

February 2019

17. France: Evelyn Theurer writes from Le Rochesur-Yon: "Pray regarding personal Bible reading. Many congregational members have difficulty with this and don't pick up the Good Book very often. It's nice to see Ms. Y and B, as well as Mr. P making progress. Still, they battle setbacks. Pray for wisdom for them and my colleague Matthieu and me, as we mentor these three." **Norbert & Susanne Laffin** share: "With God from person to person! This motto once again applies to the year ahead, as we invite people in Alençon, like Lisa-Marie's Afghan friend, Lea's teacher, our mail man, the real estate agent, etc. We eagerly anticipate developments in the purchase of the property for the congregation. God can clear away obstacles."

18. Tanzania: Markus & Emmi Riegert share: "At the 'Nuru' ministry to handicapped people, final preparations are underway for the planned bakery. We are in the process of getting it permitted. Unfortunately, the lot we had found for the bakery has been sold. Please pray for the paperwork to be done soon and for us to find a suitable lot. We are completely dependent on God's help."

19. Germany: Sister Hilde Häckel writes from Bad Doberan: "Over the last year, I had the privilege of explaining to a number of people how they can entrust their lives to Jesus. For this I'm very grateful! It also gives me tremendous joy to play my harp at the hospice, in the hospital and various lodges. At the hospice a doctor said to me, 'I stood at for a while and listened. What you are doing is much more important than what I do.'"

20. Zambia: Margit Schwemmler writes: "Classes resumed recently at Pacific Islands University. We are grateful we were able to find qualified instructors for all classes, six of whom are teaching here for the first time."

Verse of the Week 4: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. *Philippians 4:6*

21. Canada: Paul & Claire Knauer will be at Mission Fest Alberta in Edmonton from Feb. 22-24. Also, they will visit with long-time supporters before and afterwards, please pray for mutual encouragement in the Lord's work. Pray for new contacts through Mission fest, a broad base of prayer partners and mission supporters. Pray for safety in travel and good health.

22. Intercultural Teams Germany: Christian & Bettina write from Ludwigsburg: "We are praying for additional help at 'LubuBeatz'. Due to time demands of post-secondary studies, some important coworkers are cutting back on their involvement. Some participants are also going through personal rough patches. Please pray for God to bless the ministry and young people here to experience Jesus."

23. Intercultural Teams Germany: Klaus-Dieter & Erika Volz write: "Last fall over 30,000 Chinese came to study in Germany. Many congregations hosted evenings to heartily welcome newcomers and to help them with their adjustment. About 50 new students participated in the city of Karlsruhe. Most of them had never heard anything about the true creator of the universe, who loves them without limit and takes a personal interest in them. Many were surprised that one can personally know God. We are happy that five of them have already come to faith in Jesus!"

24. Bangladesh: Michael & Regine Kestner write from Khulna: "Pray for us to make a good re-adjustment to the country and ministry and for the question regarding accommodations to be resolved soon. The grade 10 boys at the children's village are preparing for exams. Pray for good results & for them to put their confidence in the Lord regarding their future and to recognize what their paths might be."

25. Malawi: Sebastian & Christian Pfrommer write: "We had the privilege of experiencing a very encouraging worship service recently. As the church building had collapsed due to heavy rain, the service was held in a barber shop. We were especially glad for two teenagers who had responded to invitations. Neither of them had ever had any contact with the church prior."

26. Botswana: After many years with LM in Botswana, Tim & Ulrike Schubert have concluded their work and returned to Germany in January. We pray for God's leading for their future path.

27. Niger: Dr. Esther Pflaum shares: "My work with a colleague in Niamey has helped me to brush up on medical knowledge and the languages. The construction of the hospital is making good progress. However, there has been a change in plans, as it is more important to build a children's medical unit than one for obstetrics. It's a miracle - the planned nursing school and midwives with a Bachelor's program was approved as a university! Whether I will be able to do some work there remains to be seen. There have been a number of changes at Galmi. In the middle of January, I arrived there to begin a lengthy stint at the hospital. Please pray for me to recognize which tasks God has set before me."

28. Central Asia: Andreas & Christina share: "Currently only about eight to ten children attend the special needs school. Some are away for rehab, others are undergoing operations, are sick or simply attending irregularly. Pray for the numbers to stabilize around twenty children. When more children come, teaching is also more fun." Johannes & Karoline write: "A girl who was part of the Nativity play isn't allowed to attend our services or participate. Please pray for Jesus to touch the mother's heart and for the girl to be allowed to come again."



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Prayer Guide

"We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy."

Daniel 9:18 (NIV)

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Verse of the Week: "When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me." Psalm 138:3

1. Canada: Paul Knauer asks for prayers as he and John Gonciarz represent Liebenzell Canada at the Manitoba Mission Fest - February 1-3 in Winnipeg. Please pray that God would bless us with new prayer partners, donors and missionary recruits. Pray that the weather in Winnipeg will cooperate so many people will come out to the mission fest.

2. Burundi: Alexander & Tabea Biskup write: "In January we met with our partner organization 'Christian life Ministry' in order to pray and plan for 2019. Pray that we might recognize what is important, in regards to planting a new congregation, for which we will need God's special guidance."

3. Malawi: Katiana Konig writes: "Please pray for good health for me and my co-workers. It is the season of many illnesses here. Also pray for a good crop this year. We have been having a good rainy season so far but are currently experiencing bad weather and that could potentially ruin the crop for a lot of Malawians.

4. Ecuador: Kevin & Kathy Bruce share: "At Christmastime we were especially aware of the darkness in which our Awa friends live. The gift 'Immanuel, God with us' doesn't yet have any meaning for most. The meaning of Christmas is to get a bag of sweets, but this time, the Awa waited in vain, as the distributors had run out of supplies. We are grateful for the opportunity to live and work with the people here. There will only be the two of us for the next five months. Our coworkers, the Shaubs are on furlough. Thank you for all prayers!"

5. Micronesia: Please join the LM team here in praising and thanking God that Hartmut & Urte Scherer both finally received their visas!

6. Canada: Paul Knauer writes: "We pray for a deepening prayer burden among believers for outreach and missions. We also ask the Lord for new missionary recruits, and a widening of the support base to further God's kingdom mission."

7. Micronesia: Pacific Islands University is happy for several new students for the spring semester. Please pray for enduring difficult trials. We are pushing hard to complete the Self-Study, which is an important part of the process of having our accreditation reaffirmed. Believing one of the best ways of impacting cultures and the world is through solid families, Howard & Kathy Merrell will be leading a marriage preparation series for engaged and newly married couples associated with Pacific Islands University."

Verse of the Week: "What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him?" Deuteronomy 4:7

8. Ecuador: Ramona Rudolph shares: "I'm working on enhancing my Quichua proficiency. To this end, I've been able to stay with Quichua families. A daughter of a host family greatly impressed me. She said: 'I often witness how my classmates lie to the professors or have their homework done by somebody else. Many of them live it up at parties with alcohol. I don't want to be like that. It's more important to me to be honest. And I enjoy the worship times at the congregation and during mission trips in the jungle where we share about God's love.' Pray for S. and her family."

9. Zambia: Jessica Meier shares: "I thank the Lord I have made good adjustment to life at Amano School and that I feel at home here. My days are filled with preparing classes, teaching, culture training and the women's meeting. Please pray for me to find a congregation where I can feel at home and that I might be able to forge new friendships. Thank you for also praying for good health!"

10. Japan: Peter & Susanne Schlotz and Schwester Priszilla Kunz write: "We were very pleased to see so many come to our church in Chikusey for the first time over Christmas, to see that they enjoyed being there and have good conversations. It was also nice to see that a number of people had returned to attend our service. We were also able to distribute many calendars with outreach themes. This year we intend to approach the matter of finding the pastor the congregation needs, even if this will be challenging humanly speaking. Thank you for your prayers!"

11. South Asia: Samuel & Johanna write: "We will move to another town, beginning of February. The local team has requested us to help them. We will work at a primary school for disadvantaged children, while also discipling and strengthening young people in their faith. Through the witness of nationals, several individuals have come to faith in Jesus and now they need spiritual support. Pray for a good start and the right contacts to point them in the right direction."

12. France: Michael & Tina Eckstein write from Saint-Lô: "We greatly appreciate T. who moved away for studies, but comes home for the weekends and participates in the worship services and is also involved in the youth ministry. Currently, he meets with Michael on a regular basis for baptismal preparation. He asks interesting and deep questions. Please pray for Michael to be able to answer well and that both might grow in the faith this way."

13. Germany: Dominic & Anne Schikor share: "Over the next three months Dominic, with the FTS discipleship school, will go and minister to fringe groups of society, such as migrants and street people. Pray for participants to open their hearts, as Jesus does." The Oasis leadership team in Neubrandenburg met in January to reflect on the ministry and plan the new year. Please pray for our plans. Jonathan & Melanie Nill were there for the first time.

14. Papua New Guinea: Johannes & Carolin Wälde share: "We are very grateful for Manuel & Christiana Feige, our new coworkers! We really appreciate being able to work as a team now. Please pray for them to adjust to all the new things. Many changes are coming to the partner church in Wewak. Both of the pastors we've been working with left the city at the end of January. We are very curious to see what kind of collaboration we will have with the two new pastors, especially regarding the project at the squatter settlements."

Verse of the Week 3: "God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10

15. Austria: Siegfried & Renate Seitz are asking for prayer for a congregation in the Steiermark region which they had been able to help and provide support to, as it grew. During the last year, this church experienced growth as young families joined, but now they are experiencing serious trials by way of illnesses and other crisis. Two planned baptisms are also being strongly contested spiritually. May the Lord continue to prosper His ministry there and strengthen His people through His Word.

16. The Middle East: Enrico & Kathrin share: "There is nothing good in my life.' These were the words of a Muslim friend of Kathrin and tears ran down her cheek. 'How come you're so happy? Tell me about your faith. Maybe that'll work for me too.'" Kathrin shared how she came to know God and now lives in a relationship with Him. She also explained how, through Jesus, God has restored our relationship with Himself. With big eyes her friend listened, never once interrupting. Then she said, 'I want to have a relationship like that with God too'. Please pray for her."