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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 15:2v

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1 Thessalonians 1:2

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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July 1-4

Friday (1): Russ & Marjorie Speiser Europe & the Mediterranean

One government in this region is trying to close ALL the churches and this will affect at least seven churches that we are aware of. Please pray for the Speisers' N. Afr*c*n friend, "M", as he is the target of much persecution. Also pray for the many Christians in this country, that God will supply the strength and fortitude it takes to withstand the arrows of Satan. Pray that the government will have a change of heart and allow the churches to re-open. *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him."* 2 Chronicles 32:7

Saturday (2): Ricky & Karen Sanchez Thailand

"Praise God for the four houses that are finished at The Abundant Life Home! We are so thankful for all the North American volunteers who helped build. The MB family loves the children in our homes! We are excited to watch how God will bring many Thai people to Christ through the outreaches, camps and testimonies this month. Pray for open doors for 30 visiting North Americans to share the gospel, and for much fruit for our church plants! Please also continue praying for a full-time pastor for the growing and vibrant Ang Sila Church." We praise God for this work among the young people. *"Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace."* Psalm 144:12

Sunday (3): Reg & Faa Wall Thailand

"We are aiming for the end of October for our departure to Thailand. To make this a reality, we will need 100% of our support raised. Also, our little one who is due Sept 22nd has a big say in that too! We trust God will put all the pieces together. We thank you so much for your continued prayers for us." Please pray for the remainder of support to come in for Reg & Faa, and that the new baby will arrive safe and sound. *"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

Monday (4): Bob & Chris Davis Thailand

"We thank God for the 40 teens living at the Khmu Student Center, part of the Changed Life Center ministry in Chiang Khong, Thailand. Praise God that seven of our new students accepted Christ on only their second day living at the Center! Pray for many more hearts to open to the good news of Jesus. There are many obstacles here that deter people from following Jesus, but God's love and grace is able to break through anything! Pray for the Khmu believers to stand strong in the face of familial and cultural pressure to worship the spirits. Pray for grace and strength." *"You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance."* Psalm 32:7

July 5-10

Tuesday (5): Melvin & Gudrun Warkentin Paraguay

"Our students have a two- week winter break from their studies this month. Pray that as they return to their communities, their ties with home churches will be strengthened and they will be affirmed in their calling for ministry and refreshed for the second semester. Pray for Alonzo Alvan, a 3rd year student at Indian Bible Institute, who senses the lack of support from extended family. He desires to persevere in God's calling, especially when he returns to his home community at the end of the school year. He will need to find employment and financially support himself as a lay minister. Pray as well for our son, Delbert, who will begin university studies in California in August." *"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you."* Philippians 1:27-28a

Wednesday (6): Alfredo & Sandra Beltran Mexico

Pray for the Beltrons as they minister in a new church plant and are reaching out to the community. There has been some response, but pray that God will open the flood gates and bring many into the truth of salvation and freedom for their lives. *"Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand."* Romans 15:21

Thursday (7): Jennifer Schmidt Mexico

"An ACTION team (short term ministry) will be serving here in Guadalajara (GDL) from July 7-Aug 9. They will help with two weeks of kids' day camp, one week of teens sports camp, and one week of English camp. Pray that people will want to draw near to the Lord as a result of these weeks of ministry. Pray for energy, wisdom and joy for the team and for all of us missionaries here in GDL who will be working with the team. Pray that we will see fruit!" *"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

Friday (8): Phil & Carol Bergen Burkina Faso

"In the last two years over forty people have been baptized here, and things are still picking up speed. Many new believers who are joining the churches in N'Dorola and Silorola are being criticized by their neighbors and their families.

In Silorola, primarily men are coming to Christ and joining the Church. These men ask for prayer for their wives and their extended families, that they too will follow Christ. In N'Dorola, primarily women are joining the church. Our prayer is that their husbands will see that there is greater safety in making peace with God through Christ than in buying "protection" from the keepers of the fetishes."

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."
Ephesians 6:18

Saturday (9): Barbara Block

India

"I have been appointed as High School Coordinator (grades 9-12), beginning in July, which means I will be in charge of the High School Program's daily routines, overseeing schedule difficulties, teacher evaluations, student/staff problems, assemblies, announcements and advisor programs. It's a new challenge and I'd appreciate lots of prayer! Bethania Home for Children is doing well, but it has been difficult in recent years to find male staff that can live on-site. Pray for a loving couple to come and be a long-term part of the Bethania community."

"But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."
2 Chronicles 15:7

Sunday (10): Trever & Joan Godard

Mexico

"Our MB churches in Guadalajara always host children's day camps in the month of July. The Matthew Team helps them by coordinating short-term teams from Canada & the US. Please pray for Jen Schmidt & Sandra Plett, whose primary ministry is to serve churches and the short-term teams. They help with everything from pre-trip logistics to orientation, ministry assignment and debrief. Joan has taken on an additional role as Member Care resource person for our MB Mission workers in Latin America. Please pray for the Spirit of God to give her wisdom & discernment in shepherding her co-workers. We hope to travel to Panama from July 21-27 to help MB Mission with a project in the indigenous communities and provide pastoral care to the missionaries there. Pray that we will listen carefully to God so that we may fulfill His plans and purposes for this trip. Thank you for praying!"

"I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me..." Habakkuk 2:1

July 11-18

Monday (11): Krista DeBoer

Burkina Faso

"I have reached 81% of my support! I have two wonderful teams of people who support me in prayer and finances. People from different parts of my life have joined together. The growth is explosive and dynamic! At points of the journey I cried with frustration because I could not see when the journey would end. But God is faithful. Please pray for discernment for the Lead Team as they meet and discuss my mobilization."

"He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters." Psalm 18:16

Tuesday (12): Wendy Eros

Japan

"Praise God for an ACTION team of five young men from Leamington, Ontario, who worked alongside Abe-sensei and Phil Hamm (as well as many others) to clean up some of the devastation from the earthquake and tsunami. Pray that the seeds they planted will bear eternal fruit. Please pray for the students who have been affected by the triple disaster - especially those still searching for friends and family. Please pray that God will comfort them, and that as they hear the messages during chapel time, the students will come to know God's true love. Please also continue to pray for my lung problems. The cough just does not go away."

"Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard." Isaiah 58:8

Wednesday (13): Jon & Bonnie Esau

Thailand

"Praise the Lord for giving Jon the opportunity to preach two different sermons at two different churches in two weeks. It was busy, but it went well and God spoke through him. Pray that people will continue to be challenged by the words that were shared and transformed by the Holy Spirit's power. Pray for more financial & prayer partners as we continue to raise support. We would love to be able to go to Thailand this fall and are continuing to trust that the Lord will provide all that we need to go."

"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18

Thursday (14): Lowell & Melissa

Peru

"We will be completing our internship in June at The Grove in Fresno, and entering full-time fundraising mode. It has been a fulfilling and challenging time working with a church through several transitions and having the opportunity

to use our gifts in many ways. We are thankful to God for opportunities to preach and lead in various capacities. Also, several church visits have gone well, and we are thankful for our many prayer and financial supporters who continue to encourage us in this journey."

"My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not stumbled. I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer." Psalm 17:5-6

Friday (15): Doris Goertz

Japan

"We are planning an "English Day" on July 16 with all of my English students. Pray that this will be a good time of interaction for the students as we gather at the farmhouse of one of my helpers. We are hoping that the summer ACTION team will be able to join us. Pray that the three people who were baptized at Easter will grow in their faith."

"Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God." Romans 4:20

Saturday (16): Ben & Melissa Froese

Germany

"Please continue to pray that we as a church will know how to meet the needs of the teens from our community. Pray that God will give us the creativity and resources to connect with them and provide a safe place for them to hang out. Please also pray for workers willing to love and serve these teens."

"If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:11b

Sunday (17): Richard & Hazel Funk

Austria

"On July 18th we will again be flying back to Austria after a very meaningful and busy MINA (Mobilization in North America). Praise God with us for the health and strength that we experienced during this time. We ask for your prayers as we settle back into our work mentoring leaders in Austria and Germany and providing member care for our missionaries in Europe."

"Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth." Jeremiah 1:9

Monday (18): T & R

Restricted

"Pray for wisdom as we disciple our son Isaiah in the path of following Jesus. Pray that we will be full of the Spirit and make the most of the opportunities that we have to point those around us to Jesus. Ask God to give us discernment as we support the work of the Oasis Project." Oasis Project is a media ministry which produces and broadcasts TV and radio programming throughout N. Afr*c* and the Middle East.

"For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul." Proverbs 2:10

July 19-25

Tuesday (19): R & M

Restricted

"Truly we have experienced HIS faithfulness and abundant supply many times. As you may already know, we are in the process of land acquisition. Please pray for good relations in this new community, for the staff and resources needed with this new countryside project. In July/August we will be hosting an ACTION team. They will primarily be working at our community center running day camps and English camps. We also hope to finish renovations on our community center. Continue to lift up B and D the couple who are leading this project. Also, lift up our younger two children who will transition back to Canada this fall."

"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Psalm 91:11-12

Wednesday (20): M & A

Restricted

M & A are returning to Canada after six years in N. Ind*a. There is a new team coming and one of the members will be overlapping with them. Please pray that the transition will go smoothly. Pray that M, A, and their three young daughters will transition back into Canadian life without any big bumps along the way. We at MB Mission are grateful for all the work that they have done and we pray the Spirit of God will continue to move among those that have been touched by the hand of Jesus through this family.

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:2

Thursday (21): Einer & Girsela Zuluaga

Panama

"Pray that the indigenous leaders will continue to disciple believers with faith and confidence. Pray for divine guidance in their mission to evangelize members of the Embera and Wounan people groups. Pray especially that the older generation will understand the message of God's word. Thank God for His provision for our house in Yaviza and for the absolute recovery of Girsela's health. She is well!"

"Then the eyes of those who see will no longer be closed, and the ears of those who hear will listen." Isaiah 32:3

Friday (22): Gary & Ellie Loewen

Germany

"God is working out HIS PURPOSES and we pray for church leaders and colleagues in Germany. The time line of our departure has been extended to some time in 2012, due to a plateau in giving (60%) and current developments in Berlin. God has answered prayers for continued employment for Gary and availability for 'grandma-duty' as Ellie helps with family needs. We ask for love and joy, daily wisdom and strength as we embrace ministry opportunities. We pray for a growing network of prayer and financial support."

"In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." Psalm 5:3

Saturday (23): Greg & Becky Oullette

Thailand

Please pray that Day, the Oullette's house helper, will be able to share her growing faith in Jesus with her family. Her son Teng and daughter Ying are also part of God's family. Please pray that Day's husband, Tong, will accept Jesus into his life as well. Our desire is that this new church plant will continue to bring people into the church community where they can hear about eternal life in Christ.

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you." Psalm 67:1-3

Sunday (24): Liana Penner

Peru

Please pray that Liana will have a positive impact on the lives of her students at the Christian school where she is in charge of the English Department. Pray that she will surround herself with people of God that will help her stay firm in the faith, and that she might help others become more grounded in their faith.

"I have filled [them] with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills." Exodus 31:3

Monday (25): Jose & Esperanza Prada

Peru

Jose & Esperanza are leaving Peru this summer to return home to Colombia. Please pray for a seamless transition back into their home community. Pray that the leaders who are taking over the ministry will be guided by the Lord to continue the work that Jose & Esperanza have been involved with for so many years. We thank God for their many years of faithful service in Peru.

"Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else." 2 Corinthians 9:13

July 26-30

Tuesday (26): MB Mission Lead Team

Abbotsford

MB Mission's Lead Team is meeting today. Please surround them with your prayers as they discern various issues, make decisions about future events, and seek the face of God as they continue to lead the mission. This team has such a heart for God and being in His will at all times, so pray that Satan's wishes will have no power in their midst.

"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 until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished." 1 Chronicles 28:20

Wednesday (27): J & M

Restricted

J & M live in South America and are having a very difficult time gathering the financial support they need. Please pray that people from both North and South America will step forth and commit to this family so they can join their team soon. Pray for continued patience as they wait upon the Lord.

"LORD, I wait for you; you will answer, Lord my God." Psalm 38:15

Thursday (28): D & M

Restricted

"We've been growing as a 'worshipping community.' Our team spends an hour together every Friday morning in worship and prayer. We continue on with our language helpers, three or four days a week. M has met two very special new friends (neighbors) with whom she connects every few weeks. She is learning a lot about language and culture from these women. D also meets regularly with a local believer who mentors him in spiritual culture. We are encouraged by these friendships! Pray for deeper conversations and for wisdom as we map out the kids' schooling for the following year.

"We preach Christ crucified...to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

Friday (29): Robert & Anne Thiessen

Mexico

We thank God for the many years of service that the Thiessen family has provided in South Mexico among the Mixteco people. Please continue to pray that the many church plants and cell churches will grow and these smaller churches would plant yet more, so that the gospel of Christ might spread throughout the nation. Pray that God will guide and protect the summer activities and bless His workers with energy!

"When my spirit grows faint within me, it is You who watch over my way." Psalm 142:3a

Saturday (30): D & S

Restricted

D & S continue to wait for financial funding so that they can leave for N. Ind*a, hopefully this summer. "We ask for your ongoing prayers for discernment and wisdom as we seek to walk faithfully toward the ministry opportunities that God invites us to. We cannot fully discern these things without being in our new country of service, but we submit to God's timing, planning and direction in all things."
"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."
1 Corinthians 3:9

Sunday (31): Andrew & Olga Pritzkau

Germany

Praise God for the impact the Berlin church is having on the community! Many in the neighborhood have started attending the church – first out of curiosity of this new building in the area, and then because they found answers for their lives. Please continue to pray for the Pritzkaus and the rest of the ministry team as they reach out in the community and minister to those that respond. Pray that the new believers will grow in the faith.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Corinthians 9:12

Country Spotlight: Austria



From a human perspective, Austria is a country rich with history, the arts and natural beauty. From God's perspective, Austria is a nation filled with people whom He loves, most of whom still have not entered into a relationship with Him. While 84% of Austrians believe in God, few have met Jesus personally.

Please pray:

- For Richard and Hazel Funk as they mentor Austrian pastors and leaders
- That the MB churches in Austria will be healthy, vibrant witnesses of the love and power of God.
- That many people will encounter the Lord and make the life-changing decision to follow Him

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