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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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*"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful."*

**Hebrews 10:22-23**

**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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## February 1-4

### Wednesday (1): Otto & Lidia Funk

Peru

"Please pray that the new members in our church will remain teachable and committed. Pray that we will be good role models for the people in our lives. Pray that love and humility will increase in us and that our spiritual and physical integrity will be upheld despite the pressures all around us. Pray for our leaders in the churches and our Conference. We thank God for you."

*"They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds." Psalm 145:6*

### Thursday (2): BB

Restricted

"I am temporarily back home in North America. Please pray that God will use me in mighty ways to bless others and have open ears to hear how he is wanting to minister in my own life. Pray that He will continue to guide me as I look into getting a visa, and that His peace will continue to be with me." B was initially overseas on a short-term visa and is now back in Canada waiting for a new one. Please pray for speedy processing so he can rejoin the rest of his team.

*"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16*

### Friday (3): SB

Restricted

"Praise the Lord for his goodness, faithfulness, and protection since arriving in my host country 6 months ago. Seeds sown thus far are germinating in fertile soil of people's hearts. Thank God for my permanent lodgings in the team's target area." The Lord has led S to several ladies from North Africa with whom she is establishing relationships. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue the work He has started in the lives of these women and that He will show clear direction in 2012 for S and the entire team.

*"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them." Isaiah 42:16*

### Saturday (4): M & R

Restricted

"We are slowly making new connections with the local body of believers in this land. Please pray for the health and well-being for our family as we continue to adapt to this foreign language and culture. Pray for continued guidance and discernment of the future steps the Father will reveal to our team. Pray for increased abilities to really learn the language so we can connect more deeply with local people."

*"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time." 1 Peter 5:6*

## February 5-11

### Sunday (5): S & N

Restricted

Since arriving in their adopted country in November, S & N have been immersed in language study. Please pray that this difficult language will find its way into their hearts and minds. Ask God to help them adapt to the culture and be sensitive to the people they now live among. We pray that God will protect them in every aspect of their lives and that the Holy Spirit will minister to them so they can minister to others. May the Lord go before them!

*"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." John 16:13*

### Monday (6): Otto & Marjorie Ekk

Portugal

Otto & Marjorie began their Mobilization in North America (MINA) last month. Please pray that the next four months will be fulfilling, safe, and restful. Great things are happening in Portugal and the Ekk's want to share the highlights! As they reconnect with friends, family and supporting churches, pray that they will be able to tell their story in such a way that God's Name will be lifted up, and that the listeners will feel a heart-tug for the Portuguese people and commit to support and pray for this ministry. There is still a great need for more missionaries to join the team in Portugal. Please pray that someone will hear God's voice calling them to serve in this land.

*"In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us." Titus 2:7-8*

### Tuesday (7): Sandra Fender

Thailand

"We are praising the Lord that over 60 people responded to the invitation to receive Christ at our Thai and Burmese Christmas outreaches! We also praise the Lord for our outstanding six-member short-term TREK team. May the Lord continue to work in and through their lives as they teach others and build strong relationships here in Chachoengsao. We pray for many more opportunities for them to share and be truth-bearers and that through them, the Lord will grow His kingdom! Please continue to pray for the Hope Center in the downtown core. Praise God for the addition of Bank & Ching who are leading the ministry here at the center, including our newest church plant. Please pray for wisdom and direction as I pursue some formal language studies again. I hope for a teacher/program that is compatible with my learning style and needs."

*"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps." 1 Peter 2:21*

### **Wednesday (8): Cynthia Friesen**

**Thailand**

Please pray for Cynthia as she has started connecting with a woman named Ben who is in hospital. She is one of the caretakers hired to visit those who receive no visitors, and Cynthia has been able to meet and pray with her, sharing the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ with her. Cynthia writes, "Pray for Khun Mong and his family to truly seek the Lord and be saved. Pray for G as she is still seeking and for our weekly times together. Pray that we will be able to connect deeply with university students and that a Bible study group will form at the university."

*"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12*

### **Thursday (9): T & R**

**Restricted**

"Pray for the country T & R will be moving to, in which under 1% of the population are followers of Jesus. Pray for God to reestablish His kingdom in this land. Pray for both families on our team – for unity and growth in our relationship as we explore together what it means to be a team and how we best fit together to serve shoulder to shoulder. Pray that all of our team's prayer and financial needs for our service with MB Mission will be met so that we can leave for our destination in Fall 2012. Pray for us as we being a church planting internship in B.C. from February to June 2012." God does bring unity!

*"Also in Judah the hand of God was on the people to give them unity of mind to carry out what the king and his officials had ordered, following the word of the LORD." 2 Chronicles 30:12*

### **Friday (10): Rob & Judy Griffioen**

**Thailand**

Rob and Judy returned to Thailand in January after several months in Canada. They continue to work towards a church plant in Chiang Mai through the Taw Saeng ministry center. They write: "This is the ministry center which reaches out to children and teens at risk of exploitation in a busy bar/red light district of Chiang Mai. Also, as MB Mission further discerns the B\*rmese ministry potential, we plan to stay connected in a pastoral role with the cross-border safe house ministry and the New Garden church plant that formed there during our previous term." Please pray that this ministry will flourish and be protected in the midst of surrounding evil.

*"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*

### **Saturday (11): Motohiro & Mariya Hamana**

**Thailand**

"Praise God that we are gradually being able to be involved in ministries at The Changed Life Centre, preaching and leading Bible studies. We thank God that our study visas and work permits have been extended! Pray for courage and increased language skills so we can share the Gospel. Pray for a new vision and team formation for future church planting efforts."

*"Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you." 1 Chronicles 28:20*

## **February 12-18**

### **Sunday (12): J & F**

**Restricted**

J & F returned to their host country last month after several months in North America. We thank God with them that they had quality time with family while home, and that the boys could reconnect with their grandparents. Please pray for this family as they resettle and readjust into local culture. Pray that the relationships they formed during past terms will remain strong, and that the impact they have on their friends and neighbors will be powerful and life-changing. We ask that God would keep them safe in this often hostile land.

*"If I go up to the heavens, you are there. If I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." Psalm 139:8-10*

### **Monday (13): C & F**

**Restricted**

C & F request prayer for our brothers and sisters in N. Africa. So many of these countries struggle for democracy and freedom of religion. In the meantime, the faithful believers are persecuted and imprisoned. Please pray for peace in this area of the world and for the Lord's protection over the persecuted church. Pray for C & F and the rest of the team as they continue language study and reach out into the immigrant community where they live and minister.

*"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body." 2 Corinthians 4:8-10*

### **Tuesday (14): Stacy Kuhns**

**Peru**

"My co-worker, Heidi Schmidt, & I are heading on a road trip to visit churches throughout the Central and Southern US district until mid-March. Please pray for stamina, strength, and encouragement as we meet people, share the vision for Northern Peru, and raise financial and prayer support. We hope to arrive in

Peru sometime this Spring! The visa process in Peru can be lengthy and time-consuming. Pray that our paperwork will reach the right hands at the right time. Please pray for wisdom, discernment and healthy communication within our team, US churches, and Peruvian churches for decisions that need to be made."

*"For the LORD will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard.*

*Isaiah 52:12b*

### **Wednesday (15): Jim & Marilou Nightingale** **Brazil**

"Please pray for our transition as we leave São Paulo, Brazil and re-locate to Pincher Creek, Alberta. Pray also for our son Zech as he is going to be switching schools and will begin in Pincher Creek, second semester. Jim will begin his new pastoral ministry with Foothills Community Church. Pray for the São Paulo leadership in regards to the camping program as they now take the reins. Pray for Raphael who will go to Bible School to receiving training to lead the Adventure Camp. We will meet regularly with the leaders via Skype."

*"You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed." Joshua 23:14b*

### **Thursday (16): Baudouin & Marie-Brigitte Nsulunka** **South Africa**

"We are still waiting for guidance from God for our second church location. Help us pray for an area that has a lot of French speaking refugees. We pray that God will help our members get a good understanding of the missionary vision that we are struggling to give them, so that they may know how to serve God with their time, spirit, goods... and to participate in the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus."

*"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified." John 17:17-19*

### **Friday (17): S & B** **Restricted**

"Please continue to pray that we will discern our long-term location." Pray with us that God will show this team very clearly and directly which city He wants them to live in. They also ask for prayer for language study and quick comprehension of this difficult dialect. They write, "We have recently re-instituted our special Tuesday. On that day we fast and pray for at least one meal for the country we are living in. We would appreciate it if you would join us in this adventure, asking the Father to move in this land!"

*"May your eyes be open toward this temple day and night, this place of which you said you would put your Name there. May you hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place." 2 Chronicles 6:20*

### **Saturday (18): Greg & Becky Ouellette** **Thailand**

"Pray for our friends and neighbors who are attending our church on and off, that their interest will birth faith, and that their faith will deepen into a lasting, authentic relationship with Jesus. Pray that our little church will grow – one disciple at a time. Pray for our TREK team as they build relationships with many university students. We trust they will have good opportunities to share their faith. Lastly, pray for our family, that each of our children will grow in their love for God and trust Him with their daily circumstances."

*"Come near to God and he will come near to you." James 4:8*

## **February 19-25**

### **Sunday (19): Andy & Carmen Owen** **Thailand**

"We recognize that we are always in a spiritual battle, but the fight has seemed to be more fierce than normal lately among those we minister to. Please pray that leaders will mature in their faith, young believers will be victorious in their walk, and pre-Christians will come to know Jesus." Also pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to be evident in new believers' daily lives as they struggle with spiritual battles."

*"Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army; for the battle is not yours, but God's." 2 Chronicles 20:15*

### **Monday (20): Sandra Plett** **Mexico**

February is a busy month as we host a team at the RETO church and continue to disciple the short-term TREK team as they get more fully involved in ongoing ministries, and plan ahead for SOAR in March. I'd appreciate prayers for health and sustained energy as my immune system is still low. Also, we ask that long-term fruit would be produced as a result of these short-term teams." Sandra returned to Mexico in December after several months in Canada for rest and recuperation from health issues. Please pray for continued healing and full restoration of her strength and energy.

*"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." John 15:4*

### **Tuesday (21): SR** **Restricted**

"We are still asking God how He wants to use us here. As God brings specific people into our lives and lays them on our hearts, the questions become, "What are we to do?" and "How are we to do it?" As we continue to learn about this culture, study the language, meet people and see needs, and build relationships, spend time praying and watching and listening and studying and reading and talking together, we believe God will show us how to move forward. Please continue to pray with us. There are so many people with needs to be met here.

He does the real meeting of needs, we just get the privilege of being His hands, feet and mouth.”

*“I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:9-10*

### **Wednesday (22): Edd & Ingrid Russell** **Thailand**

“April will mark the end of our full-time language study in Bangkok, so we are making final preparations for the next phase of our ministry in Thailand. We will be meeting with some of the other missionaries here in Thailand as we work out the details for the future. Pray for wisdom during the decision-making process. During the last week of February, Ingrid will go north to assist a medical team coming from Fresno, CA, that will provide health care to the Khmu and others from northern Thailand and nearby countries. Pray for safety as well as patience and understanding in translation.”

*“All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance.” Isaiah 60:3*

### **Thursday (23): PK & C** **Restricted**

Pray for the Medical Team from Chinese Baptist Church in Fresno, CA that will come to treat the sick in the north of Thailand and La\*s. Please pray that they will bring healing along with the grace of God. They will come to the Center from February 23-27, 2012. Ask God to do great things to change lives during this revival. The people are very poor, but they have a deep desire to seek God’s kingdom, and we are willing to serve God together to reach the un-reached for Jesus Christ. The local authority is permitting us to hold this revival publicly and they are allowing us to use the public school for the event. We praise God for this! Currently, 80 pastors and 120 evangelists serve God without pay. Some have been working with us for ten years as volunteers! Please pray for God’s protection over these pastors and evangelists who venture into spiritually dangerous areas.

*“You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God!’” Isaiah 40:9*

### **Friday (24): K & W** **Restricted**

“Our nomadic life has brought us to a city that is an international hub. We’ve been here almost six months now and are thankful to God for residency papers, a place to live, school for the kids, growth in language and culture learning, and very helpful people. Please pray for open doors for good friendships, for the kids’ further language growth (French & Ar\*bic), and discernment regarding

opportunities to serve alongside local believers.”

*“I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my Name.” Revelation 3:8*

### **Saturday (25): Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters** **Thailand**

“This month we are focusing on bringing new believers into a stronger life of faith and obedience. Pray for vibrant small groups with passionate worshipers. We are challenging new believers to share their faith with friends and family. Pray for the leaders of the churches, including the Bethel community, The Lighthouse community, The Hope Center community, and House of Grace Community.”

*“For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed.” Hebrews 4:2*

## **February 26-29**

### **Sunday (26): Blaine & Michelle Warner** **Burkina Faso**

“Praise God for a season of safe travel visiting our supporting churches and friends in North America. It was exciting sharing what God has done among the Nanerige during our recent term! We thank God for the strength and health He provided as we visited so many in such a short period of time. We praise God for the excitement that so many people share with us in reaching the Nanerige for Christ.” Please pray for Blaine and Michelle as they return and reconnect with co-workers in Burkina. (October correction: the Nanerige people are reading the new Bible translation in the common trade language, Jula; not Nanerige)

*“Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.” 1 Chronicles 16:8*

### **Monday (27): John & Evelyn Wiens** **Ukraine**

John & Evelyn are still involved with the orphanage, even inviting children into their home for a few days, especially over Christmas and New Years. They have noticed an increase in attendance at the New Hope Church and are thankful to God that His Message is reaching the hearts of the community. Please continue to pray for this ministry and for the Vocational School that is being established to accommodate those forced to leave the orphanage at age 16. The school will teach these children a trade they can use to earn a living for themselves rather than resort to drugs, alcohol, crime, and prostitution.

*“He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor. “For the foundations of the earth are the LORD’s; on them he has set the world.” 1 Samuel 2:8*

## Tuesday (28): James & Alyssa Wiest

Mexico

"One thing we've wrestled with this past year is keeping things sustainable in our ministry – not wanting to start anything that could not continue to function if God one day were to call us somewhere else. That has been a prayer especially for the Friday night youth group that was started. While we were home in Fresno, CA for two weeks, we were informed that one of the boys planned teachings for each of those Fridays, one of the girls planned snacks, and they all hung out until late at night playing games together. We were so humbled when we found this out! We were reminded once again of God's sovereignty. He's in control, He's a good Father, and He is faithful to give us the desires of our hearts."

*"He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he." Deuteronomy 32:4*

## Wednesday (29): S & L

Restricted

"In the midst of the political upheaval, the responses to the Gospel continue to pour in, and have increased noticeably in the last number of months. As a result, we are expanding our follow-up team who will be available 24/7. From February to May the team plans to film the first batch of television programming in our own new facility! Pray for a fresh set of eyes on the Scriptures and that God will give S new messages from His heart! Please pray for our entire production team – the cameramen, musicians, producer, editors, sound technicians, guest speakers, and S & L. Pray for L as she continues to mentor, disciple, and follow-up with the women from the last ladies' conference in August. Pray for her team as they seek to speak into the lives of the women throughout the year.

*"Continue steadfastly in prayers, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; and pray for us also, that God may open to us a door for the Word, to declare the mystery of Christ." Colossians 4:2-3*

## Country Spotlight: Thailand

About 1% of the population of Thailand is Christian. This nation is predominantly Buddhist. Buddhist temples and spirit houses define the landscape of many neighborhoods. Among a people who smile a lot on the surface, there is a deep-rooted hopelessness. But God is transforming lives throughout Thailand. MB Mission has the joy of having a growing team of long-term missionaries working at church planting in several different parts of Thailand.



### Please pray:

- That our long-term missionaries will continue to serve faithfully and that their relationships with each other will be a powerful witness of Jesus' love
- That many Thai people will come to know the Lord in the days to come
- That flood relief efforts will open doors for our workers to share the Gospel with people who haven't heard
- That Thai Christian leaders will be called and equipped for ministry

## New Video Available Online: Real Value [2:16 min.]

A single mother in Guadalajara, Mexico, Marta discovers that her real value is in God, not in her relationships or the things of this world. Now she uses her salon as an opportunity to talk to people about Jesus.



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