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## Daily Prayer Guide

"The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2

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*"Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

*2 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

**To ensure their safety**, we are using the initials of long-term workers serving in restricted access countries. Please pray for their protection. Ask the Lord of the harvest to continue to show them favor as He works through them to transform communities among the least reached.

\* Names have been changed to ensure their safety.

### Thank you for praying!

We believe prayer is the foundation of our ministry and you are a valuable partner in our vision of transforming lives in mission.

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## November 1-5

### Tuesday (1): Greg & Becky Ouellette

Thailand

"Praise God for the relationships He has given us and for opportunities to disciple Thai believers. Pray that God will draw others to our community who desire to be discipled.

Praise God for open doors to visit a believer in the local prison. Pray that God will use her to encourage and proclaim truth to the other inmates. Pray for a short-term TREK team as we help them get settled into life in Phuket. Pray in advance for the relationships they will form with language teachers and neighbors in the community."

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." Isaiah 9:2*

### Wednesday (2): Ricky & Karen Sanchez

Thailand

"Praise God for our new pastor couple at Ang Sila Church, Pastor Buiy and Mai. The members are really bonding with them, and we have seen a surge in giving and tithing, and in members showing up for prayer meetings! There is excitement in the air. Every week, new people are coming to check out 'Christianity.' Praise God that one of our girls' homes at the orphanage was completed and they were able to move into one of the four new homes we are building! After living in government orphanages and then our tiny rental townhouse, the children seem to be thriving and happy now that they have more space!"

*"They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness." Psalm 145:7*

### Thursday (3): Trever & Joan Godard

Mexico

"Hadime Training (Spanish short term missions) starts this month. So far we have applications from Brazil, Peru and Canada. Several Mexicans have shown interest, but need faith and our prayers to make the commitment to sign up. We ask you to pray for us as we give ourselves to making disciples who will set examples for others, who will devote themselves to godly training, and will teach others to do the same. We practice drawing deeply from the well of God's Word so that we can invite and instruct many others to do the same."

*"Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do." Philipians 3:17*

### Friday (4): Jen Schmidt

Mexico

"November will be an exciting month filled with lots of activity! Please pray for the TREK (short term) team who arrives today. Pray for peace as they begin language school, settle into host homes and begin to adapt to a new culture. Pray for Sandra (Plett) and me as we oversee this team and discern ministry opportunities for them. During the 2nd week of November, I will be attending the Latin American Retreat and Consultation (LARAC). I am excited to be together with other missionaries from different parts of Latin America and to share together. Praise God for this opportunity!"

*"Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me." Psalm 63:7-8*

### Saturday (5): TREK

Worldwide

Praise God for a large group of TREKers this Fall! We have 19 participants plus two Global Servants. Please pray for the TREK teams flying out of Abbotsford, BC this week for a 7-month intensive, cross-cultural ministry training program. As they work alongside long-term missionaries, pray that their lives demonstrate the love of Christ in least-reached regions like:

#### Chachoengsao, Thailand:

Austin & Emily Malnis, Jill Ramer, Rachel Unger, Sean Fast, Ryan Siemens

#### Phuket, Thailand:

Sarah Rhoads, Zac & Leah Remboldt, Maggie Cornish

#### Guadalajara, Mexico:

Kevin Neslage, Jean-Daniel Veer, Bonnie Quinn, Aimee Smith

#### Kinshasa, D.R. Congo:

Deanna Dyck, Marina Doane, John Piers, Mark Zukowski, Monica Manderson

*"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9*

## November 6-12

### Sunday (6): Jon & Bonnie Esau

Thailand

"We're so excited to have finally mobilized to Thailand and look forward to the start of many new things! Praise God for his abundant provision in supplying all we needed to get here! Please pray for us as we begin language study in Chiang Mai this month. Please also pray for our daughter Callie as she adjusts to a new culture, home and childcare. Pray for our families at home as they adjust to life without us." After language study, Jon & Bonnie will be joining Ricky & Karen Sanchez in Chonburi.

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to*

*proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.” Isaiah 61:1-2*

### **Monday (7): Latin American Retreat & Consultation Latin America**

The Missionary Retreat this year, a 5-day event in Mexico, is focused on the Latin American missionaries. Please pray that those attending will be fed spiritually and be able to return to their host countries refreshed and invigorated. Pray that they will be able to leave their problems behind and concentrate on what God is saying to them during this rare “down” time. Pray for the leaders, teachers, and organizers, that God will guide the Words spoken, the deeds offered, and the plans laid out.

*“I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint.” Jeremiah 31:25*

### **Tuesday (8): Andre & Olga Pritzkau Germany**

“We praise God for the wonderful sabbatical he provided for us in Summer 2011. We experienced a time of rest and quietness before God in beautiful British Columbia. We praise God for giving us the opportunity to join MB Mission’s Missionary Training and Equipping (MTE) program for the month of September. It was a very refreshing and faith-strengthening time. Please pray with us as we anticipate going back into church planting ministry in Berlin. Ask God to continue to give clear vision and passion for HIM and a deep compassion for the people that we serve. Pray with us for wisdom as we discern priorities in our ministry.” Their chosen verse is:

*“In repentance and rest is your salvation, and in quietness and trust is your strength.” Isaiah 30:15*

### **Wednesday (9): Doris Goertz Japan**

“I will be attending a conference from November 9-11. Pray that this will be a time of encouragement and refreshment as I interact with other missionaries who are serving the Lord in Japan. As I teach English classes, pray that God’s love will shine through my helpers and me. Pray that the students will open their hearts to God’s message of salvation. Please pray for the Amagasaki MB Church as the congregation walks a sad and difficult road with the pastor who is dealing with personal and family issues.”

*“They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble.” Jeremiah 31:9*

### **Thursday (10): Phil & Carol Bergen Burkina Faso**

“The bridge-building that has been done recently has resulted in two new churches meeting with other Christians to the south. People here are tough farmers and not given to much talk about feelings. Yet, one man came back

saying: ‘It is true – Christianity is different from anything we have ever seen before. In it there is caring and true humanity.’ Another man said that during his time at the meeting he experienced a kind of happiness that he had never known before; that it had been the high point of his life. These are great moments for us to see and be a part of. May these new believers begin to attract many more people to Christ and new life in His Church.”

*“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-13*

### **Friday (11): D & M Restricted**

Please pray that this team will hear from God as to future location of ministry in T\*. They are praying for sensitivity to God’s revelation to them. They ask: “Pray for our children as they adjust to their school. Pray that the Father will enable them to learn the language quickly. A teacher from Canada is coming out to help with our children’s “English” education; pray for adjustment for kids and teacher.”

*“Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands. Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.” Psalm 112:1-2*

### **Saturday (12): Richard & Hazel Funk Austria**

“Pray for our Austrian Conference Delegates’ meeting that takes place in Vienna on November 12th. Praise God with us for the full time and part time workers that are coming to three of our churches. It is such an answer to prayer to see Austrian and German families called to minister in our churches. God is at work. Pray that there will be a hunger for God and that churches will sense how they can reach out to people in creative ways. We all want to be salt and light wherever we are!”

*“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:13-14*

**Sunday (13): Melvin & Gudrun Warkentin** Paraguay

"Praise God that we both were able to attend the Latin American Retreat in Mexico! It was the first time for Gudrun, and a great opportunity to meet other MB Mission coworkers. Praise God for the graduating class at Instituto Biblico Indigena (10 Indian Bible Institute students) who completed our 3-year study program. Pray that they will discern God's will for ministry in their local churches as they serve as lay leaders. Pray also that they find employment to provide financially for their families."

*"So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong." 1 Kings 3:9a*

**Monday (14): Operations Team** North America

The Operations Team consists of JP Hayashida, Ann Zauner, Joanne Toews, and Mark Klassen, all working out of the Abbotsford main office. JP will be traveling for some meetings in Thailand from November 14-20 and he appreciates your prayers. He has been asked to help resource our Thailand leadership team for 3 days as they discuss strategic planning for future church planting. The meetings are on November 16-18. Ask God to grant them wisdom and discernment.

*"He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." Daniel 2:21*

**Tuesday (15): Barbara Block** India

Please continue to pray for Barbara teaching at the Kodaikanal International School. Pray that she will be a living example of what it means to follow Jesus. There are many non-Christian children at this school and they are watching the lives of those who profess Christ. Pray that these kids will be prompted by the Holy Spirit to open the doors of their hearts and let Jesus transform them.

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4*

**Wednesday (16): Bob & Chris Davis** Thailand

Bob & Chris work in northern Thailand with the Khmu team and at the Changed Life Center (CLC). The CLC is a hostel for students whose families live in remote villages. Here they receive spiritual discipleship and leadership training. Visiting short-term teams are also hosted at the CLC. Please pray that Bob & Chris will have the stamina to get the work done, and that they will have a close spiritual connection with those they are teaching and ministering to. Pray that the students they encounter on a daily basis will see the love of Jesus shine through this couple.

*"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ." 2 Corinthians 4:6*

**Thursday (17): Krista DeBoer** Burkina Faso

Krista is studying French in France and has asked for prayer for energy to study, a clear mind, and quick recall. She writes, "Pray for my interactions with my fellow students. Praise God that I've already come so far in my French learning." Pray that the doors of opportunity to share Christ will continue to open for Krista during this time in France. Many in her class are very interested in why she is studying French and interested in missions. Pray for God-given words and boldness to speak them.

*"I will utter hidden things, things from of old— things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done." Psalm 78:2b-4*

**Friday (18): Wendy Eros** Japan

"Please pray for Rocky (Iwao Yamada), who during the recent trip to Canada has become very interested in learning more about God. Recently, I took him to our local Christian bookstore and he bought a Japanese-English Bible. He plans to start attending church in March of next year when he is finished his current job. Thank you so much for all of your prayers during our recent typhoons. We were so blessed to be spared from too much severe damage. Please pray for Japan. It has suffered many natural disasters in the past year."

*"He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes." Deuteronomy 10:21*

**Saturday (19): Rob & Judy Griffioen** Thailand

Rob & Judy are on MINA (Mobilization in N.A.) during which time the MB Mission Lead Team, together with the Griffioens, will discern their future steps in ministry. Pray that God will make it very clear to them exactly how He wants them to serve. They have a huge heart for the Thai and Burmese people and are asking God to build His Church among these needy people, many of whom are just now being introduced to the Living God. Pray for breakthroughs as the work continues in the Griffioens' absence.

*"On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many." 2 Corinthians 1:10b-11*

**Sunday (20): Ben & Melissa Froese** **Germany**

"Praise God! Some of the German church members realized the importance of prayer and organized a prayer meeting. Pray that God will nurture a church that is passionate about prayer! Pray that we as a church will walk together in unity of vision and purpose in Jesus, and for spiritual walls of resistance to be broken down in this community. Pray for a fruitful time of fellowship with our family, friends and churches while home on MINA (Mobilization in N.A.)"

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1Thessalonians 5:10-11*

**Monday (21): R & M** **Restricted**

R&M's MINA (Mobilization in N.A.) is in effect now until the end of February, and they hope for godly, inspired connections with supporters and family as well as times of rest and refreshment. The struggle for land acquisition in M\* has been ongoing for years. Please pray that God's chosen piece of property will become available for them to build a training and ministry center. Pray for Sukh and Odval\*, as they lead the Good News Club and other programs over the next few months while R & M are in North America. Pray for favor with the local government in regards to church registration.

*"They sought God eagerly, and he was found by them. So the LORD gave them rest on every side." 2 Chronicles 15:15b*

**Tuesday (22): D & S** **Restricted**

D & S have arrived in their host country and are thankful for the way that God provided the kind of visas that allow opportunity for ministry. "Please pray for adjustment to culture and the ongoing ability to learn a new language. We praise God for His timing in bringing us here, His provision, and the people of this beloved country. We ask for prayer for open doors as we get to know our neighbors and invite them into our home."

*"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10*

**Wednesday (23): Gary & Ellie Loewen** **Germany**

Gary & Ellie are grateful that they were able to visit Germany last month and reconnect with friends and leaders of the two Mennonite Brethren Conferences. Please pray that God will give clear direction and guidance as to their departure to and future in Germany. Pray that God will continue to give them a willingness to grow and serve Him wherever they might be planted.

*"Those whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night are like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither." Psalm 1:2-3a*

**Thursday (24): Liana Penner** **Peru**

Liana is the director of the English Department in the Christian school where she teaches. Students are currently in the final semester of classes. Please pray for a strong finish of this school term. Liana is also teaching a ladies' Bible study, children's Sunday School, and doing one-on-one discipleship at the Trujillo MB Church. Please pray for a receptive spirit so she will hear the Lord speaking to her as she ministers to the students and the ladies at the church. May God receive the glory!

*"Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him." John 7:18*

**Friday (25): Russ & Marj Speiser** **France**

Russ & Marj provide resources in support of church planting, outreach, and discipleship activities for local, regional, national and international groups, and for media production. Please pray for safety as they travel to areas where sharing Jesus can be dangerous. Pray that many will be attracted to the gospel through their ministry of music and worship.

*"The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." 2 Chronicles 5:13*

**Saturday (26): Robert & Anne Thiessen** **Mexico**

Robert is about to embark on a major trip visiting Mixtec church leaders, concentrating on bi-vocational opportunities. Please pray that this will be a successful and safe trip, and that the church leaders will be encouraged in their search for additional work. Anne will be teaching 'Church Planting' to a large network of Pentecostals awakening to indigenous missions. Please pray that many will feel the prompting of the Holy Spirit to venture into the isolated villages and teach about Jesus. Robert and Anne also ask for prayer for their struggling house church. Pray that God will show them how to go deeper and wider in their relationship to Him.

*"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood." Acts 20:28*

**Sunday (27): Reg & Faa Wall**

**Thailand**

In September, Reg & Faa welcomed beautiful baby “Summer” to their family! Praise God that prayers were answered and the delivery went so well. Please continue to pray that Reg & Faa will receive the financial support they need to return to Thailand to minister to the Thai people. Pray for the Lead Team at MB Mission as they discern the future location placement for the Walls.

*“Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness. By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take.” Nehemiah 9:19*

**Monday (28): Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga**

**Panama**

“Fifty years ago the Gospel was sown among the Embera and Wounaan with tears, much sacrifice and struggles by missionaries who did not speak the ethnic languages and were learning Spanish. They often travelled for days to reach isolated villages. Now, these very same Wounaan people raise funds from their own resources to do mission. They teach the faith to others in their own language!” We praise God together with Einer and Girlesa that the labor of many missionaries has borne fruit. Please pray for the local disciplers who continue to work with faith and confidence.

*“He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!” Acts 28:31*

**Tuesday (29): J & M**

**Restricted**

J & M are still waiting for paperwork and funding to be completed before they join their team in their host country. May the Lord guide all the formalities to get the papers they need in order to apply for visas. Please keep praying for God’s provision. They write, “Thank God for the faithful brothers and sisters and churches who have joined this project. Please keep praying that the Lord may prosper J’s naturalization process so that he can receive it before we travel.”

*“In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.” Exodus 15:13*

**Wednesday (30): Lowell & Melissa Ens**

**Peru**

The Ens family is on their way to northern Peru to begin their ministry there. Please pray for a smooth adjustment for Lowell, Melissa and their three children. Their desire is to grow in Spanish fluency and readily adapt to the culture. Most of all, they ask for prayer to stay close to Jesus and grow in His perfect will for their lives.

*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11*

## Country Spotlight: Mexico

The Evangelical church in Mexico has grown steadily over the past 50 years. In 1960, 2.1% were Evangelical. Today, that number has climbed to 8%. There are still people groups within Mexico that are considered least-reached, with fewer than 2% Evangelical Christian. In Guadalajara, a city of 4.4 million, MB Mission workers are planting churches, discipling new believers and training leaders. Long-term workers are also church planting among the Mixtec peoples of southern Mexico.



### Please pray:

- For the Beltrans and Wiests as they provide leadership to a new church plant in Campo Real.
- For the Matthew Team (Joan and Trever Godard, Jennifer Schmidt, and Sandra Plett) as they resource local MB churches and provide discipleship and mission training to young adults from North America and Latin America.
- For Robert and Anne Thiessen, who serve Mixtec indigenous people in Oaxaca.
- That many young people will become strong Christian leaders. 50% of Mexico’s population\* is under the age of 20.

\*Interesting fact: With a population of over 112 million, Mexico is the most populous Spanish-speaking country in the world,

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