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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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"My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior..."

2 Samuel 22:3

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.

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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April 1-2

Friday (1): Edd & Ingrid Russell

Thailand

"We are so thankful that God has brought us to Thailand. Thank you to everyone who has invested prayers and/or finances in order for us to be part of a team sharing the Good News in this nation. Pray that we will be able to focus on language acquisition and be diligent in practicing what we're learning. Pray that our lives will be testimonies of God's love even though we can't yet communicate well in Thai." The Russell's chosen verse is:
"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done." Psalm 105:1

Saturday (2): Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters

Thailand

"Praise God for our new, full-time B*rmese Pastor! Father God, thank you for Pastor Aung Soe Khaing. Thank you for his deep love for you and the B*rmese people. We ask that you would help Pastor Soe adapt to Thai culture, language and ministry. We also ask that you would help us equip our Thai and B*rmese leaders to become effective cell group leaders, full of faith and love!" The B*rmese ministry has flourished in Chachoensao. We praise God that He is showing Himself to the poor and disadvantaged immigrants that are now making Thailand their home.
"Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?" Exodus 15:11

April 3-9

Sunday (3): Otto & Lidia Funk

Peru

Otto & Lidia are quite involved with the communities in northern Peru with several MB church plants. They have witnessed many heart-wrenching situations. Please pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to help break the cycle of broken marriages and teen pregnancies. Pray that God will restore the dignity and integrity of men so that they will fulfill their God-given role in the family and in society. Pray also for possible new team members as they prepare and consider coming to work in Peru. Pray that God will reveal His plan very clearly.
"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.'" Isaiah 65:1

Monday (4): M & R

Restricted

"Yes, the land is full of giants. There are major cultural differences, much hardness to the Word and a general suspicion to any foreigners moving to these

parts. We know that He is calling us to this and that He is guiding this, so as He continues to lead, we continue to follow. But let us tell you about the size of the grapes that we saw. In talking with some other "workers" in these cities, they see a shift in the government being more tolerable of a Christian presence in their communities. We see an abundance of people needing to hear but only two or three "workers" in cities of 500,000 to 1.4 million. The harvest is plentiful. We go forward from here in prayer and expectancy, desiring to be used HERE and NOW as we wait for the next step in this journey."

"He who forms the mountains, who creates the wind, and who reveals his thoughts to mankind, who turns down to darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth—the LORD God Almighty is His name." Amos 4:13

Tuesday (5): Member Care Volunteers

Worldwide

John & Isabelle Balzer: Pray for Spring Adventure (a time for potential, long-term workers to gather more information before making a commitment), for wisdom and discernment as we continue to encourage them, and for prayers as we go with DMI to Rwanda.
Ron & Betty Russell: Praise God for another amazing time of visiting long-term workers, national pastors and leaders in India and Japan. Our hearts are stirred by their passion and sacrifice. How grateful we are for the stories we hear of how God is using them to evangelize and disciple new believers, often in very challenging situations. Please pray for these wonderful servants of the Lord.
"I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another." Romans 15:14

Wednesday (6): B

Restricted

"Pray for clarity for a visa platform. I am thanking the Lord for this time in Vancouver and the opportunity to spend more time with my family than I had originally thought!" B is part of the team leaving for South Asia in the near future. Please pray for patience as the visa process progresses, however slowly.
"Whoever obeys His command will come to no harm, and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure." Ecclesiastes 8:5

Thursday (7): S

Restricted

"Thank God that through your prayers and generosity, financial support for the ministry to which God has called me is increasing. Please pray that this will increase to the full 100% needed so our team can leave in July as planned. Pray that the Lord will open doors to other churches that will catch the vision of Team C4 (based on Colossians 4) to minister to M*sl*ms in our country of destination."
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Friday (8): Discipleship Making International Worldwide

Tomorrow is the annual DMI banquet, a time to celebrate the harvest and eagerly anticipate the future. We will be hearing testimony of the great work God is doing around the world. Please pray that the Lord will be glorified at this event and that many people will be inspired to go, give and pray. Pray for John Best and Liz Nickel as they provide leadership to this event and to DMI teams that serve around the globe.

"Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." Deuteronomy 15:10

Saturday (9): S & N Restricted

We praise God together with S & N that their team will soon be leaving for South Asia. They are waiting for several people to reach their full support and for the visa platform to be settled. Please pray for these two issues. The team recently enjoyed a week of team-building which resulted in some amazing team bonding. Praise God that N has finished her Biblical Greek course, and S has finished the draft of his master's thesis.

"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3

April 10-6

Sunday (10): S & L Restricted

A specific prayer item that S & L would like to bring to your attention involves the ministry and training centre that is currently under construction. They are waiting for a legal document which will give them the authority to proceed with the final stage of the project, interior finish work. This could take a few days or a number of months, depending on whether or not the doors of bureaucracy are opened. "Please join us in praying that we will have favour with the authorities that have the power to place their signatures and stamps on this document. May the doors fling wide open for us! Please continue to pray for peace in the N. Afr*c* regions."

"So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and He answered our prayer." Ezra 8:23

Monday (11): Sandra Fender Thailand

Sandra is ministering in Chachoensao in the Bethel church, working among the Thai and the B*rm*se immigrants. God is revealing Himself through dreams and visions, and amazing answers to prayer. These miraculous signs show unbelievers that God is a great God and only He has the power to save and change lives. People are putting aside their idols and committing to the God of

dreams, visions, and answered prayers. Praise the Lord!

"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." Acts 2:17

Tuesday (12): Cynthia Friesen Thailand

Cynthia and her team in North Thailand continues to follow up with the many people who attended the Christmas outreach in December. Please pray that the team will have opportunity to connect with all of them again, and that they will recognize their need for the Lord. Kid's Camps were held during summer holidays (February and March). Please pray that the contacts made will bear fruit and many children will come to know Jesus as their personal Savior. Ying & Day have started coming to church and we are praying they will be the first converts in this new cell church. Please pray for them, and Duk & her family.

"Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked." Jeremiah 20:13

Wednesday (13): TREK Worldwide

Here are some updates from TREK (short term ministry) team members:

John-Michael Warkentin (Germany) writes: "We are working a lot with the local youth and children. Pray that God gives us love and compassion for those young people who don't know the Lord. Pray for courage and strength for youth that walk with Jesus but live in a believer-unfriendly environment."

Benjamin Thorson (Germany) writes: "Pray that the other team members and I will pick up the language well enough so that we can communicate with those who may not speak much English. Pray for spiritual blinders to be removed from the eyes of those in the community so they see their need for Jesus and the hope and freedom that only He can bring."

"All my springs are in you, Lord." Psalm 87:7

Thursday (14): Rob & Judy Griffioen Thailand

"TawSaeng center is located in a major bar/prostitution district in central Chiang Mai where the children live in slums and are at high risk of sexual exploitation. In December, eight young people prayed to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Praise God for these new lives!! Recently, however, our hearts were heavy as we discovered that two girls (age 13) that received the Lord in December have just been sold into slavery. Please pray that they will not lose sight of Jesus during this time of trial, and that God will provide a new way for their families to earn a sustainable income. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for Rob & Judy as they reach out to those around them."

"Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter." Proverbs 24:11

Friday (15): Christoph & Antonia Haegele Lithuania

The Haegeles continue to work at Evangelical Bible Institute, support the MB Conference, and serve as Conference Minister in the Lithuanian Free Church. They are permanently transitioning back to Germany this summer after many years in Lithuania. Please pray for them as they integrate back into German society and pray for a smooth transition for their children. Also, pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in Lithuania with the leaders who have stepped up to take over the work. Please pray for new beginnings in Germany.

"For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end."

Psalms 48:14

Saturday (16): Motoshiro & Mariya Hamana Thailand

Praise God that the The Life Center (TLC) Church in Chonburi continues to remain faithful as the founding missionaries move to a new ministry and Pastor Burathat has stepped down for health reasons. Pray for the leaders, Mae and Lee, as they shepherd the flock and keep moving the church forward. Also pray for Moto & Mariya Hamana as they provide support, and for Andy Owen as he travels there monthly to resource the church. By God's grace, TLC will keep shining in Chonburi for many years to come!

"For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing." 2 Corinthians 2:15

April 17-23

Sunday (17): J & F Restricted

"Our team is organizing a four-day conference again this year for the wider community working with T people (but not limited to them). This will be a time of worship and fellowship, with a focus on teaching and equipping in the supernatural. While we realize there is some controversy surrounding this word, we choose to emphasize the instructions given to us by J*sus in the Great Commission: "teaching them to obey ALL that I have commanded you." (Mt.28:20) We simply long for ALL of His teaching – the G*spel of the Kingdom – to be manifested in us and through us. Please pray for lasting fruit from this event.

"He waters the mountains from His upper chambers; the land is satisfied by the fruit of His work." Psalm 104:13

Monday (18): C & F Restricted

"Someone once said that in order to pray the 'harvest prayer' (Luke 10) for the Lord of the harvest to send out workers to the harvest, we need to be willing to be the answer to it. We consider it an honor to have God's hand on our lives directing us to the harvest fields. We praise God for those He has raised up as

His harvest workers and we continue to move forward in preparation to enter our new ministry area. We thank you all for your support and confirmation of that calling. Pray that we will continue to keep that objective clearly in front of us. Pray for us as we continue to push forward in support raising, language study, and team building."

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

Tuesday (19): PK & C Restricted

PK & C arrived in Asia in March to continue the ministry they started years ago and have been supporting from a distance. They have now moved there, so please lift them up in prayer that they will be safe in the Christian-hostile environment where they are working. Pray that the ministry that is in place will grow and become stronger in spite of local opposition. No task is too small for our God!

"Sovereign LORD, you have begun to show to your servant your greatness and your strong hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do the deeds and mighty works you do?" Deuteronomy 3:24

Wednesday (20): Stacy Kuhns

"In February, the door closed for me to go to Brazil and join efforts at the Barnabas Camp. Currently, we are looking at different options around Latin America for me to team up with. Please pray for a team for me! It is important to me to have another single person on the team, and we are seeking the wisdom of others to make that decision. Please pray for wisdom, clarity, and discernment as we seek what God desires."

"Being confident in this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6

Thursday (21): Jim & Marilou Nightingale Brazil

Jim and Vic Wiens recently had excellent meetings with the Brazilian leadership. The São Paulo leaders are more committed than ever to a camping ministry and leadership training program. We are praying for a new piece of property and hope to begin retreats this August. Pray for Jim, Marilou and Zech as they continue to travel and visit churches until the end of April. They are enjoying this time of sharing and fellowship with individuals and the churches. Their chosen verse is:

"Then those who feared the Lord, talked with each other and the Lord listened and heard." Malachi 3:16

Friday (22): Baudouin & Marie-Brigette Nsulunka S Africa

There are many struggles in Durban for the Nsulunkas as they strive to make the weekly Bible studies meaningful and life-giving to their members. Please pray

that the Holy Spirit will do the teaching. The Durban MB Church also collects food and clothing for street children. Brother Nsulunka visits the kids around the neighborhood and shares the Word with them as he distributes material goods. There is a great need for Bibles for both the street ministry and church ministry. Please pray that God will provide Bibles.

"From the fruit of their lips people are filled with good things, and the work of their hands brings them reward." Proverbs 12:14

Saturday (23): S & B

Restricted

"Praise the Father for new life! Thank the Father for His protection and blessing of the new baby that came into our family at the end of March. Pray for the health and growth of the baby and B's speedy recovery. Pray for motivation and perseverance in language learning. Pray for the discernment process of our next steps. Thank you for being part of our ministry."

"And it will be said: 'Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people.'" Isaiah 57:14

April 24-30

Sunday (24): Sandra Plett

Mexico

"God has been at work in the area of reconciliation and forgiveness. Great things are happening in the lives of our pastors and churches! Give praise to God for working this out! Pray for the seven participants (three Canadians and four Mexicans) in our HADIME Intern (discipleship) program for the next three months as they learn together and minister together in many different Contexts. Pray that they will discover how to use their gifts and the call God has for each of them. Pray for our team as we continue to disciple youth who are still so new in their faith."

"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants." Deuteronomy 32:2

Monday (25): Andy & Carmen Owen

Thailand

"April is the month the Thai people celebrate their ancient calendar's new year. They travel to their homes to honor their elders by sprinkling water on them, and then they go out and join in the nationwide water fight! (April is Thailand's hottest month.) Pray for Thailand, that the people will recognize their spiritual thirst and find the One who can quench it. We also appreciate your prayers for the Thailand MB Church Camp April 30 - May 2. Pray that many will be able to come and experience spiritual refreshment and be equipped with boldness to go back to their communities and win people for Christ. Once, during another water festival, Jesus stood up and said:

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." John 7:37

Tuesday (26): S

Restricted

Please continue to pray for our team as we gather support and prepare to go. There is much to be done as we are hoping to be ready to go in May. While we are nearing our financial goals, we still need our Father to continue laying our needs and His vision on people's hearts. Furthermore, I will begin basic H*ndi language learning in April, and will require patience and discipline as I take on this new challenge. Finally, pray that in these final months of being in Canada, I will be able to connect in meaningful ways with friends, family, and supporters. Thank you for praying!

"However, as it is written: 'What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love Him...'" 1 Corinthians 2:9

Wednesday (27): K & W

Restricted

K, W and Team C4 (based on Colossians 4) anticipate a July departure for France. Please continue asking the Father to guide them through the channels of His provision. Next is a need for long-term visas (they apply in May). Meanwhile, K & W are sharing with churches and K is preaching occasionally. He is still discipling a few recovering addicts that he's been working with since September. W is busy as a mom of 3 teenagers. In between it all, both of them are trying to invest in language study – French for both and Ar*bic for K. Please pray for speedy learning.

"Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning." Proverbs 9:9

Thursday (28): Blaine & Michelle Warner

Burkina Faso

The church growth in Burkina Faso is so amazing! Not only is the church body growing, but there is actually a church building now that has been dedicated to the Lord. Pray that many more Nanerige people will come to know Jesus. Pray that the construction of phase two of the guesthouse will go smoothly. Pray for sufficient funds and safety during construction.

"But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you." Psalm 5:11

Friday (29): John & Evelyn Wiens

Ukraine

"We have the privilege to host and mentor another TREK team again this spring. Please pray for us: John and Ev, Max and Anya (our Ukrainian colleagues), and TREK team: Amelia, Jason, Kelly and Steven. Pray for their love and unity and an effective friend-building experience while teaching ESL in three schools. We are in the process of registering New Hope Church with governmental agencies and also registering New Hope Center as an NGO, a charitable organization, for purposes of more effective ministry in the community, and specifically in

orphanages. Pray for favor with persons in these bureaucratic positions.”
“He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.” 2 Corinthians 3:6

Saturday (30): James & Alyssa Wiest

Mexico

“March was our official “launch” as a church plant in Campo Real. Pray that God will fill the hearts of the people with excitement and ownership of this new community of believers. Pray that the people will feel empowered to serve in and through this new church. Over the past months we have had the opportunity to begin a relationship with our neighbors, Aida and Marco, also a young couple. Please pray that God will bless our relationship, that we will have the boldness to speak truth to them, and that the presence of God will shine in our everyday lives.”

“Whatever I speak, just as the Father has told me, so I speak.” John 12:50

Country Spotlight: Columbia



Colombia retains its reputation for being one of the most violent countries in the world. Despite its history of guerrilla, paramilitary and drug-related forces imposing control on many areas of the nation, the church is growing rapidly in this context.

Please pray:

- That the political, legal and spiritual leaders of the nation will have the courage to stand up for what is right.
- For the continued growth of the Colombian MB Conference.
- For the two Colombian MB churches that MB Mission supports in outreach and church planting efforts.
- That the Colombian MB conference will continue to send out global missionaries.
- That a new generation of Christian leaders will be called and equipped for solid Bible teaching and discipleship.
- For MB Mission team members in Colombia: Einer & Girsela Zuluaga (Panama), Jose & Esperanza Prada (Peru), and Alfredo & Sandra Beltran (Mexico).

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