

Prayer Urged for American Missionaries Who Contracted Ebola Virus

Two Americans, including a female missionary from SIM and a young doctor with Samaritan's Purse, continue their battle to fight off the deadly Ebola virus in Monrovia, Liberia.

Dr. Kent Brantly, 33, and Nancy Writebol are serving on a joint team of people with Samaritan's Purse and SIM. Both faith-based organizations are calling for an international response to the outbreak of Ebola in Liberia and neighboring countries in west Africa. The situation in Liberia is critical, as the spread of the Ebola virus continues.

At present both Brantly and Writebol are stable yet suffering from some of the symptoms of the virus. Each is receiving around-the-clock medical care.

"The next few days are critical in assessing the recovery of these Ebola crisis responders," said Bruce Johnson, president of SIM USA. "SIM and Samaritan's Purse invite people to pray for the full restoration of our two workers and for the stemming of the spread of this virus across Liberia and other nations of West Africa."

Due to the upsurge in cases of Ebola in the region, SIM and Samaritan's Purse have taken the precautionary step of mandating the evacuation of all nonessential personnel from Liberia. Timing, means and place of evacuation are being decided upon.

No symptoms of Ebola are present in any of the evacuees, who are being monitored continually. SIM and Samaritan's Purse work under the strictest of safety protocols as established by the U.S. Centers for Disease and other world health

organizations.