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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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*"I waited patiently for the LORD;
He turned to me and heard my cry."*

Psalm 40:1

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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Wednesday (1): John & Evelyn Wiens**Ukraine**

John and Evelyn are currently attending a two-day Pastors and Leaders Retreat. Pray that they will hear from the Lord and will be refreshed and renewed for ministry. Pray also for their growing church plant in Zaporozhye; that God will work in the hearts of those who have been attending and fill them with joy, peace and hope.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Thursday (2): S & L**Restricted**

"Pray for S & L as they will be traveling for an extended period of time. Ask our Heavenly Father to sustain them and give them much wisdom as they make decisions about the future of the Oasis ministry. With the circumstances of the past few months, we sense God inviting us to shift into a higher degree of involvement in this region. This will involve more people and new initiatives. Above all else, we want to walk in submission to our Lord Jesus as He leads us. Pray that we would be sensitive to what He is calling us into and that we would have the ability to say "no" to distractions from what is most important."

"The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy." James 3:17

Friday (3): Motohiro & Mariya Hamana**Thailand**

Motohiro & Mariya have been adjusting to Thai culture and learning the language. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continually fill them with joy and strength as they provide support to The Life Center (TLC) Church in Chonburi. Pray that they will make good connections with people in the church and outside of the church so that many people will come to know Jesus.

"And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory." Isaiah 66:18

Saturday (4): S**Restricted**

"Praise God a member of our team is ready to go! Within the next month or so, he should be landing in Asia, with more of us landing over the coming months. We are grateful for the Lord's provision as we have been preparing to go, and are encouraged that the wheels are in motion for deployment. Please pray for our teammate as he is "on the ground", researching and preparing the way for all of us to arrive. And please pray for the rest of us as we continue to raise support."

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen." Philippians 4:19-20

Sunday (5): C & F Team C4**Restricted**

C & F are moving forward with plans to move overseas in July! "Countless times we have come up against what we saw as formidable mountains, closed gates, and iron bars blocking our path to what we believe God has called us and our team to. We know that we will face many more, but we rejoice in seeing God level another mountain! Pray for the details related to moving overseas, such as visas, documentation, adequate housing within our budget and in the right location, and schools for our kids. These verses have been foremost on our minds and in our prayers over the last few years as we have contemplated our latest ministry venture:

"I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name." Isaiah 45:2-3

Monday (6): Cynthia Friesen**Thailand**

Cynthia is part of the Operation 2nd Wave (O2W) team that has started a church plant and a ministry center in Phuket. Pray for them as they reach out and meet the needs of their community. The TREK team that has been serving with the O2W team is leaving very soon – pray that the work that they have been involved in will bear much fruit. Pray against the spiritual strongholds that are keeping so many Thai people in bondage and holding them back from experiencing freedom in Christ!

"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." 2 Corinthians 10:4

Tuesday (7): Jim & Marilou Nightingale**Brazil**

Today Jim, Marilou and Zech are returning to Brazil after a time of visiting churches in North America. Before they left Brazil, the property where they were building a camp was vandalized and their family was attacked. Pray for the sale of this property and for wisdom as to where they should purchase a new property for a camp in a safer location. Pray that God will provide housing for their family. They are also looking forward to hosting an ACTION team in July and August – pray with them that God will prepare the hearts of this team and the Brazilians that they will be ministering to.

"The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." Psalm 121:7-8

Wednesday (8): S Team C4

Restricted

S and her team (Team C4, based on Colossians 4) are planning to leave in July for the country where they will be serving. Pray that all of the necessary funding will be provided for S by this time. Pray that her team will grow in humility, love and unity. Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill them with wisdom and discernment and will guide them in all of their decision-making.

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

Ephesians 1:17

Thursday (9): Sandra Fender

Thailand

Sandra is working among the Thai people and B*rm*se immigrants in Chachoensao. Her team has recently started a new outreach through the Hope Center. They are sharing the Gospel with Thai English teachers who are looking for professional development at the Center. Pray that God will fill Sandra with boldness and love as she reaches out and proclaims the good news. Pray that this ministry will be fruitful and that many people will encounter Jesus.

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." 1 Corinthians 1:25

Friday (10): Baudouin & Marie-Brigette Nsulunka

S. Africa

Baudouin and Marie-Brigette are looking for a location to plant another church in Durban. Pray for wisdom and that the necessary finances and materials will be provided for this new church. Pray for the provision of more Bibles as one of the problems they are facing at their church is a lack of Bibles. Many of their members are refugees and are very poor, and there are street children that have come and asked for Bibles. Pray also for encouragement and strength for their daughter Pricilla as she studies journalism and their son Joel as he studies music at university.

"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33

Saturday (11): DMI – Ukraine

A Disciple Making International team (short term evangelism) is serving in Ukraine until June 17. They will be partnering with two church plants in reaching out and sharing the gospel with people in Tokmak and Bolkavoy. Pray that there will be lasting fruit from their ministry; that many people will choose to follow Jesus and become faithful disciples.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you." John 15:16

June 12-18

Sunday (12): S & N

Restricted

During the month of May, S & N were touring Ontario to raise prayer and financial support before they go overseas. Pray that there will be fruit from this time as the hearts of many people are moved to join in what God is doing in the country where S & N will be serving. Pray that their finances and visas will come through so that they can depart this summer. Praise God for how He has been blessing their team and bringing them together in love and unity!

"I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer." Psalm 17:6

Monday (13): Otto & Lidia Funk

Peru

Otto and Lidia are involved in church planting and leadership training in Peru. Pray for wisdom as they help MB churches in Peru to build solid foundations. Pray that God will provide rest and encouragement for Otto and Lidia. Pray also for the new Christians that they will be baptizing this month, and for the ones they baptized last year. Praise God with them for His unbelievable faithfulness beyond their expectations and capabilities.

"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 (14): Rob & Judy Griffioen

Thailand

Pray for Rob & Judy as they serve in church planting and assist at a center for children at risk of sexual exploitation and at a prevention home across the border. "The Children's centre is in desperate need of more Thai staff who passionately love Jesus and children. These children and teens are growing in their faith and need healthy role models to come along side them. Pray for the little church over the border as they attend to those affected by the recent earthquake. Pray that they will reach their people with the Good News of Jesus, and at the same time share their limited resources. Pray for the future pastor of the church across the border. Pray that he will be directed to the resources and training he needs to pastor a church for the glory of God!"

"The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Savior!" 1 Samuel 22:47

Wednesday (15): Member Care Volunteer Team

Pray for physical and emotional health and strength for our Member Care Volunteer Team (Ron & Betty Russell, John & Isabelle Balzer, Frank & Esther

that they will grow in their relationship with Him and each other. Pray for a continual increase in dependency on Jesus as they minister to others.

*"From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another."
John 1:16*

Thursday (16): PK & C

Restricted

Pray that God will give insight and vision to PK & C as they lead a new team in Asia. Pray for this team as they learn how to serve together. Pray that their hearts will overflow with love for the people in this region and that many of these people will be drawn to Jesus. Pray for God's Kingdom to come in this part of the world!

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10

Friday (17): James & Alyssa Wiest

Mexico

James & Alyssa are serving at a church plant in Campo Real. Pray that God would spark curiosity in the hearts of their neighbors so that they would be interested in hearing about Jesus. Praise God for the group of youth that they have been meeting with – they are hungry to know God more! Pray that James & Alyssa will be sensitive to the Spirit's leading and guidance as they disciple these youth.

"Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things." Psalm 107:8-9

Saturday (18): M & R Team 58:12

Restricted

"Many times I wonder about the work that the Father has for us in this country - what it will look like, where it will be centered, what it will all include. We have many dreams, many hopes, many desires, but we are reminded that our Father has already found a way through for us. He knows exactly how He plans to shine His glory in this land. We want to allow Him to accomplish His purposes through our lives here, unhindered and unobstructed. We are here to RESTORE what once was here, to RAISE UP those age-old foundations that Christ established, to REBUILD His church in this land." Pray for fresh revelation and a deeper knowledge of God's heart as M & R wait on the Lord to direct their team's next steps.

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you." Isaiah 60:1

June 19-25

Sunday (19): Blaine & Michelle Warner

Burkina Faso

Praise God that the church in Burkina Faso is growing as many people are choosing to follow Jesus and are embracing His plan for their lives! Pray for the church leaders as they disciple and mentor new believers. Pray that Blaine & Michelle will experience God's love, strength, and joy each day as they serve in N'Dorola.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

Monday (20): TREK

Worldwide

This month, TREK teams have returned from serving in Portugal, Thailand, Germany, Ukraine, and the Philippines. Praise God for this time of spiritual growth and discipleship! Praise God for using these teams to make His name known across the earth! Pray for them as they readjust to life at home and seek God for the next steps in the future. Pray that their love for the Lord will continue to increase as they follow Him and walk in His ways.

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

Tuesday (21): B

Restricted

B plans to leave for South Asia this month. Pray for him as he begins learning the language and adjusting to a new culture. Pray for God's grace in all areas of his life during this transition. Pray that he will have a deep awareness of God's presence with him in this time and that he will be open to the Spirit's leading in each moment.

"My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14

Wednesday (22): Edd & Ingrid Russell

Thailand

"We are thankful for good health and that our initial adjustment to living in Thailand is going well. Praise God for progress being made with the Thai language, even though at times it feels overwhelming." Edd and Ingrid are looking forward to attending TRAC (Thailand Retreat and Conference) from June 24-29. Pray for this time of fellowship, encouragement, and relationship-building with missionaries from other parts of Thailand. Pray for physical and spiritual refreshing during the conference.

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." Isaiah 40:29

Thursday (23): Sandra Plett

Mexico

This month Sandra is training her team's summer interns in language, culture and ministry details so they can help with all their summer programs. They are preparing for a busy ministry schedule of kids camps, sports camps, and an English camp. Pray that many people will enter into a relationship with Jesus as a result of these ministries. Pray for Sandra as she wants to remain focused on some key discipleship relationships with youth even in the midst of a busy summer. Pray for wisdom and balance, and for continued fruit in the lives of these youth.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Friday (24): Andy & Carmen Owen

Thailand

"From June 24-29, all MB Thailand missionaries will be gathering in Chiang Mai for our annual TRAC. Pray with us as we come together to share life and ministry stories, be challenged and encouraged by the Word, and be renewed for returning to the front lines. Praise God for volunteers that will care for our children during the conference, and for a speaker from within Thailand who will lead us in the Word."

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

Saturday (25): S & B Team 58:12

Restricted

S & B have recently had a new addition to their family! Pray for them as they continue to adjust to a two-month old baby. Pray also for perseverance and disciple in their language study. Pray that their team will grow in unity and like-mindedness as they look towards the future and wait on God's leading. Pray with them that God would raise up a specific prayer network for their team.

"We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name." Psalm 33:20-21

June 26-30

Sunday (26): J & F

Restricted

J & F are rejoicing as a close friend of theirs recently chose to follow Jesus! Pray with them that He will develop a hunger for the word and the voice of God. "Pray for him that he will really become grounded in his faith and be a catalyst for his whole family believing. Pray also that we will be able to get him plugged in to a real solid church family. May you all be encouraged - the Father is at work as you pray." Pray that there will be a flood of people in this nation that have a deep desire to surrender all and embrace life in Christ. Pray also for another friend of theirs that is very close to saying 'yes' to Jesus.

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." Revelation 3:20

Monday (27): Otto & Marjorie Ekk

Portugal

Pray for energy and wisdom for Otto & Marjorie as they provide leadership to a number of churches in the Lisbon area. Pray that God will raise up people in the church as leaders and strong witnesses of the truth! Praise God for the TREK team that served in Portugal for the past eight months. Pray that the seeds they planted during their time in Portugal will take root and bear fruit.

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Tuesday (28): Stacy Kuhns

US Midwest

"I have now settled in Hillsboro, KS and have started my new role as short-term missions coordinator. Praise God that he has blessed me with abundant work right here in Hillsboro! There is a consistent movement towards missions on the Tabor College campus - please pray for wisdom and discernment for me as I help guide these students towards a life on mission! Pray also for the students as they are gone from the Hillsboro area this summer, that God will continue to put people in their lives that they can point towards Christ. Pray also for the Tabor College campus, that God will continue His work there, developing and making disciples for the nations. Pray also for my future overseas location, that God will make it very clear and evident which team I should join, and what area we should be going to."

"The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand." Psalm 37:23-24

Wednesday (29): Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters Thailand

"We have rented a new Center for the Burmese Church! It is located close to our local market and right in the heart of where many Burmese people live." Praise God for providing a meeting place in this location so that many more immigrants can gather to hear the truth about Jesus Christ! Pray for the spiritual growth and discipleship of new believers. Pray that their passion for God will increase and that they will walk by the Spirit in freedom.

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."
2 Corinthians 3:17

Thursday (30): K & W Team C4 Restricted

K & W are preparing to depart in July! "Pray for our visa applications and that the Lord will guide us to the house or apartment (and neighbours) of HIS choosing. We need the Lord to be preparing us for the move in July, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Please cover each of us in prayer for the big transitions to come." Pray for this family as they prepare to say goodbye to friends and family and adjust to life in a new culture.

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."
Numbers 6:24-26

Country Spotlight: Thailand



Thailand has been a kingdom since the 13th century, and has never been ruled by a Western power. Historically quite stable, there has been recent political upheaval, including significant protests in Bangkok in 2010. 85% of Thai people are Buddhist. 1% are Christian. The church in Thailand is growing at an increasing rate, and there is an emerging generation of indigenous Christian leadership. Currently 65% of ethnic Thai church members are first-generation believers.

Please pray:

- For MB Mission missionaries in Thailand, who are gathering at the end of June for a time of renewal, resourcing and vision casting
- That God will continue to draw people into His family in Thailand
- For Thai Christian leaders to be identified, trained and called to lead Thai churches
- That political leaders and activists will encounter the Lord and decide to follow Him

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