

# May 2019

**19. Indonesia: Christian & Johanna Folkers** share: "Elections are scheduled for April 17. For the first time in the history of the country 190 million voters will cast their ballots to vote on a president, vice president and members of the national assembly (MPR)." Please pray for a peaceful election and for Christian & Johanna in the outcome.

**20. Intercultural Teams Germany: Klaus-Dieter & Erika Volz:** "Sixty-five young Chinese people from all over Germany attended our Easter youth camp in Wiesbaden. We are happy that our two sons were active contributors. At the same time, there was an Easter retreat for adults in Frankfurt, which included programs for children." Pray for those who participated that they will put into practice what they heard.

**21. Ecuador: Kevin & Kathy Bruce:** "We asked you to pray for a way for us to reach the Awa youth of Palmira so Kevin taught a computer course for 22 students. Later, we offered another class at our house so the students could learn about the Internet. As Kevin taught about the good information on the Internet, as well as the evil, it offered the opportunity to encourage them to see that we need God's help in knowing what is right and what is wrong. Psalm 119:66 was our theme verse for these classes."

**Verse of the Week:** "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple." *Jonah 2:8*

**22. Bangladesh: Benedikt & Verena Tschauer** share: "As well as working at the Khulna Children's Village, we agreed to also be involved with LM's ministries around the country. We've been living in Dinajpur in the north since the beginning of March. Please pray for us to develop good friendships with nationals and find our place in the projects."

**23. Burundi:** We pray for **Albrecht & Annegret Hengerer** to adjust well to the culture and make good progress at learning Kirundi & English. They are requesting prayer for two organizations called "Bravo Ministries" and "Mothers Union". These organizations help women to become financially independent with sewing, and to let go of bad relationships. **Annegret** and **Tabea Biskup** are contributing to this with daily Bible reading and explaining God's Word.

**24. Japan: Peter & Susanne Schlotz and Sister Priscilla Kunz:** "Up to five young mothers, who have no Christian background, attended a group where we, in addition to child-rearing topics, also provided some Biblical input. Some mothers have gone back to work. Please pray that the things they heard will bear fruit in their lives. Pray also for our youth group. Two leaders and two members left as the school year began in April."

**25. Russia: Sister Sabine Matthis** shares from Berjososki: "We've have received a construction permit and the road to having our own building is becoming more level. Pray for Jesus to lead people our way who can be of assistance. We are grateful for the Theological Education by Extension class. Participants strive to apply what they learn in their daily lives. We also offer a class in Polewskoi. **Raikin Dürr** & I will take turns teaching it. Pray for Christians to grow in faith while pointing others to Jesus."

**26. Papua New Guinea: Johannes & Carolin Wälde** share: "The two new pastors at the partner church in Wewak are truly an answer to prayer! Our first meeting with them revealed that they're very motivated. We told them about the planned project at the squatter settlement through which we want to help the families. The two pastors were very enthused and immediately embarked on a search for motivated coworkers. Johannes has already been able to conduct a first trading session with 13 volunteers."

**27. Germany: Jana Kontermann** writes: "Participating in the evangelist-in-training program was very enriching for me. I engaged in evangelism in a small town and every day more young people came and on the last evening many decided to invite Jesus into their lives. At the 'Young Church of Berlin' we went on a trip with teenagers who want to be baptized. During this time were able to show them what it means in practice to live as a Christian."

**28. Papua New Guinea: Gerhard & Brigitte Stamm** say "thank you" for all prayers! Peace has returned to the Bible School in Popun and individuals are speaking to each other. The Stammers write: "We are doing well, but very busy. We went to Moropote in the Sepik region where problems with a false teaching have arisen. We will also be travelling to Niksek & Wewak." The government is working on a new law to regulate the work of foreigners in the country effective soon. Pray for an already submitted work visa application to be processed without hassles. An application for the new missionaries, **David & Clarissa Stamm** has also been submitted. Pray for it to go through as well.

**Verse of the Week: Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always." Psalm 105:4**

**29. Canada: Markus & Regina Gommel:** "We give thanks for the family that visited our play in February who joined us for the Isa Fellowship in March. Please pray for an 11-year-old girl who suffers from anxiety. Pray her family will turn to Christ."

**30. Canada: Ken & Heather Davis:** All but one of the weekends from May until November are now booked at the Retreat Centre. We praise God for the good use that is being made of our facilities to help churches and individuals in their ministries.

**31. Canada: Paul Knauer:** Please pray for the final forming of the short-term mission team heading to Ecuador from Canada in July with Paul as its leader.



## Prayer Guide May 2019

*"I cried out to Him with my mouth;  
His praise was on my tongue. If I  
cherished sin in my heart, the Lord  
would not have listened; but God  
has surely listened and heard my  
voice in prayer. Praise be to God,  
who has not rejected my prayer or  
withheld His love from me!"*

*Psalm 66:17-20 (NIV)*

**Liebenzell Mission of Canada**  
12168 First Line, RR # 1  
Moffat, ON L0P 1J0  
[www.liebenzell.ca](http://www.liebenzell.ca)

**Verse of the Week: "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." Mt 21:22**

**1. Canada: Ken & Heather Davis:** Ken and Heather are travelling to Atlanta this week on a little holiday and to attend a conference. Please pray for safety in their travels and for a good rest before the busy summer season begins.

**2. Papua New Guinea:** On March 29, **David Owen** went to his eternal home. We praise God for Dave's life and for his service in the God's kingdom and ask the Lord to comfort his **wife Joyce, his son Michael**—LMI missionary, **daughter Samantha** and the whole family.

**3. Malawi: Katiana Konig:** "Please pray for the general elections that the voting and results pass without corruption charges. I have begun language learning. Please pray that I absorb all the tenses and words I am learning, and have opportunities to listen and understand those around me and practice my meager sentences."

**4. Ecuador: Ramona Rudolph** writes: "My two housemates and I are visiting with Quichua families, allowing me to improve my language skills. Through the visits, I get to know and understand the people and their circumstances better. Pray for God's guidance when we introduce them to His Word. I will be in Peru, April 9 to May 7. I will visit the Quichua Indian social ministry and church-planting projects. Pray for God to show me what is needed for Ecuador and what I can utilize in my own work field."

**5. Bangladesh: The Strausses** were able to contribute to the Easter worship service of a congregation in the capital through music and preaching. We pray for individuals to turn anew to the *Resurrected One* and become motivated for participation in church life.

**6. LM USA / South Africa:** In an after-school program for children from one of the urban townships outside of Cape Town, one of the participating students drowned in the swimming pool. **Dennis Wadley**, the Director of LM USA, immediately travelled to South Africa with his wife **Susan** to be with the team there. Pray for wisdom and consolation. In the African context, such an accident is quickly associated with the suspicion of a death spell. We pray for Jesus' guidance and victory in this situation.

**7. France: Lisa Kimpel** shares: "My housemate and I would like to start a group for the purpose of discovering the Christian faith with our Christian friends. Please pray we will find a time that works for everyone and for God to prepare hearts to attend and get to know Him. My Chinese friend has decided to live her life with Jesus! It is a great privilege to witness how God is showing Himself to her more and more!"

**Verse of the Week: "Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray." Psalm 5:2**

**8. Germany: Aaron & Ilonka Köpke** share: "The faith course for teenage girls started last week, led by our intern and FSJ'ers. A Bible café has also started up and will operate bi-weekly. We do this in connection with a former senior's afternoon event by the church fellowship movement while complying with the requests of several Oasis attendees to learn more about the faith. This presents us with great opportunities!"

**9. Germany: Andreas & Donata Schiller** write: "Thank you for your prayers! We continue to do well and remain grateful that many of the possible diagnoses for Donata did not play out. Since her last hospital stay in Essen, her blood values have gone down again, however, not into the previous critical region. This means we have to learn to live with the situation; especially Donata, who often suffers from fatigue."

**10. Russia: Sister Sabine Matthis** shares: "Praise the Lord! The congregations can continue to use the current facilities for one more year and won't have to move yet. For the future we are planning a kind of kid's daycare and special festivals for children. One couple is prepared to help. The children are generally busy with school and many programs so it's difficult to get them to come. Please pray for this to become possible."

**11. France: Norbert & Susanne Laffin:** "A 'Café des Langues' (Languages Café) has opened in downtown Alençon.. It offers the opportunity for conversation in Spanish, Italian, English & German. A while back, Norbert sat at the German table and met the most diverse people. This group is an answer to our prayers for new and leveled paths. We are excited for the opportunities for pointing to God's reality."

**12. Malawi: Paul & Dorothe Kränzler** share: "Some technical mishaps at L. radio station have caused program interruptions. Pray for the technology to function well and for an end to the outages. When a 'listener club' is started in a village, we give them 15 solar powered radios so they can listen to the broadcasts. This provides opportunities to find out which programs have the greatest impact. We hear from people who enjoy the Bible programs. Pray for the seven coworkers who produce the daily 30 minute programs explaining the Bible on an ongoing basis."

**13. Indonesia: Christian & Johanna Folkers** share: "Many of those who had taken refuge on the premises of our partner church are now ready to return to their houses. Some of them no longer have a place to return to and have to start all over. We feel most strongly for the women who had lived off their garden plots. They no longer have an income, let alone the prospect of being able to resume normal activities in the next few weeks. These women are now learning to crochet and knit. This way they'll have something they can sell at the market."

**14. France:** For Easter, **Lisa Kimpel** and her housemates were to give small gifts to the neighbours in their apartment building in order to make contact with them. They also wanted to invite friends for a brunch and use the occasion to talk with them about the significance of Easter. Pray for Lisa and her housemates to build on the connections they were able to make over Easter.

**Verse of the Week: "As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:1**

**15. Japan: Andreas & Rahel Gross:** "Elia has finished his first year of distance learning with the German school. Rahel is teaching him. At the same time, she looks after little Hosea and the household. Please pray for endurance for the final weeks before we go on furlough, which starts in June.

**16. Canada: Manfred Strauss:** Please pray for Manfred (father of Sam Strauss in Bangladesh) as he is in rehabilitation in Kitchener to recover from the effects of recent brain injury. His use of language was particularly affected so he must re-learn much.

**17. Southeast Asia: Simon & Yvonne** write: "We're off to a good start in our new surroundings. After 12 years in PNG, with its primarily Christian flavour, the poly-religious environment here is something new to us. We keep having good encounters with people about the Christian faith. Yvonne has met some women from various countries, religions and circumstances and reads the Bible with them. Yvonne is excited to see what God will bring about from this."

**18. Chile: Andrés & Katrin Vergara** write: "Pray for the 14 participants in the one-year candidate program. Twice a week they train to be missionaries. C. flew to Germany with "Provisión" as a missionary in a Liebenzell fellowship team. Please pray for a good adjustment for him and for God to use him."