



ICMDA

Prayer Diary

*Starting & strengthening
national Christian medical
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The International Christian Medical & Dental Association

When a trumpet sounds in a city,
do not the people tremble?
When disaster comes to a city,
has not the LORD caused it?

Amos 3:6

The Lord God Almighty is a Sovereign God. The Scriptures teach us that he alone causes the sun to rise each day, he knows when each sparrow falls to the ground, and as the verse in Amos above declares, even disasters are in his sovereign hands. Though people tremble and fear the unknown, believers have confidence in the one who created the heavens and the earth. Our days are numbered by him, so too is each event and crisis in the world. Knowing who is ultimately in control brings peace and confidence because the Lord has proven himself to be a good and loving God.

Each nation, member group of ICMDA and individual listed in this diary need to put their hope and plans in the hands of this sovereign God. As you pray through our 14 regions (expanded recently from an original twelve) it is an act of faith in God - knowing that it his purposes for his world that we want to see fulfilled. May the suggestions for prayer each day lead us to pray in the Spirit and according to the will of God.

Thank you for praying with us.

May you know the grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ more and more each day.

Peter & Josh
ICMDA

1-5 August South East Asia

Saturday 01

The **Healthcare in Missions Prayer Conference** continues today and tomorrow, led by Singaporean students, with 150 participants from 25 different countries in Asia & Oceania. Pray that this event will cultivate a heart of mission among the participants and that they may be faithful doctors and health-care workers.

Sunday 02

It is **World Breastfeeding Week**. The Lord has wonderfully designed mothers to be able to provide all the nutrition that a baby needs at the start of its life. Pray for efforts to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding for the health of the planet and its people.

Monday 03

Praise God for stronger fellowship among Malaysian medical ministry leaders. The Medical & Dental Christian Fellowship of **Malaysia (MDCFM)** are holding monthly webinars for fellowship that are open to the whole



region. Pray that this monthly event will stimulate a stronger national movement in Malaysia.

Tuesday 04

Praise God for the first ever on-line **Saline Process** training held in the region recently. Pray that a strong foundation would be laid for more online training in South East Asia and for willing and ready trainers to be involved.

Wednesday 05

Indonesia has 34 provinces from Aceh to Papua. Praise God for Jambi province that started a local CMF in June. Pray for stronger movements in weaker provinces and that leaders of the Jambi CMF would continue to stay faithful with their disciple-ship groups and other planning.



6-9 August East Asia



Thursday 06

The **Korean CMF Student retreat** ends today. Pray for all those who have attended this online retreat thinking about the theme: From believing in Jesus to believing in Jesus alone with teaching from Pastor Jin-il.

Friday 07

The **East Asia regional conference** is being held as a hybrid event today and tomorrow with a physical gathering in Taipei and many more joining them virtually. Pray for all those involved: speakers, delegates and organisers that the event would result in much blessing for the region.

Saturday 08

Pray for the fellowship in **Mongolia (MCMA)** and **Altankhuyag** as he leads the group. May they know the Lord's love and grace more each day and may they serve their patients, colleagues and one another with compassion and integrity.

Sunday 09

Japan's Christian Medical Association (JCMA) has been a member since ICMDA's inception. 126 million people live on the islands that make up Japan and only 0.5% are evangelical. Pray for Christian healthcare workers to be bold in proclaiming the Lord Jesus in this country.

10-14 August

South America

Monday 10

A group of doctors across Latin America met online last week for a **Saline Process** taster course led by Pablo of CMF UK. Praise God for the technology that permits such meetings, and pray that the leaders attending the course would be inspired to train others.

Tuesday 11

The ICMDA South America region consists of 13 countries. Pray for Regional Secretary **Jorge** as he supports each group, that he would know wisdom in where to focus his energies, and that the Lord would open doors to new contacts and opportunities.

Wednesday 12

Today is **International Youth Day**. Uphold every student studying medicine and dentistry, and those finishing secondary school with the hope of going into healthcare. Pray that the disruption to their normal learning this year would not adversely affect this



generation's prospects.

Thursday 13

Pray for **Brazil** as it has struggled to control the effects of COVID with the second highest death count in the world. Pray for its government and the citizens' reaction to perceived shortcomings. May healthcare workers be protected and adequately supported.

Friday 14

In **Uruguay** there are discussions by members of parliament wanting to change the law on euthanasia. Pray for doctors as they meet to discuss how to oppose any such changes and that the vulnerable, disabled and elderly in society would be protected from harmful ideologies.



15-19 August
Francophone Africa



Saturday 15

The ICMDA board recently approved this new region to support the growth of fellowships here. Pray for **Jean Paul**, the new Regional Secretary as he continues his work of encouraging and training medical leaders within the 23 French speaking countries of Africa.

Sunday 16

Pray for **Dr Farra** of the **Central African Republic** who was hoping to attend the pan-African Congress this year with a view to starting a national medical fellowship in the country. Pray for continued contact and discussions that would further this pioneering work.

Monday 17

Leaders from almost every French speaking country have been meeting virtually twice a month for training and fellowship. Thank God for this initiative, supported by **Augustin**, and that it may continue to be a blessing to those involved.

Tuesday 18

In **Mali** most of the leaders of the national movement have just graduated as junior doctors. Pray that as they look for work or start their own clinics that the fellowship they enjoyed as students would continue and they would know the Lord's favour and provision.

Wednesday 19

Today is **UN Humanitarian Day**. This day marks a tribute to all front-line workers and those facing the brunt of any crisis. Pray for the countless Christian healthcare workers serving in COVID wards, particularly in those places of Africa who are only now reaching the peak of the crisis.



20-23 August
Eurasia

Thursday 20

Thank the Lord for **Noel**, Eurasia's new Regional Secretary and for **Kristina**, a new Regional Representative for the Caucasus region. She has recently begun a Disciple Making Movement (DMM) course with Iranians across the area - pray for a blessing on this work.

Friday 21

Pray for work among the five nations of the Christian Medical Union of Central Asia (CMUCA) - for the 'Lukas' clinic in **Uzbekistan** now receiving online patients; for **Kazakhstan's** ongoing project 'Forgiven and Free' with Dr Dina; and the DMM course in **Kyrgyzstan's** four regions.

Saturday 22

Today is the **International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief**. Persecution of Christians continues throughout the world. Pray that our brothers and sisters serving



in medicine would share the gospel without hindrance, that they would know the Lord's comfort and protection, and that they would live out their faith with confidence, joy and tact.

Sunday 23

Thank God for the increased engagement of Russian speaking medics with ICMDA. Pray for **Dr Irina** who helps disseminate ICMDA prayer news and **Dr Danil** who helps with translation during our webinars - both are members of the **Belarus CMF**.



24-27 August Oceania



Monday 24

The **Oceania** region covers 88 million sq km of ocean, is dotted with 25,000 islands, yet only has 42 million people. There is a strong Christian heritage in many places, pray that God would be at work among Christian healthcare workers to strengthen relationships in the region.

Tuesday 25

Thank God for the generosity of those at **HealthServe Australia** who have provided funding to equip healthcare workers in Indonesia with PPE. The country has been one of the worst hit by COVID. Pray for wisdom as they distribute the equipment to those who are most in need.

Wednesday 26

There are half a dozen or so **medical schools** in the smaller Pacific Islands. Pray for Christian students studying here to see the benefit of forming fellowship groups and to use their time well in fulfilling the great commission.

Thursday 27

Pray for the regular Zoom meetings of **Saline Scenarios** in the region. Dozens have been meeting regularly to share testimonies of how God is at work through healthcare workers. May those who attend be inspired to use every opportunity for the glory of God.

28-31 August South Asia

Friday 28

Pray for **Santhosh**, our training coordinator and Regional Secretary for the region. With his vast experience he has helped develop new training initiatives for ICMDA and is supporting the **Nepal** fellowship as they prepare for a regional conference later this year.

Saturday 29

COVID cases have been rising rapidly across **India** in the past months and have overwhelmed many hospitals and communities. Pray for relief and strength for those on the frontline, and for wisdom for decision-makers seeking to contain the virus.

Sunday 30

Pray for the **CMF of Pakistan** which has known real growth and strengthening this past year. They have close links with PFES (Pakistan Fellowship of Evangelical Students) - may there be helpful collaboration



and a sense of unity as they serve the Lord through healthcare.

Monday 31

A number of doctors in low- and middle-income countries have been trained in the COVID Preparedness course run by CMC Vellore. May these trainers use the skills learnt to help **mission hospitals** cope in often resource-poor areas.

ICMDA's 14 Regions and Fieldworkers



Europe

Regional Secretary: Peter Saunders (acting)
AEO: Nurgul Mamyrova
Regional Representatives: Esther Frei & Alexander Kreschenko (Western Europe), Geir-Anders Kaldal (Nordic & Baltics), Paul Năndrean (Balkans)
Area Representatives: Christian Andersen (Nordic), Jovita Anikinalite (Baltics), Marina Rastovic (Balkans), Alla Shelestovska (Western Europe)

Central America

Regional Secretary: Mario Ruiz
Regional Representatives: Khara Collymore, Jairo Rojas & Mario Euceda

South America

Regional Secretary: Jorge Patpatian
Regional Representative: Haniel Eller
Area Representatives: Lais Tamara Dias, Bruna Proença, Talitha Formagio Telles

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Area Representative: Luc Mahougbé

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Regional Secretary: Anthony Enimil
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Area Representatives: Alex Etubi



Eurasia

Regional Secretary: Noel Aruparayil
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East Asia

Regional Secretary: Han-Sangwan

South Asia

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South East Asia

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Regional Representative: Linus Chua
Area Representative: Yasuko Arakawa

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Regional Secretary: Alex Bolek
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Regional Representative: Papa Ayella

Southern Africa

Regional Secretary: Tygie Nadesan
AEO: Augustin Lutakwa
Regional Representative: Mfanelo Sobekwa

Oceania

Regional Secretary: Michael Burke
AEO: Hedwin Kadrianto
Regional Representative: Teem Wing Yip

1-4 September Central America



Tuesday 01

Many of the countries in the region have had their **economies** shaken by the impact of COVID. Pray for all doctors and dentists serving in the region, that they would know the Lord's provision and continue to serve their communities well.

Wednesday 02

Prof John Wyatt is leading a new training of trainers course on **bioethics** for eight ICMDA leaders, including **Mario**, our Regional Representative in **Guatemala**. Pray for much fruit from this course and that skills learnt would be passed on to others in due time.

Thursday 03

Pray on for a medical student in **Guyana** who has recently started a CMDA group there. Pray that there would be a depth and unity in the group that would have a lasting impact in the country.

Friday 04

Thank God for new contacts made in **Cuba, Dominican Republic, Barbados and Jamaica**. May each of these conversations bear fruit and open up opportunities for a greater work among Christian healthcare personnel in the region.

5-8 September West Africa

Saturday 05

Today is the **International Day of Charity**. ICMDA relies on the charitable support of many individuals and trusts to support our 'tent-maker' fieldworkers, to provide bursaries for those who cannot afford to attend key events, and to give scholarships to those wishing to study on our family medicine programme. Pray that the Lord would continue to provide all our needs.

Sunday 06

The **CMDA of Nigeria** recently held their national conference online with the theme Greater Works - Making Impact Amidst COVID-19. Pray for all those who attended to follow the calling of their Lord in doing great works in his name.

Monday 07

Pray for **Isaac** as he leads a rejuvenated fellowship in **Gambia**. He attended the Sydenham training course run



by the UK CMF and is now rallying students and junior doctors to support one another in Africa's smallest country of just 2.4 million people.

Tuesday 08

Pray for our fieldworkers in West Africa, Regional Secretary **Anthony (Ghana)**, and Area & Regional Representatives **Alex (Nigeria)** and **Jacqueline (Ghana)**. As they support national movements and encourage students and junior doctors, may the Lord lead, guide and bless all their efforts.



9-12 September **MENA**



Wednesday 09

Pray that the Lord would send **more workers** into the harvest across North Africa and the Middle East. Many are searching for truth and meaning in their lives and for a worldview that makes sense. May many Christian doctors and dentists be called to this work.

Thursday 10

Today is **World Suicide Prevention Day**. Every year over 800,000 people commit suicide, affecting their loved ones and communities in devastating ways. Pray for those working in suicide prevention and for the church to be a source of hope,

help and healing to all those affected by suicide.

Friday 11

Pray for the archipelago of **Bahrain**, a country of just under a million people. There are greater freedoms here for Christians compared to neighbouring countries - pray that it would continue, and that ICMDA contacts may in time form a national fellowship of doctors and dentists.

Saturday 12

Join with the **Healthcare Believers Fellowship in Israel (HBF)** as they pray for the Lord to provide for their financial needs, for greater engagement by workers across the country, for a time of revival among believers and for open doors to serve the Lord through medicine.

13-16 September

East Africa

Sunday 13

Today is **World Sepsis Day**. Sepsis is the number one cause of deaths in hospitals and the greatest healthcare cost to institutions. Pray for campaigns today to improve services and awareness of sepsis and that they would ultimately save lives and reduce this global health crisis.

Monday 14

In **South Sudan**, the group Teach To Transform have been training students about COVID treatment with a view to them training others on their campuses. Pray that these efforts would be beneficial and that COVID's impact on the country would be reduced.

Tuesday 15

Pray for **Alex**, the Regional Secretary for East Africa. May he know the peace of God in his life and the joy of serving the gospel through his work in South Sudan and engaging with groups throughout the region.



Wednesday 16

Pray for the **Tanzania** fellowship and other groups in the region as they plan for the ICMDA **World Congress** due to be held in Arusha in 2022. May the Lord lead them to invite the right speakers and include seminars that would build up ICMDA members throughout the world.

17-21 September Europe



Thursday 17

Today is **World Patient Safety Day**. This is a new day in the annual calendar, but an important one as 134 million adverse events occur each year due to unsafe care in hospitals in low- and middle-income countries, contributing to 2.6 million deaths annually. Pray that awareness campaigns today would improve patient safety.

Friday 18

ACM Germany have just completed their 73rd conference for doctors and medical students on the theme: Living in relationships. Pray that this biannual event would continue to be a blessing in this key European nation.

Saturday 19

Pray for a godly and passionate Regional Secretary to replace Rick who stepped down in May. **Peter**, the ICMDA CEO, is acting as secretary for the region in the meantime - may the Lord guide and strengthen him to prioritise his responsibilities well.

Sunday 20

SKLS, the Finnish CMA, ask for prayer for their student work - for good engagement through the summer, for fellowship and love for one another in their regional groups, and for new students getting involved in the next semester.

Monday 21

A group of **Romanian students and junior doctors** have recently completed a week-long online Saline Process course, led by **Pablo & Penny** of CMF UK. Pray that the skills and ideas they learnt might be put into practice and that they would make the most of opportunities they have to share the love and message of Jesus.



22-26 September Southern Africa

Tuesday 22

The healthcare fraternity of **Zimbabwe** is struggling - many workers are on strike or working unpaid in the face of rising COVID cases. A contact explains: 'There is a general apathy and lack of passion for our jobs, people are tired, we really need to see the hand of God.'

Wednesday 23

As we went to print, contacts in **Lesotho** reported that cases of coronavirus were going up while their government systems were not yet ready - there is fear they will be overwhelmed. Pray that these fears would not be realised and that the Lord would have mercy on this nation of just over two million people.

Thursday 24

Pray for **Augustin**, a DRC national, based in South Africa. He plays a key role in supporting the 2022 World Congress Committee, encouraging the growth of French speaking groups, alongside speaking, writing, translating & developing



tools to assess the needs of our members.

Friday 25

Angola & Mozambique are the two largest Portuguese speaking nations outside of Brazil. There are Christian medical groups in both these countries. Pray for **Preciosa** and **Celso** as they lead their fellowships and look to join ICMDA soon.

Saturday 26

South Africa has been the worst hit African nation by COVID. Pray for this nation of 59 million, that there would be political peace, economic stability and an end to unjust inequalities and racial tensions. May the CMF here be bringers of light amid the darkness.



27-30 September North America



Sunday 27

Pray for the CMDA **marriage enrichment weekends** run each month for pressured healthcare professionals. May these retreats strengthen relationships and protect marriages to enable them to love one another well and continue to serve the Lord through their vocations.

Monday 28

COVID has affected the finances of many groups, including those in **Canada** and the **US**. As we look to the Lord to provide every need, may he give wisdom to the boards and leaders of these fellowships to make prudent and faith-filled decisions.

Tuesday 29

Today is **World Heart Day**. People with heart failure are more vulnerable to COVID-19. Pray for campaigns today to increase awareness and to support the 26 million heart failure patients worldwide.

Wednesday 30

Thank the Lord for the many **resources** that **CMDA US** produces for the building up and equipping of medical students and graduates - whether it is online publications, regular podcasts, a mobile app for students and much more. These are a blessing and available to groups around the world.



We are praying that the Lord would lead the work and ministry of ICMDA in 2020.

We rely on subscriptions from our 84 member organisations to pay for our central office, but we depend on additional donations to cover our field and development work.

Your donation would be an investment in seeing more Christian medical and dental movements being started and strengthened around the world.

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