

UPDATE ON *Brazil*

The Coronavirus situation has become an undeniable crisis for Brazil! The healthcare system has collapsed and with death tolls surpassing 500 daily, the nation has resorted to mass graves. **We're told that at this point, they are essentially deciding who lives and who dies!** The worst part, is that this situation hits the hardest for those who are already vulnerable; the poor, at-risk, and exploited. **People are already in desperate situations and now, desperation is only worsening.** The poor simply don't have access to, or the financial means to get the treatment to fight the virus.

Please pray for all of the children who are trapped at home with their abusers and the children who will resort to selling their little bodies or drugs simply to be able to eat! **The need was already so great in Brazil and now, that need is only growing!** Please be praying for things to open back up so we can move forward with our efforts to prevent, rescue and bring healing to the precious children of Brazil! In spite of everything, our Brazilian team is still moving forward, working to provide food for the most at-risk communities and our prevention project is still under way!



SPRING 2020 CORONAVIRUS *Special Update*

As the number of COVID-19 cases began to grow throughout Thailand, the government declared a state of emergency and as a result, we have officially been on lockdown since March 31st. As the confirmed number of cases rapidly approaches 3,000, the government made the decision to extend the nationwide lockdown/quarantine and curfew at least until May 31st. They are still not allowing foreigners to enter the country and there are no incoming flights permitted. In addition to that, we are still not permitted to leave our city, homes, or the Promise Land, except for emergencies.

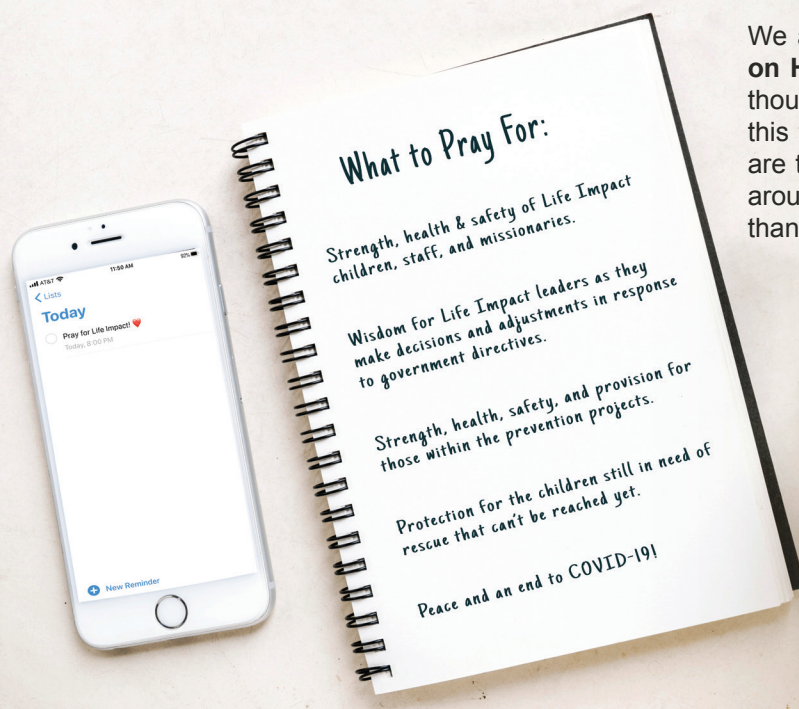
What does this mean for Life Impact?

Our kids have now been on a lengthy restriction due to Covid-19 and due to school break falling right before the lockdown. As a result, they have not been able to leave the Promise Land for over a month. Even though the national lockdown is only set through May 31st, they have already made the decision that (at this time) no students will be returning to school until at least August 1st. This means that our kids will not be able to leave the land for potentially another two-three months!

All our non-essential staff (mostly office staff and missionaries) have been sent to their homes here on our border and those who are able will be working remotely to ensure that LI can continue to operate and to ensure limited contact with our children who have compromised immune systems.

Our full-time nurse (who lives on the Land) has been and will continue to check in on our staff and children regularly to ensure their health and safety.

Our house parents and staff who live on our Promise Land (as well as the house parents living at our homes in Myanmar) have worked tirelessly to fill in any gaps created by the lockdown and they have done an unbelievable job! As a result, they have not only had to care for all of the children with no relief or day off, but they have had to serve as interim security, watching over everything and essentially run the Promise Land by themselves. This will continue for the next month or so, so please pray for strength!



We are not fearful! **We truly are trusting in God and standing on His promises during this time!** We can always use prayers though! Thank you so much for continuing to stand with us during this time! While so many people may feel isolated and alone, we are truly blessed to have such an incredible Life Impact family all around the world! **YOU** are a part of that family and we are so thankful for **YOU!**

Thank You!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR

LI Headquarters & offices in the US & the UK

Family-style safe homes & prevention projects in Thailand, Myanmar & Brazil

Our supporters, partner churches, and ministries throughout the world

HOW YOU CAN *Help*

The world may shut down, but Life Impact will continue to stay open to the fullest capacity that we are able. We will still prevent, rescue and bring healing, as well as do all we can for our prevention project families. **If these chaotic times have shown us anything, it is that we all are truly in this together!** We can't do it alone!

We have been so encouraged by how many people have stepped up to help meet the needs on our border - **YOU** - our faithful partners, enable us to make a difference for so many people! If you would like to help reach and rescue the most vulnerable in Thailand, Myanmar (Burma) & Brazil, you can make a donation at lifeimpactintl.org/donate or send a check in the enclosed envelope! **Once again, THANK YOU for your faithfulness! We truly couldn't do it without YOU!**

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URGENT PRAYER NEEDED FOR

House of Hope

The situation on the Myanmar (Burma) side of our border was already pretty desperate. **With the shutdown due to COVID-19, things have worsened seemingly daily.** Now, there have been multiple COVID-19 related deaths linked to the local market. As a result, the market has shut down. People are struggling due to the lack of food, which has created a potentially dangerous situation because people are hungry.

Our staff also recently caught an unknown man looking in over the fence at our HOH home. We assume that he was checking to see what he could steal from us. In this seedy, "wild west" like border town, robbery is common, even in the best of times. Previously, we had a motorcycle stolen from inside our gate and we had someone try to break in at night while our staff and children were sleeping.

Our staff and children are safe and have enough food but the current situation over the border is not good, especially for those who are struggling and desperate. All in all, the environment is ripe with fear and desperation, and we know that things could continue to worsen in the days ahead. We are taking all the precautions we can though and know that no matter what may come, God is looking out for all of our staff and children!



GOD IS Faithful

Late, on March 31st, we found out we would officially be locked down. **With very little warning, we had to prepare to meet the needs of our staff and children for the entire month.** God had a plan in place though and He provided! We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our heroes, Pastor Chris and Sue McDonald and Life in Christ Church, in Marion, KY! They listened to their hearts and met a major need for us! Because of their generosity, we were able to not only purchase a month's supply of food to feed 120 children and 30 caregivers, but we were also able to purchase freezers for all our children's homes to store meat to last us through the month!

"Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned or their children begging for bread." - Psalm 37:25



THE MOST VULNERABLE

Received a Miracle

We received word that there were at least 150 families in our local garbage dump that were in desperate need of food, especially as they were facing the nationwide lockdown. They live day to day, hand to mouth, with little to no food, limited access to clean water or healthcare, and they are some of the most vulnerable on our border. **As the threat of COVID-19 increased, these families were even more susceptible to contracting the virus.** At this time, Pastor Chris and Sue McDonald and Life in Christ Church in Marion, KY stepped in to meet the need! **The very next day, we were able to purchase enough rice to feed these precious families for two months, ensuring they could survive the lockdown!** Please be praying for these precious people in the days ahead!



"Your God is the God who loves and cares for people!"

When the news of the Coronavirus and national lockdown made its way to our border, our Prevention Projects team reached out to help prepare as many people as possible. In one specific religious community, our team went to provide families with two months' worth of food. As they were distributing the food, one of the members of that community was completely overwhelmed! **"Our God doesn't care! We're not even your religion and your God loves and cares for us. Your God is the God who loves and cares for people!"** he said. In their deepest desperation, followers of other gods are encountering the overwhelming love of Jesus! He is right there, meeting their needs!

Provision

FOR THE FAMILIES AT GATE 17

Gate 17 is a Burmese migrant community (located at a crossing point between Thailand & Burma) that is a target for traffickers. Because of that, we work regularly with prevention efforts to help this community, including, a bi-weekly outreach done by our youth. After receiving word that several families were running out of food and now have no income as a result of the lockdown, we had to help! **Thanks to the generosity of our dear friends in the US, we were able to buy food to feed another 30 families (over 100 people) during the lockdown!**

