





Praying the Headlines

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve." —James 5:16



Let us pray.



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*I will ask the Father, and he will give you another
Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth.
... He lives with you and will be in you.
I will not leave you as orphans.*

John 14:15-18





*Lord Jesus,
thank you for being with us now and forever;
through the power of the Holy Spirit,
grant comfort and direction to your people
as we seek you now.*





We pray for the world.



US, European leaders weigh reopening risks

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — On a weekend when many pandemic-weary people emerged from weeks of lockdown, leaders in the U.S. and Europe weighed the risks and rewards of lifting COVID-19 restrictions knowing that a vaccine could take years to develop.

In separate stark warnings, two major European leaders bluntly told their citizens that the world needs to adapt to living with the coronavirus and cannot wait to be saved by a vaccine.

"We are confronting this risk, and we need to accept it, otherwise we would never be able

to relaunch," Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte said, acceding to a push by regional leaders to allow restaurants, bars and beach facilities to open Monday, weeks ahead of an earlier timetable.

The warnings from Conte and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson came as governments worldwide and many U.S. states struggled with restarting economies blindsided by the pandemic.

With 36 million newly unemployed in the U.S. alone, economic pressures are building even as authorities acknowledge that reopening risks setting off new waves of infections and deaths. In the U.S., images

of crowded bars, beaches and boardwalks suggested some weren't heeding warnings to safely enjoy reopened spaces while limiting the risks of spreading infection.

Britain's Johnson, who was hospitalized last month with a serious bout of COVID-19, speculated Sunday that a vaccine may not be developed at all, despite the huge global effort to produce one.

"There remains a very long way to go, and I must be frank that a vaccine might not come to fruition," Johnson wrote in the Mail newspaper on Sunday.

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Substitute player of Bayern Munich are seen during the German Bundesliga soccer match between Union Berlin and Bayern Munich in Berlin on Sunday. The German Bundesliga becomes the world's first major soccer league to resume after a two-month suspension because of the coronavirus pandemic.



Missionaries Around the World Respond to Challenges of COVID-19

Ruth Schenk | *The Southeast Outlook* | Friday, May 15, 2020



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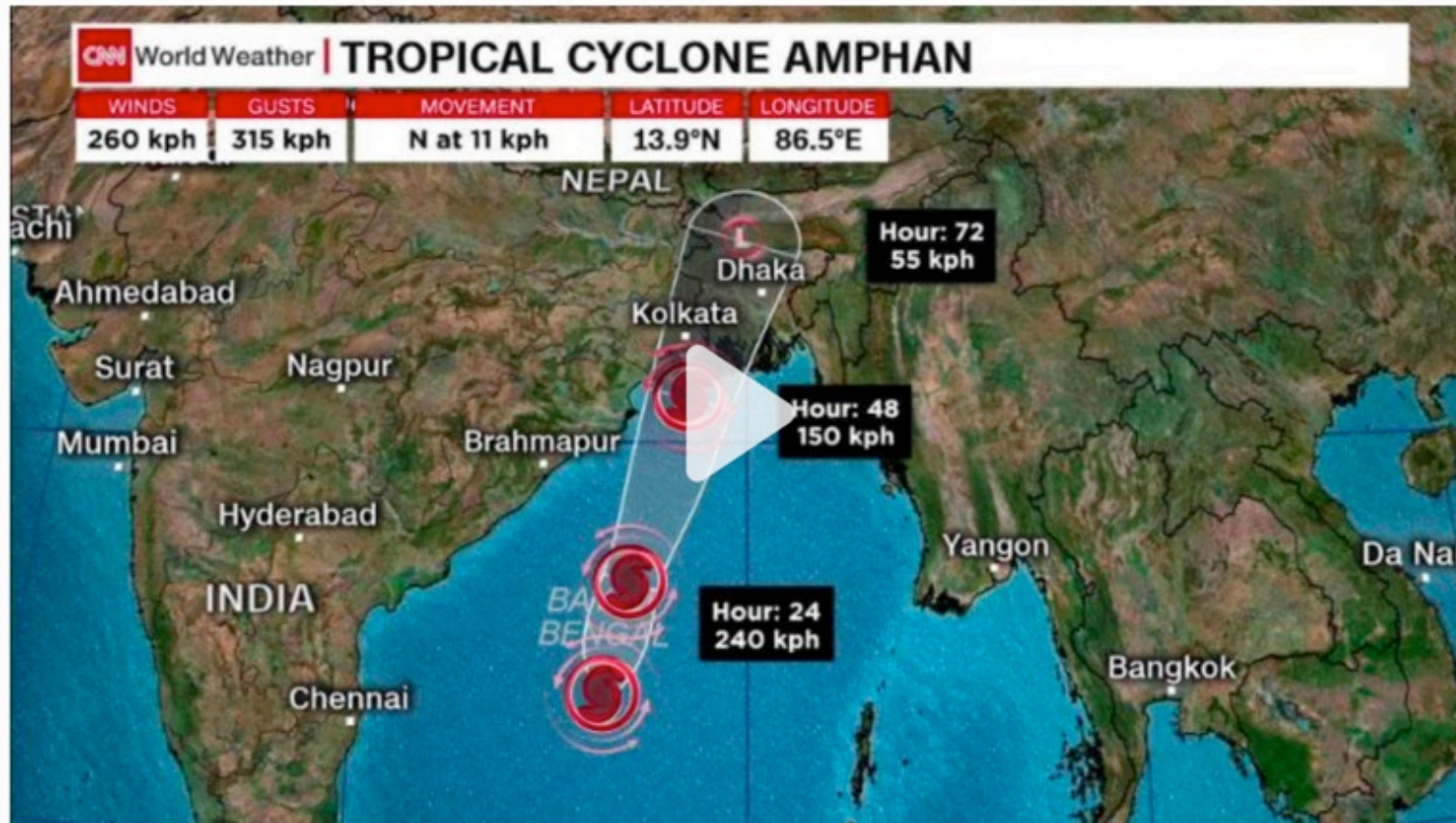
Threat of COVID-19 creates a different world for everyone. But fear, social distancing, worry and uncertainty are even harder far from home.



India and Bangladesh are already suffering with coronavirus. Now a super cyclone is heading their way

By Swati Gupta and Joshua Berlinger, CNN

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What Coronavirus Plague Can Teach the Church About Reaching the Unreached

May 17, 2020



(Photo courtesy of Global Disciples)

The **International Day for the Unreached** is coming up on May 31. The unreached are people who've never heard the Name of Jesus and have no idea He died for them. And the current COVID-19 pandemic paints a poignant picture of why believers should care.



Churches may reopen, but many services won't have singing



By **ADELLE M. BANKS**

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(RNS) — They are words the Rev. John Witvliet, an expert on Christian worship, never thought he would hear himself say.

“Based on the science that we are learning about this week, we are urging and I am personally urging extreme caution,” said Witvliet, director of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in a Wednesday (May 13) interview.

“Singing together in congregations is a practice that we dearly love and are eager to promote, but loving our neighbor is job one here and so the time for fasting from this wonderful practice may be longer than any of us would like.”





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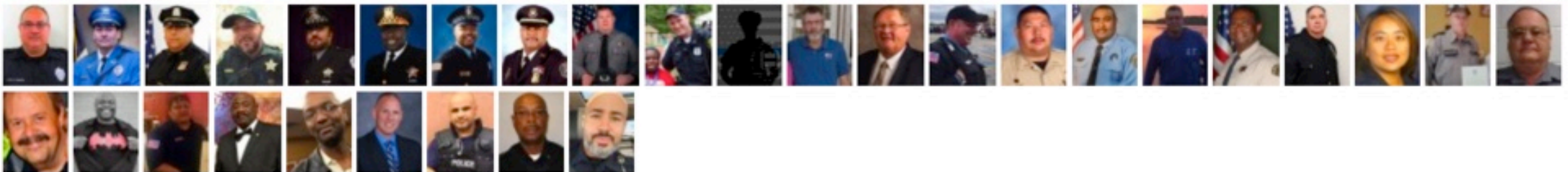


Fallen Officers From the COVID-19 Pandemic

In early 2020, thousands of law enforcement officers and other first responders throughout the country contracted COVID-19 during the worldwide pandemic due to requirements of their job.

The following law enforcement officers died as a result of contracting the virus in the line of duty.

We continue to work with dozens of other agencies that have suffered COVID-19 related deaths as they work to make confirmed or presumed determinations of line-of-duty status.



CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC



**VALLEY FARMERS
GET CREATIVE**

COVID-19 forces agriculture to seek new, different markets



Child care centers serving key role for essential workers

By Amanda Cuda

Once upon a time, The Hideout — a preschool and child care center in Shelton — was filled with children.

The center's owner, Katie Sninsky, said at any given time, there were between 30 and 60 children at the facility. Now, she said, there are six.

Ever since the rise of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Hideout's preschool classes have moved online, and most of the children in the before- and after-school

programs no longer attend. But Sninsky and her staff have stayed open, providing in-person child care to those who needs it.

"I know I have parents that needed to go to work and needed care for their children," Sninsky said.

The Hideout is among a few hundred professional child care centers that have remained open in Connecticut throughout the pandemic.

Beth Bye, commissioner of the state Office of Early Childhood, said the vast

majority — 1,146 — of the 1,527 child care providers that have remained open are based in homes.

Connecticut child care facilities were not required to close, but Bye said a total of 1,904 facilities closed as the pandemic picked up.

"Places stayed open at first, but then people started pulling their kids out," she said.

But some places had to remain open, and have been a vital resource for the state's essential workers, Bye said.

"These child care programs have been keeping our hospitals going and keeping our nursing homes open," she said. "And they've been taking health precautions very seriously."

Nationwide, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have issued a series of guidelines for child care centers that include frequent cleaning and sanitizing, implementing social distancing, and encouraging staff and older children to wear masks.

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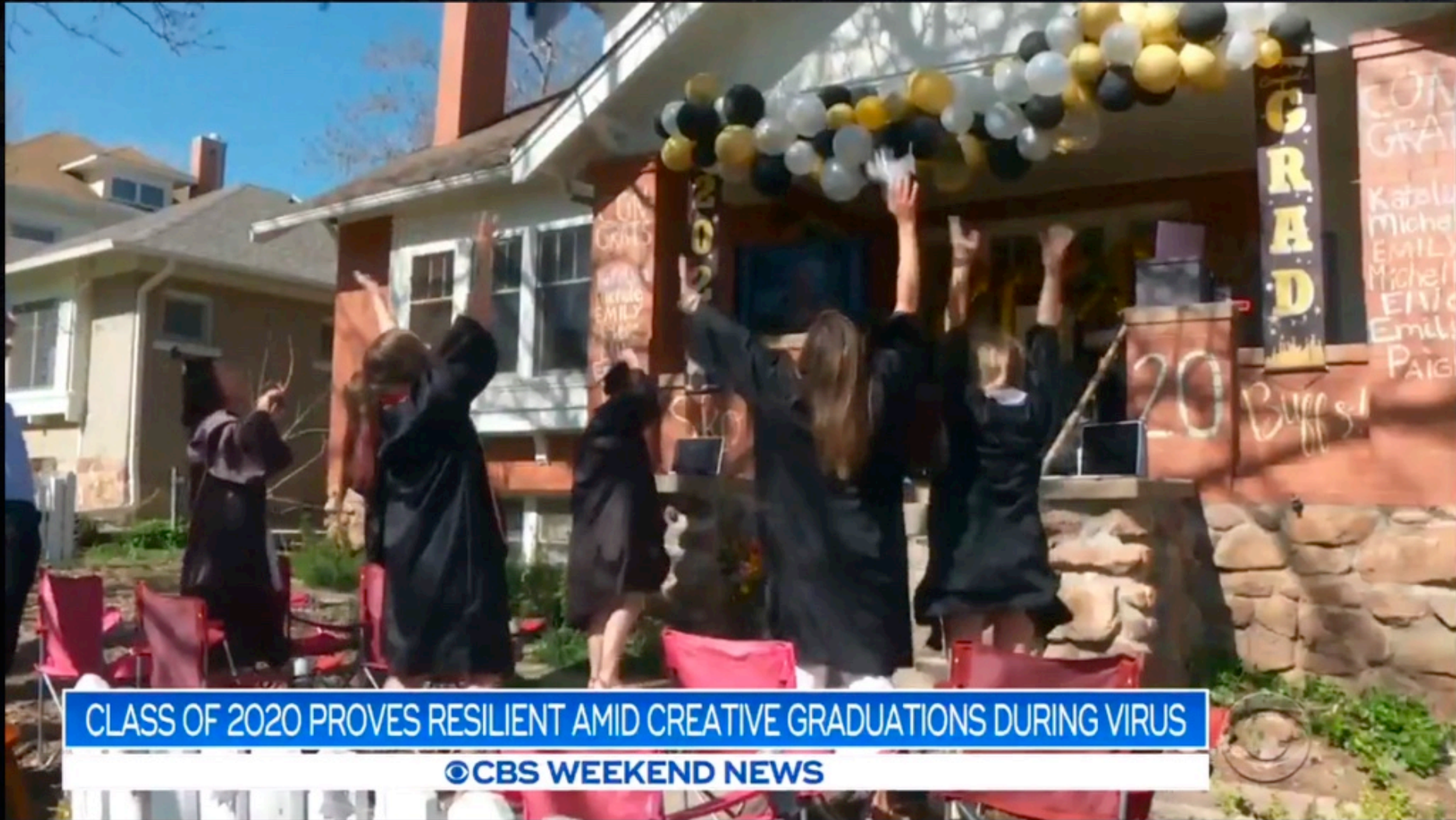
Enrolled kids have their lunch at The Hideout, a preschool and child care facility in Shelton on Friday.





We pray for our community.





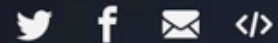
CLASS OF 2020 PROVES RESILIENT AMID CREATIVE GRADUATIONS DURING VIRUS

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Class of 2020 finds ways to celebrate graduation despite coronavirus pandemic

The coronavirus pandemic made it almost impossible to hold traditional graduation ceremonies for college seniors. But many graduating college students are finding creative ways to celebrate their achievements. Michael George reports.

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Phase 1 of reopening looms



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Above, people walk along Main Street Saturday afternoon. Some of these sidewalks could soon be filled with dining tables spaced at least six feet across to allow social distancing of both customers and staff. Below, the Middletown Area Transit courtyard on Main Street might be another location for outdoor dining, Mayor Ben Florsheim said.





All News Kids

Homeschooled 12-Year-old Boy Designs COVID-19 Protection Device – The Safe Touch Pro





We now invite you to offer your personal prayer requests to the Lord.





*Almighty God,
Thank you for hearing our prayers.
We know that you are with us.
Use our lives for your glory,
in the name of the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



Go in peace.





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*“Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good,
because his faithful love endures forever.”*

—Psalm 107:1



