

June 2019

19. Canada: Markus & Regine Gommel: “We give thanks that we had a good badminton season and people were listening well to the testimonies at the Isa Fellowship after the tournament. Pray for the next Isa Fellowship that we will be encouraged to act out the fruits that the Holy Spirit is willing to give to us. The 11- year-old who suffers from anxiety is feeling better now and we still pray that the family will turn to Christ. We praise God for our impact volunteer, **Carmen**, and pray that the families she is involved with will also come out to our programs and turn to Jesus. Pray that the people whose hearts are prepared will sign up for the Isa Fellowship camp in Red Bay.”

20. Zambia: Reinhard Frey shares with gratitude about blessed, but also spiritually contested, days of training sessions in Kasama. During this time his wife Cornelia went through a burglary situation at home in Ndola. She experienced God’s special protection and much support from her Zambian friends and German co-missionaries. Please pray for all who were affected, that Jesus might prevent negative thoughts and feelings and work spiritual fruit.

21. Niger: Dr. Esther Pflaum shares: “Galmi Hospital is experiencing a time of grief. Two long-time coworkers died unexpectedly; also, a female colleague who had suffered a stroke. We were deeply shaken, but, there is a marked difference between grieving without hope and grieving with assurance of the resurrection. Please pray for comfort and help for relatives and that Jesus might lead affected individuals to a living faith through this difficult path. We have a new coworker at the hospital. Pray for E. to adjust well to the work and the culture.”

Verse of the Week 4: “If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!” Matthew 7:11

22. Canada: Mission Day at Moffat Retreat Centre Please pray for a good turnout and that the speakers will have a powerful message from God for his people, and that all who attend would get a renewed mission vision.

23. Intercultural Teams Germany: Klaus-Dieter & Erika Volz share: “A number of students have come to faith in Jesus at the Chinese congregation in Karlsruhe and people from the congregation are now mentoring them. They are also doing a discipleship class. Please pray for these young Christians to get to know Jesus more and grow in their trust of Him.”

24. Zambia: Misheck Kapalaula, the administrator at our partner church, has extremely high blood pressure. The doctors are doing little to help him. Pray for God to intervene and restore him completely. **Margit Schwemmler** writes: “The new semester has begun at Evangelical University. In addition, a new intake of 13 students has begun their first year of our program for women. Please pray for a good start for the new women and the necessary endurance for those who are now in their second year.”

25. Zambia: Matthias & Katja Bachmann share from Amano School: “The second semester has begun. Pray for a successful start and for the boarding students to readjust well. As far as the two of us go, we have adjusted well and feel good. Matthias is currently orienting a new English teacher. The grade nine homeroom teacher, Katja, does devotions and engages in reflective conversations with students. She has completely taken over the youth work from Jarrett Furnish. Please pray for additional support for her.”

26. Ecuador: Rainer & Katharina Kröger write: “Currently all pastors and missionaries are busy occupying themselves for 3 months with the question of how we can pass on God’s love practically and seek opportunities for social-missionary activity. We already have some concrete ideas. Please pray for God to lead us and show us what’s next.”

27. Japan: Lothar & Tabea Sommer write: “The leaders at Hongodai congregation will be meeting for a business-retreat to arrive at important decisions and engage in needed consultations regarding the future of the congregation. Please pray for wisdom and God’s leading.”

28. Micronesia: Hartmut & Urte Scherer share: “A big ‘thank you’ to all who prayed for the assessment visit of our accreditation body at the end of March! The administration of the university now has until August 15th to comply with expressed requirements. The most difficult part is finding a new dean.”

Verse of the Week: “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for My own sake, and remembers your sins no more.” Isaiah 43:25

29. Ecuador: Kevin and Kathy Bruce write: “We praise God for His help at the three-day Easter conference which was attended by about 120 Awa. The tools of technology God has provided were a blessing! - technology in the form of our computer and an audio speaker helped to play music when my hand was too swollen from touching a poisonous caterpillar, to play the guitar. Our truck and trailer we used to transport 30 Awa from Rio Verde back and forth to the Conference each day. It was nice to celebrate Easter with our Awa-friends and we pray that many now better understand what salvation through Jesus means.”

30. Canada: Paul Knauer: Our summer mission team to Ecuador is preparing and planning for their upcoming trip from July 9 to 23. Please pray that God would guide and guard each step on this journey. Pray for faithfulness and fruitful ministry: whether sowing the seeds or harvesting lives for God’s Kingdom, in all, may lives be transformed and God glorified!



June 2019 Prayer Guide

**“Answer me, O Lord,
out of the goodness of Your love;
in Your great mercy turn to me.”**

Psalm 69:16 (NIV)

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Verse of the Week: *“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”*
Jeremiah 29:12

1. Canada: Ken & Heather Davis: Ken, and our Impact volunteers, Jonas & David, as well as Paul Outerbridge, are busy preparing the grounds and buildings for the upcoming **Mission Day on Saturday June 22nd** and the summer camping/outdoor activity season. We have our first camping retreat of the year with us this weekend. Please pray for the safety of campers and good weather. The retreat centre is now completely booked for all weekends until November.

2. Bangladesh: Michael & Regine Kestner write: “At Khulna Children’s Village several new boys have been added to the population. We hope they will adjust quickly, make friends and be heartily accepted into the fold by staff and the rest of the children.” Ramadan will be from May 5th to the 4th of June. We pray for God to meet many Muslims who might be searching for Him, during that time.

3. Canada: Jörg Wacker shares: “We were on the road for about two weeks with an American mission team at the end of May, visiting various colleges. We prayed for people and shared the good news. There were events and Bible studies when the students could ask questions and have an opportunity to learn more about Jesus. Please pray for God’s Spirit to continue to work in the hearts of the students.”

4. Germany: The five short-term Impacters returned from Zambia to Germany on May 16. We are praying for a good readjustment to German culture and that God might make them a blessing during follow-up sharing events.

5. Spain: Theo Hertler shares: “The Spain team is busy with planning strategy. Thank you for praying that Jesus might clearly show us the way and set the plans for the future.”

6. France: Norbert & Susanne Laffin write: “Norbert and our daughter Anna-Lena will be in Germany on deputation until the middle of June. Thank you for praying for safety on the road and for new mission friends. The small congregation in Alençon has invited guest speakers for the coming weeks to preach in our worship services. “

7. Austria: After about forty years of service with LM and LM-Austria **Siegfried & Renate Seitz** received a festive send-off into retirement at the LM-AU Friends Retreat. We praise God for their long-term service at the student home in Japan and the church ministry in Austria and ask the Lord to bless them in this new chapter of their lives!

Verse of the Week: *“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—”* *1 Timothy 2:1*

8. Papua New Guinea: Sebastian & Katharina Pross share from the social “Shape Life” ministry in Port Moresby: “Unfortunately, we continue to be unable to find coworkers for one of the squatter settlements. We’re very sad for the children, but are intentionally holding back so the local church might find itself challenged and rise to the challenge. This isn’t easy for anyone. We see a lot of skills and an active church but they’re not motivated to help the children. God can move hearts and call people into ministry.”

9. Germany: “Germany needs missionaries.” This is a reality which we, as Liebenzell Mission, are increasingly acknowledging. Our Germany missionaries met for conclave in Mücke from April 29-May 2. Please continue to pray for direction and guidance from the Holy Spirit so that in the face of so many tasks in our country, among children, young and old, nationals, strangers and migrants, we might recognize the specific places God has intended for us.”

10. Zambia: Starting in May, **Hans-Peter Hertler** will take over as head of the missionary team from **Samuel Meier**. Pray for him to make a good adjustment to this task, be able to develop good relationships with the national partners and for necessary wisdom from God for meetings and decision-making.

11. Malawi: Sebastian & Cathrin Pfrommer write: “Twice a week Sebastian and a friend offer soccer training for the teenagers in the area. On some days more than 50 kids show up to play. We are happy that through this sport activity and shared time we are able to mould people while showing the love of Jesus.”

12. France: Peter & Sigrun Rapp write: “Please pray for the following individuals at the congregation in Avranches: “Mr. M who faithfully attends the congregations but is not yet a follower of Christ & Mrs. P. who is able to attend the services on a more regular basis. The youth group, which is headed by Mr. H., is attended by about ten teenagers. We would like to find someone who can support him with this.”

13. Malawi: Katiana Konig: “June is the last month of the tax year, so June / July will be full of work and visiting of government offices. Pray that I remember to fill in all the forms and get the stamps required in a timely fashion so I can visit with my cousin who is coming from Canada! Pray for enough rest. I have been pushing myself hard this year. I am reducing my ‘extra’ responsibilities to try to recoup, and have time to build more of a community around me in Zomba. I thank God for wonderful co-workers that have become family, and for the Bible study group I attend that is full of wise people who speak into my life.”

14. Ecuador: The LM leaders of the youth ministry went on a retreat intended to further unity in early May. Please pray for colleagues to recognize even more how valuable collaboration is and for God to help them take down interpersonal barriers and to forgive one another.

Verse of the Week 3: *“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*

15. France: Peter & Sigrun Rapp share: “We are very grateful that some congregational members preach in the worship service and look after the music, but the very persons who have taken on responsibilities are the ones who are either about to move away or otherwise not able to invest needed time. Please pray for others to become prepared to take on responsibilities.”

16. USA: Please pray for the ministry to Japanese in the USA. There will be staff turnover this summer. **Hisashi & Kiyomi Tateishi (LM Japan)** will be concluding their ministry and return to Japan. **Pastor Masahiro Sasakawa** will take over from them. We praise the Lord for this successor and pray for the transfer to go smoothly. In Japan, it is difficult to collect money for missions. Pray that the ministry to their countrymen abroad will become important to the congregations and for them to support the missionaries.

17. Intercultural Teams Germany: Michael & Tamara share: “At the middle of April we went on a marriage retreat with 40 Iranians & Afghanis. The group of couples, families and singles is comprised of both Muslims & Christians. Participants learned a lot about marriage, family and partner searching. Some of them had questions about the faith to which they finally found answers. At the end, Michael gave a presentation on Islam, which provided rich food for thought for some of the Muslims.”

18. Zambia: Hans-Peter & Britta Hertler share: “The general meeting of our partner church was held from May 15 to 18. Important decisions and elections were made. Please pray for God’s continued leading in the aftermath of all consultations, deliberations and decisions.”