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Dear Pastor George Mahlobo

Hearty greetings

The COVID 19 environment is a very present threat, yet it offers unique mission opportunities to serve the hurting and grieving. Regardless, many fruitful gospel conversations are happening precisely because of COVID, with many turning to faith.

The Gauteng Ministry of health has invited TEASA to offer support to health Care workers in the Gauteng province, where over 4000 Health workers in Gauteng from both the Private and Public Sector who have been infected with COVID-19. Health workers are traumatized, anxious and depressed. They are often separated from their normal communities of faith due to the restrictions of the number of people who can gather to worship.

A similar invitation has also been made from the national health department to our Mission agency member, the Health Care Alliance, who brings together Christian nurses and doctors in health care.

In summary the request to us is the following.

- To offer the ministry of prayer for healing, mental health and psychosocial support to health workers. This can be done by adopting the local care facility – clinic or hospital. Each facility has been asked to establish a multidisciplinary team that will liaise with local churches who wish to assist. Local churches should contact the local leadership in the health facility. (Otherwise contact the Health Care alliance - Dr Martin Bac (079 589 6688); Ms Thembi Mngomezulu (082 772 5417) Ms Teresa Basson (082 825 6252); or Dr Keith Michael (082 465 7494)
- Get a local church leader to serve on the hospital care team to get to know the prayer needs and other challenges.
- Prayer line, put on by the Health Care Alliance and referral for professional counselling is available on request where needed. The number is 010 449 3090.
- Participate in the annual Health Care Sunday special prayer service for healthcare workers on 28th October. This is normally a day to celebrate and pray for health care workers, including those workers who may be in their congregations.

Rev Moss Ntlha

Yours in Christ
Rev Moss Ntlha (General Secretary)

Your Partner in Evangelical Witness.