA West Africa Regional Secretary. Plans are well under way for a Francophone conference to be held in August. Pray for the Lord's direction and provision as they seek to foster greater unity among the French speaking world.

Sat 25. There are still 13 countries that are considered unreached such as Chad, Sierra Leone, Mauritania and Guinea. Pray for a movement of the Spirit in these lands, stirring up Christian healthcare workers to unite in fellowship to further the kingdom of God in this region.

Sun 26. ICMDA have four Regional and Area Representatives in West Africa: **Jacqueline, Jean-Paul, Alex & Luc**. Uphold each of them in prayer as they support national groups and encourage closer working relationships with one another.

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Mon 27. There are six countries in the East Asia region, with North Korea being the only country without a good contact. Christians are considered enemies of the state in North Korea and must keep their faith secret. Pray for the Lord's protection over his people here and that his Kingdom would continue to grow in spite of persecution.

Tue 28. Herrng-Der Chern has just stepped down as Regional Secretary for East Asia and now joins the ICMDA board. He is based in Taiwan and also supports their national CMA. May the Lord equip him as he promotes the vision and values of ICMDA.

Wed 29. China is the most populous country in the world, and yet we do not have a registered association of physicians that covers the whole country (Hong Kong have been an ICMDA member since 1986.) Pray that the Lord would open opportunities for Christian doctors and dentists to come together in fellowship.

Thu 30. Thank the Lord for the long established witness of the groups in Japan and South Korea - both have been committed to ICMDA since its formation in 1966. May they be shining examples of unity and service to the rest of the region.

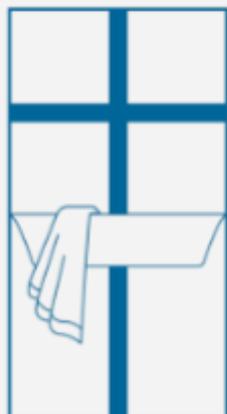
Fri 31. Han Sanghwan, from South Korea, has just been appointed ICMDA Regional Secretary for East Asia. Pray for a good handover and an increase of productivity in the region.



EAST ASIA

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