

# November 2018

**17. Germany:** September 30<sup>th</sup> saw the start to a new year of the Firemountain Training School (FTS) Discipleship School at Bad Liebenzell. We pray for a time of blessing for the 11 participants, for growth in the faith, and building of strong foundations.

**18. Canada: Ken & Heather Davis:** The Impact volunteers arrive today for their four-day fall retreat. Please pray for safety in travel and pray that our Impact volunteers will benefit from the Bible lessons Ken will be giving Monday - Wednesday. The lessons this year are "How to Study Your Bible".

**19. Bangladesh: Benedikt & Verena Tschauer** write: "A youth conference was held October in Khulna. Pray for many to respond to invitations to follow Jesus. Together with Samuel Strauß, we visited two children's homes and a school project in Dinajpur. The grade 8 & 10 students at Khulna children's village are writing exams. Only those who pass will be allowed to write the final exams. Pray for wisdom for teaching time to be more effective and for a joy of learning to be imparted to the children."

**20. Zambia: Benjamin & Debora Wagner** write: "We returned to the social missionary 'Mushili – Help for Living' project two weeks ago. We are happy that now there are four of us. Much work awaits us, in parallel to our language and culture studies. At the end of October the committee of this foundation met for consultations. Benjamin prepared the meeting and presented the budget for the coming year."

**21. Burundi:** We praise God that **Albrecht Hengerer** has received the medical ok to return to the tropics! He and **Annegret** flew back to Burundi, October 7th.

*Thought of the Week 4: "Intercession means participation in God's global rule." August Tholuck*

**22. Canada: Markus & Regine Gommel:** "We give thanks to the Lord that he answered our prayer and gave us a permit for the badminton club from January to April 2019 at the Gym of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School! We will pray that we can cultivate many friendships through badminton that will bring people to our monthly gathering where we learn from the Word of God together!"

**23. Germany: Elisabeth Walter-Fischer** shares from the Oasis in Neubrandenburg: "Putting the house circle back into gear is not easy after the summer break. May the women develop a hunger for God's word and enjoy meeting."

**24. Malawi: Katjana König** writes: "Please pray for wisdom as I begin official language learning, that I find the right teacher and/or language helper, and that I don't overload myself between my enthusiasm for learning Chichewa and my admin role. Pray that our food relief program goes well. We'll be handing out food to help local families make it through 'hunger season' - the period between planting the seeds and harvest. Please pray that we would have a good rainy season this year."

**25. Botswana: Tim & Ulrike Schubert** write: "Our contract with the Flying Mission Aviation organization will expire at the end of December. At the end of January, we will come home for deputation. We don't know what the future holds. What we do know is the promise of our Lord, that He will lead us. Until then, we intend to use the many opportunities to speak to people about the faith. We are also happy for the great interest participants of our house circle are showing in growing in faith."

**26. Intercultural Teams Germany: Klaus-Dieter & Erika Volz** share: "Recently the Z. family, from Shanghai, came to faith in Germany. We are doing a faith-intro course with them. Pray for them to grow in faith and for their joy in the Lord to grow through Bible-reading and concrete answers to prayer."

**27. France: Peter & Sigrun Rapp** share: "Our dedication ceremony was attended by many friends and folk who were just curious. But ever since then, people are showing up for the worship services who were never there before. We were also able to pick up two kids for kids club for the first time. Peter led a music retreat with 45 young people in Bretagne in October. Two outreach concerts are to be given in public halls."

**28. Japan: Sister Priscilla Kunz and Peter & Susanne Schlotz** share: "In September, two musicians gave a concert with good music and testimony. We had prepared for 50 visitors, and all seats were filled! We were especially happy a neighbor accepted an invitation and that another woman who had attended the concert ended up attending another function later. Pray for many in Chikusei to open their hearts to Jesus."

*Thought of the Week 5: "Just pray for a tough hide and a tender heart." Ruth Graham*

**29. Intercultural Teams Germany: Klaus-Dieter & Erika Volz** write: "Chinese colleagues, who shepherd the congregations in Germany, are reporting increasing oppression at the hands of the government against house churches in China. This wave of persecution is also impacting the ministry here. The Chinese leaders and we need wisdom to make sure believers returning to China are prepared well. Pray also for persecuted Christians in China."

**30. Zambia: Samuel & Anke Meier** write: "At the end of August the sad news of Chief Nabwalya's death, at age 87, reached us. LM had been in contact with him since 1999. Now the big question is, who will succeed him? We can't just assume that the new chief of Nabwalya will also want our church work there. So we hope and pray the future chief will also have a positive attitude towards us. The good thing is, by now everybody there knows us and values our work."



## Prayer Guide November 2018

*"Call to Me and I will answer you  
and tell you great and unsearchable  
things you do not know."*

*Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)*

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*Thought of the Week 1: "Prayer is a place of refuge for all sorrows" Johannes I. Chrysostomos*

**1. Ecuador:** Donata Schiller's medical exams have revealed low levels of white blood cells and platelets. With a heavy heart, we have decided to fly the Schillers home to Germany for further tests and treatment. Please pray for God's strength for the family and healing for Donata. Andreas & Donata are grateful for all prayer support! In the face of inner tension they want to anticipate the results with confidence in God's help. We also especially pray for the small missionary team and Ecuadorian coworkers who will greatly miss the Schillers.

**2. Nigeria:** Intense rainfalls recently have led to severe flooding and left 100 people dead across ten states. The city of Lokoja was hardest hit. One of Mission of Mercy's orphanages and its hospital are located there but are not located along the river or low spots, and should be okay. Our LM-USA missionaries work with this organization. We pray for prompt aid for the many affected people.

**3. Austria:** On September 23rd, Friedemann Urschitz, Director of LM-Austria, flew to PNG for a mission project. He will be visiting various bush villages until the middle of November, in order to encourage church leaders and pastors there and to offer courses. If possible, he would like to also offer mechanical training and repair broken equipment. Please pray for protection and health for the flights and the jungle trekking.

**4. Japan:** Thomas & Irene Beck share: "We are currently busy preparing our outreach concert for November and will be distributing invitations in Tokaichiba over the next several weeks. We pray for many to respond and come. We rejoice over the Ma family, who have been attending the worship services on a regular basis since May and have made friends with other families. Pray especially for Mr. Ma, that he might get to know Jesus and entrust his life to Him."

**5. Germany: Samuel & Sabine Anderson** write: "We have been in hospital for 11 weeks now. Pray for the radiation treatment to finish off well. Lia is quite tired of it all. Following this, we'll be allowed to go home for a week before we start rehab. We are looking forward to being together as a whole family. Lia continues to make progress. Her words are becoming clearer and she is forming whole sentences. That's very encouraging. She can also swallow solid food, but for liquids she still has a stomach tube. Learning to walk again and the fine motor movement of the arms will take time. Noémie and Eline like to go to school and feel comfortable in their classes. The past weeks have been very exhausting but we see ourselves carried through by God. Thank you so much for your prayers!"

**6. Canada:** We have planned our LMC Board Meeting for this evening. Please pray for us for safety for each member in travel, for wisdom in their discussions, that the Lord will guide their conversations and discussions, that it would be pleasing to Him, and that His will shall be done in each and every decision made.

**7. International Teams Germany:** Several outreach evenings will run at the Chinese congregation for new student arrivals from China. Testimonies will be given by students who have been here for some time. Please pray for courage for them and for many new individuals to respond to gospel invitations and be reached.

*Thought of the Week 2: "The greatest tragedies in life are prayers that went unanswered because they were never spoken." Mark Batterson, retranslation*

**8. Canada:** In April, we asked you to pray for the Chair of the Board (President) of LM-Canada and former LMI missionary, Gert Rosenau, who had a rare form of cancer. We praise God that He has heard our prayers and from the latest tests, Gert is now free of this cancer! Please pray for continued remission.

**9. France: Norbert & Susanne Laffin** write: "We are grateful that as a congregation our open house event has helped us grow closer. We were able to introduce our new facility through flyers and newspaper articles. Some people were brought along, including our postman. He is searching and already waiting for the next opportunity to have a chat over a cup of coffee. Our daughter Anna-Lena is suffering from severe joint pain. The medical examinations are inconclusive so far. We ask God for healing, and for the strength to persevere. Besides her studies she is involved in youth work."

**10. Malawi: Tobias & Sarah Müller** share: "A drilling company is going to drill two wells in the Chinlonga area. In some areas they need to drill very deep to hit water. The wells are very important for the people living there! Many of those wells that were put in place over the last couple of years were literally answers to prayer. Pray for water to be found and wells to be completed."

**11. Micronesia: Hartmut & Urte Scherer** share: "Praise the Lord! After a very long wait, Hartmut has received the extension to his visa and will come back to Germany to pick it up. Urte has been in Germany by herself, for almost two years. Her visa extension application has not been processed since her visa is tied to that of her husband. Pray that she too will soon receive the required stamp. We are also happy that God has answered prayers for new students for Pacific Islands University. 63 students have registered for the fall semester, 20 of them first-timers."

**12. Intercultural Teams Germany: Michael & Tamara** share: "Mid-October, we plan to start the 6th season of our 'Winter Game Oasis'. This is a good opportunity for making contacts. The project will make real demands on time and strength, and we are praying for Michael to be able to successfully juggle all of his other responsibilities during this time. He hopes to again have more in-depth conversations about the faith."

**13. Ecuador: Ramona Rudolph** writes: "I attend a house Bible study in Calera with my national colleagues, Alfonso, his wife Surley, and Emilia. 19-year old Y's life was changed completely at a congregation youth camp last summer. She says, 'I don't want to live like a lot of those who have babies at my age. My priorities are my upcoming studies and my relationship with Jesus. I want to get to know the Bible much better'."

**14. France: Peter & Sigrun Rapp** share: "We praise the Lord for a very nice dedication celebration of our new building in Avranches. The weather was beautiful and many attended. There was also an informal reception and a concert in the evening. A number of people were touched and made to think by the testimony of the singer from Saint Malo."

*Thought of the Week 3: "Prayer is the heavenly harbor where we take shelter from the storms of life." Charles H. Spurgeon*

**15. Canada: Angelika Suesskoch** of LM-Germany and co-director of the Impact Volunteer program, arrives at LMC today to meet with our Impact Volunteers and organizations interested in having Impacters work with them. Please pray that she will have a safe journey and profitable meetings. Pray for **Ken & Heather** and their team as they prepare for the fall retreat for our volunteers which begins on Nov 18.

**16. Micronesia:** From PIU: "For next spring we are expecting a visit from the accreditation agency. PIU President, **Howard Merrell** will be traveling to Texas, USA, for the TRACS (PIU's accrediting agency) conference. Please pray that he can network with the right people at this critical time. Two of our instructors, **Dot & Gary Houde**, are dealing with heart issues. Pray for their complete recovery. We praise the Lord that 22% of the reserve fund, needed to continue participation with the US Department of Education, has been received. Please pray for the reception of the other 78%."