

Every Home for Christ



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People sometimes ask me why Every Home for Christ, a ministry focused on sharing the gospel, places such a great emphasis on prayer. The answer is simple: You can't evangelise without prayer. And nowhere is that fact more evident than in nations where persecution is prevalent.

In closed nations around the world, sharing the gospel is a dangerous undertaking. Every Home pioneer missionaries risk violence, arrest, and even death as they strive to share the truth and love of Jesus with their nations. These threats may be legal, coming from a nation's government, or they may be cultural, coming from the community at large. In either case, Every Home teams put their security on the line for the sake of making Jesus known.

We recently conducted a survey of Every Home ministry directors in 32 closed nations. We found that in the last five years, there were:

- 168 cases of believers being arrested.
- 30 cases of believers being imprisoned.
- 136 cases of believers being physically attacked or tortured.
- 259 cases of "social persecution."
- 33 believers killed for their faith.

Knowing that you are supporting and interceding for them as they face these dangers encourages and emboldens these brothers and sisters. You make a difference to those in difficult ministry contexts.

Will you continue to pray and give to show them that you are standing with them?

For the harvest,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dick Eastman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style and is followed by a horizontal line.

Dick Eastman, International President,
Every Home for Christ



Spain: Sharing the Gospel on the Medical Front Lines

Edilaine could see the pain and hopelessness in her patient's eyes. As a nursing assistant, her life became much busier when COVID-19 reached her region of Spain. At the time of this writing, Spain is second only to the United States in numbers of cases. And as more and more of Edilaine's patients faced death, she felt more and more convicted that they needed to hear the Gospel — she just didn't know how to share it. That's when a friend told her about Every Home for Christ.

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Unai Arretxe, EHC's Ministry Director in Spain, was overjoyed to receive Edilaine's call. Ever since Spain went on lockdown to prevent the spread of the virus, he had been praying about how to share the Gospel in a context where people were dying but couldn't be reached. "A lot of people think Spain is more or less Christian because it's Catholic. But they don't know," Unai shares. **"Spain needs the Gospel."**

Unai saw on the news that the **death rate had climbed so high that an ice-skating rink had been turned into a makeshift morgue**, a place of family fun transformed into a place of sobre sadness. And yet, Unai knew that if he tried to venture from his home, the police would stop him for questioning. He needed to get the Gospel into the hospitals, to the people who were dying, but he didn't know how. Edilaine's phone call was the answer to his prayers.

Edilaine shared that her hospital allowed people to send notes of encouragement to the patients. She thought that maybe she could slip gospel literature in among them. Unai agreed that this was a good idea, but he wanted to take it a step further. He encouraged Edilaine to also write notes of encouragement of her own. "It will be a lot of work for you," he warned. But Edilaine was up for it. The next day, she had all the materials she needed, sent overnight and bathed in prayer, from Unai in Madrid. It was enough to reach 600 people.

Edilaine began sharing gospel literature with her patients and praying for them, spreading the Good News in a place where other Christians couldn't. She even left literature in the hospital waiting rooms and gave some to the people she met as she went to and from work. It wasn't long before she was asking Unai for more materials to share.

Unai used Edilaine's story to partner with others who had similar access to restricted places. Soon, a Christian hospital in Barcelona was also sharing gospel literature with its patients. In hospitals, prisons, and retirement homes, the Gospel is going forth, even in the midst of the pandemic.

"This is an open door," Unai says. "But who started this? The first model was Edilaine." And yet, when she first called Unai, Edilaine doubted how much she would be able to help. Originally from Brazil, she still hadn't found a church home in Spain. She expressed that this made her feel especially unqualified to become a voice for the Gospel in her workplace.

"No, you are the person," Unai assured her. "You are the missionary. You are there. I can't go there, but you can go." He wanted her to understand that God could use her despite her self-doubt. All she needed was to respond to God's call.

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Sometimes, believers feel that they must wait for the right moment to share the Gospel. But events like COVID-19 show the faultiness of this thinking.

When people are dying, the gospel becomes a matter of life and death.

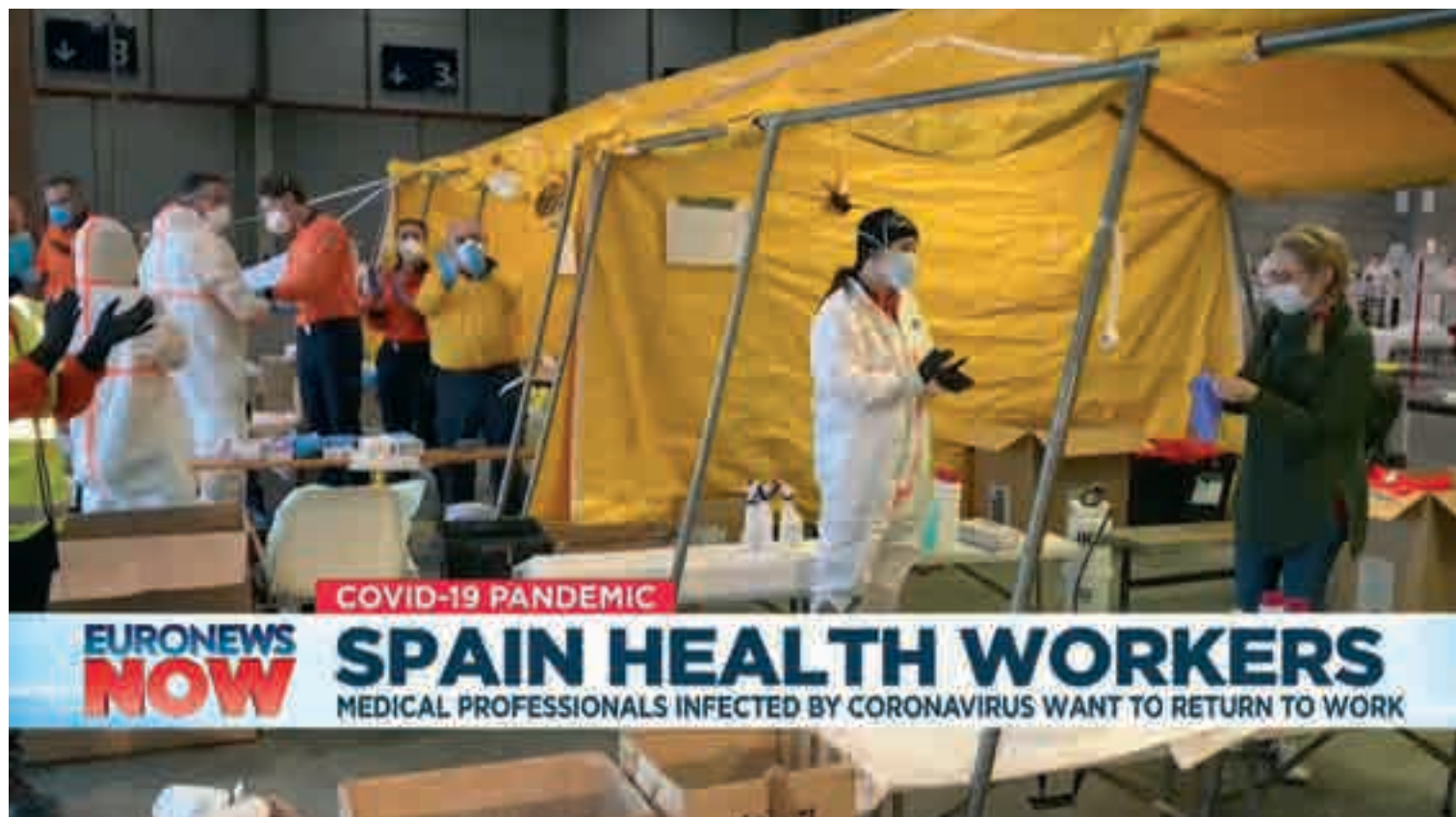
This is true even when there isn't a global pandemic, of course, but moments like this highlight reality. In addition, people are often more open to hearing from God in times of fear and uncertainty. These are the moments when the Church must seize the opportunity to share the hope that we have with the world — just like Edilaine has done.

"We need to think more like Edilaine, to say, 'I am here. I can meet this need,'" Unai says. "We are praying for a revival here in Spain."

God often uses people to meet a spiritual need even when they feel unqualified to meet it. Moses had a speech impediment, yet God used Him to lead His people to freedom. The disciples were uneducated fishermen, yet God used them to spread the Gospel across the Roman world. And Edilaine was an immigrant without a church home, yet God used her to set an example for bringing the Gospel into Spanish hospitals under quarantine.

Maybe you see a need too, someone in your circle of influence who doesn't yet know the saving love of Jesus. Forget the reasons you might not be the right person to reach out. Instead, remember Edilaine's example, and step forward with this prayer on your lips:

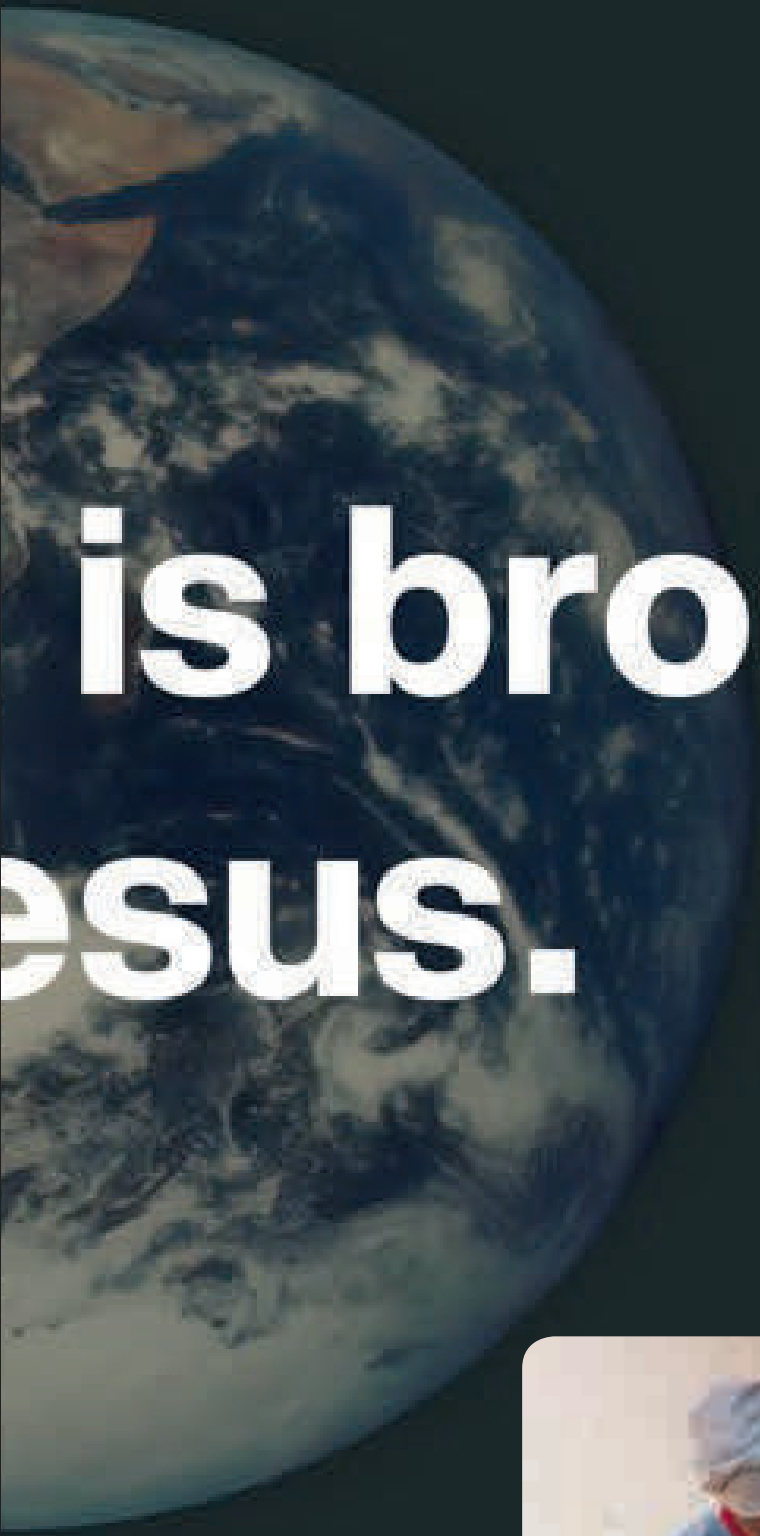
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The World Is Broken Without Jesus With Economic Devastation On A Scale America Has Never Seen Before



By Michael Snyder/Economic Collapse Blog (<http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/>) August 3rd 2020

For a very long time we have been warned that a **U.S. economic collapse was inevitably coming**, and now it is here. Fear of COVID-19 and unprecedented civil unrest in USA cities have combined to plunge us into a historic economic downturn, and nobody is exactly sure what is going to happen next.

On Thursday, we learned that U.S. GDP was down 32.9 percent on an annualised basis last quarter. That officially makes last quarter **the worst quarter in all of U.S. history** and many people believe that this **new economic depression is just getting started**.

But of course not all areas of the country are being affected equally. According to USA Today, states such as Hawaii, Nevada, Michigan and New York were hit particularly hard last quarter...

Every state was walloped last quarter, though ones that rely heavily on travel and tourism, such as Hawaii and Nevada, were hit hardest by the downturn, according to employment figures analysed by economist Adam Kamins of Moody's Analytics.

Michigan, the heart of the nation's auto industry, was slammed as consumers put off car purchases. And densely populated Northeast states struck by the most severe virus outbreaks - like New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts - absorbed among the heaviest economic losses as governors shut down earlier and residents stayed home.

Originally, the mainstream media was telling us that the U.S. economy would come surging back to life during the third quarter, but we continue to get more signs that indicate that the economy is starting to slow down again.

For example, the USA Labor Department just released some new numbers that were more than just a little bit startling. If you can believe it, another 1.434 million Americans filed new claims for unemployment benefits last week. That was an increase over last week's revised number, and it represents the second week in a row that initial claims have risen.

Overall, new claims for unemployment benefits have now been above one million for 19 weeks in a row.

Personally, I don't know how this is even possible. Prior to this year, the all-time record for a single week was just 695,000. The numbers that we have been getting week after week are so obscene that they are truly difficult to believe.

Overall, a grand total of more than **54 million Americans have filed new claims for unemployment benefits during the last 19 weeks.** But there were only 152 million Americans working when employment peaked back in February. So how is it possible that 54 million workers have filed initial claims for unemployment benefits so far this year?

Have things really gotten that bad?

Maybe they have. Bloomberg just reported on a recent Census Bureau survey that found that **30 million Americans claim that they did not have enough food to eat during the week that ended on July 21st...**

Food insecurity for U.S. households last week reached its highest reported level since the Census Bureau started tracking the data in May, with **almost 30 million Americans reporting that they'd not had enough to eat at some point in the seven days through July 21.**

In the bureau's weekly Household Pulse Survey, roughly 23.9 million of 249 million respondents indicated they had "sometimes not enough to eat" for the week ended July 21, while about 5.42 million indicated they had "often not enough to eat."

Once again, those numbers are so shocking that they are **hard for me to believe.** Are there really tens of millions of Americans that cannot afford three meals a day right now?

Very challenging times are on the horizon, and what we have experienced so far is just the tip of the iceberg.

Sometimes people wonder whether the money they give actually makes a difference ...



In the last report from Malawi we read of a village where, before the project started had many cases of diarrhea due to poor sanitation and hygiene, most households not having good toilet facilities and not being trained on the dangers of using their gardens as a toilet. Before the project people used to construct muddy toilets like the one on the left which were not durable and not hygienic and which collapsed during the rainy season. When Malawi EHC started constructing new toilets at every household and training the people in sanitation and hygiene, the health of children like this little girl improved dramatically. To those who gave to make this difference, **THANK YOU**



Maggie Nyirenda of Kachere Village travels a distance of 1kilometre to draw water from a protected source and takes 1hour to bring water home. So she and her surrounding houses decided to draw unsafe water closer to their homes from a swampy area which they share with livestock. To help with this problem, 4 new water wells have been installed and 10 previous wells restored so that 2,688 people (64% of the villagers) now have access to safe water within 200 metres of their homes. However, 36% of the population still face the challenge that Maggie was facing and the project, with your help, will aim to make a difference to the whole village. To those who gave to make a difference to women like Maggie, **THANK YOU**



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Bible Readings: This month the daily text will be taken from the books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians and 1 Timothy. For those wanting to do the one-year Bible reading program these chapters are in brackets.

1 PRAY FOR DICK AND DEE EASTMAN Dick is the International President of Every Home for Christ with a large responsibility for EHC ministries across the world. **Galatians 5 (Nehemiah 1 - 7)**

2 PRAY FOR DEAN & MURIEL LLEWELLYN Dean is the United Kingdom Board Chairman living in Northern Ireland and has served Every Home for Christ for many years. **Galatians 7 (Nehemiah 8 - 10)**

3 PRAY FOR ADRIAN & LAURA STONE Laura and Adrian have served the United Kingdom Every Home for Christ for many years, both in the office, and Adrian on the UK Board of Directors. **Ephesians 1 (Nehemiah 11 - 13)**

4 PRAY FOR ERIC & LORRAINE LEACH Pray God will guide Eric in his leadership on the United Kingdom Board and as Executive Director in Australia and New Zealand. **Ephesians 2 (Malachi 1 - 4)**

5 PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY - sons, daughters and grandchildren, plus others to come to Christ. Get a piece of paper and write down their names. Get their photos and pray every day for their salvation; eternity without Christ is a long time! **Ephesians 3 (Matthew 1 - 2)**

6 CREATIVE ACCESS Many people travelled to celebrate a Muslim holiday in this nation. As a result, COVID-19 has spread and cases are rising again. Locations that had not been affected are now experiencing infection. Please pray for God to protect this nation and stop the spread of the virus. **Ephesians 4 (Matthew 3:1 to 4:11)**

7 BENIN Pop. 12,100,000 Map. 37 The Every Home team is in touch with several people in different parts of the country who are exploring Christianity. Their names are de-Laure, Eric, Lazare, Chadly and Linda. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to move in their hearts so that they will respond to the gospel. **Ephesians 5 (Matthew 4:12 to 7:29)**

8 SLOVAKIA Pop. 5,500,000 Map. 81 Please pray for the ministry this team is doing through online communication channels. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work through their efforts to share the good news and lead many to saving faith in Jesus. **Ephesians 6 (Matthew 8:1 to 11:1)**

9 CREATIVE ACCESS A team member named "A." is undertaking a difficult task: She is discipling a group of former Muslims. Please pray for God to guide A. as she shares the truths of Scripture, and pray that those she trains will understand the insights she shares and grow in spiritual maturity. **Philippians 1 (Matthew 11:2 to 13:53)**

10 INDIA Pop. 1,400,000,000 Map. 129 A man and his entire family accepted Christ through a printed gospel message they received. The man shared that the follow-up conversations he had with an Every Home pioneer missionary were crucial to helping him understand God's love. Praise God for this fruitful outreach! **Philippians 2 (Matthew 13:54 to 16:28)**

11 BURKINA FASO Pop. 20,900,000 Map. 40 Terrorist attacks continue to afflict this nation on a weekly basis. People are kidnapped, and some are killed. Please pray for God to intervene and deliver the country from evil people. Pray that he will strengthen churches to protect his people from this danger. **Philippians 3 (Matthew 17:1 to 19:2)**

12 SWITZERLAND Pop. 8,700,000 Map. 62 The Every Home team created an evangelistic newspaper called *Hope Stories*. This newspaper contains the gospel message along with personal Christian testimonies. More than 67,000 homes have received *Hope Stories*. Please pray that it will touch the hearts of many. **Philippians 4 (Matthew 19:3 to 23:39)**

13 CREATIVE ACCESS Even in COVID-19 quarantine, the gospel is spreading quickly in this nation. Many are accepting Christ online, by phone, and through face-to-face conversation. Please pray for these new believers to grow in their faith and for the Lord to move mightily in their lives. **Colossians 1 (Matthew 24:1 to 26:2)**

14 ZAMBIA Pop. 13,400,000 Map. 14 In Mongu, the capital of Zambia's Western Province, 219 people recently came to believe in Jesus! Please pray for these new believers to find church families where they can be discipled and grow in spiritual maturity. And pray for even more fruitfulness as believers share the gospel. **Colossians 2 (Matthew 26:3 to 27:66)**

15 LEBANON Pop. 6,800,000 Map. 114 Beirut is still recovering from the devastating explosion in August, but God is using this tragedy to bring people to His Church. The Every Home team has prayed with many people, and several have accepted Jesus. Please pray for more to seek comfort in him. **Colossians 3 (Matthew 28)**

16 MONTENEGRO Pop. 600,000 Map. 73 Andrija and his wife, Sandra, are Every Home pioneer missionaries and will soon begin sharing the gospel in Muslim communities. Please pray for their protection and for fruitful conversations. Pray for those they meet to be brave enough to investigate the truth about Jesus. **Colossians 4 (Mark 1:1 - 13)**

17 CREATIVE ACCESS The Every Home in this nation is planning to open two more churches before the end of the year. Please pray for God to give them favour to accomplish this goal, and pray for these churches to be a light in the darkness that will draw many to the saving love of Jesus. **1 Thessalonians 1 (Mark 1:14 to 3:35)**

18 GUINEA Pop. 13,100,000 Map. 45 A high-ranking officer heard an Every Home gospel presentation over the radio and decided that he no longer believes in Islam. He is now earnestly trying to learn the truth about Jesus. Please pray for the truth to reach his heart - and the hearts of others who are also questioning. **1 Thessalonians 2 (Mark 4 - 5)**

19 ALBANIA Pop. 2,900,000 Map. 75 Ministry Director Akil Pano is training 300 people online every Tuesday. He is leading them through the book "Teach Us to Pray". Please pray for this training to help many new believers to grow in their faith. **1 Thessalonians 3 (Mark 6:1 to 8:26)**

20 MEXICO Pop. 128,900,000 Map. 178 In June, a tropical storm damaged several cities on the Yucatan peninsula. Many lost their homes and belongings. Please pray for the Every Home team as they share the truth and love of Jesus by sharing gospel literature and Bibles in the midst of this difficult time. **1 Thessalonians 4 (Mark 8:27 to 10:31)**

21 CREATIVE ACCESS A pioneer missionary was in a road accident while riding his motorcycle. He is now in the hospital, awaiting surgery, but the doctors cannot care for him because there are so many COVID-19 patients. Please pray for God to heal this brother's body. **1 Thessalonians 5 (Mark 10:32 to 13:37)**

22 COTE D'IVOIRE Pop. 26,400,000 Map. 41 The Every Home team reports that political tensions are leading to "disturbing situations" as the October 31st presidential elections draw near. Protest marches have arisen in response to candidates withdrawing their names. Please pray for peace and for God to guide this election. **2 Thessalonians 1 (Mark 14 - 16)**

23 ESTONIA Pop. 1,300,000 Map. 97 Many church members have answered the call to go and share the gospel, but they often find themselves working alone in their individual contexts. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide these brothers and sisters to the support they need to overcome the challenges they will face. **2 Thessalonians 2 (Luke 1 - 2)**

24 CREATIVE ACCESS Muslim background believers often face intense persecution as they strive to live for Jesus. Please pray that God will lead them to a Christian community, that they will grow in the Word of God, and that they would bear much fruit for the kingdom despite this great challenge. **2 Thessalonians 3 (Luke 3:1 to 4:15)**

25 LESOTHO Pop. 2,100,000 Map. 2 A university graduate who was once disciplined using Every Home discipleship material is now using that same material to plant a Christ Group in the town of Maputsoe. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to work through her as she guides new believers through the Word of God. **1 Timothy 1 (Luke 4:16 to 6:49)**

26 BULGARIA Pop. 6,900,000 Map. 77 A small team of pioneer missionaries will visit 24 villages in the Varna region. Please pray for health, protection, and blessings on them as they share the gospel with those living in the area. Pray especially for God to prepare the hearts of the families they will meet. **1 Timothy 2 (Luke 7:1 to 9:50)**

27 CREATIVE ACCESS The Every Home team in this nation asks for prayer that there will be security and stability in their government. They also ask for prayer for churches as they reopen after COVID-19. Pray for unity among believers as they work together to introduce their neighbours to Christ. **1 Timothy 3 (Luke 9:51 to 12:59)**

28 GHANA Pop. 31,100,000 Map. 39 As COVID-19 restrictions are eased, Every Home Ghana is resuming their mobilisation, training, and outreach efforts. Please pray for churches in this nation to become zealous about sharing the gospel and for many who don't know Jesus to come to know him as Lord. **1 Timothy 4 (Luke 13:1 to 18:30)**

29 EAST TIMOR Pop. 1,300,000 Map. 144 The Every Home team in this nation asks for prayer that their team will stay healthy and safe. They want to be a blessing to many in their nation, but that can only happen if the Lord sustains them and empowers their efforts to share the gospel. Pray that He will be their strength. **1 Timothy 5 (Luke 18:31 to 21:38)**

30 LITHUANIA Pop. 2,700,000 Map. 99 Please pray for revival in Lithuania. Following COVID-19, this team is now doing gospel outreaches in many different cities. Pray that their efforts will be effective, that God will touch people's hearts, and that many will repent to be born again into the kingdom of God. **1 Timothy 6 (Luke 22 - 23)**