

March 2019

18. Germany: Pierre & Maike Dispensieri share: "FTS Discipleship School recently held the prayer Congress YouPC in Bad Liebenzell. There were daily programs, skits, prayer rooms, and special music. Please pray that God would continue to work in the hearts and daily lives of those who participated."

19. Bangladesh: Benedikt & Verna Tschauner share: "The 21 congregations of the partner churches in the Khulna district have over 2000 members. They met for their district conference mid-February. It is our prayer that participants were encouraged to completely commit their hearts to God. At the end of February, we moved to the district of Dinajpur."

20. Bangladesh: Wolfgang & Dorothea Stauß share from Savar: "At the College of Christian Theology, 20 students are studying in the Bachelor & Masters programs. Pray that they would get to know God more closely, grow in their faith and allow themselves to be changed. We're happy that our son Sebastian is making progress as he re-learns to walk, as he engages in new situations. Many are impressed at how well he is dealing with his situation, both physically and mentally."

21. France: Lisa Kimpel shares: "Please pray for me to gain more contacts and that I might be able to recognize which people are searching for God. I was able to read the Bible for the first time with Y. She had many questions. At the end she said: 'I can't yet make a decision for the faith but I'm continuing on the path.' Pray that she might encounter God."

Verse of the Week: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." Matthew 9:38

22. South East Asia: Last week **Simon** got into a severe accident with his scooter. We are most grateful to God that aside from contusions, he only broke two of his ribs. In the middle of the disaster God sent a young man who stopped with his moped at the scene of the accident and promptly took Simon to a hospital. God is great! Please pray for a good healing process and God's peace for the whole family.

23. Canada: Markus & Regine Gommel: "We give thanks for the Isa Fellowship show, "Iman ایمان – finds Community" that was performed in February at Mizan Complex in Bangla Town in Toronto. Please pray for our next bigger event in April which is the Badminton Tournament that people will be touched by the devotions that are shared at those events."

24. Japan: Lothar & Tabea Sommer write from HonGodai: "An important coworker from the youth ministry has suddenly died from heart failure at the age of 31. At the prayer meeting, on the evening before, he still looked healthy and happy. This is a great shock to the congregation. His departure has created a large gap. Please pray for his relatives and the young people."

25. Papua New Guinea: Sebastian & Katharina Proß share: "On Fridays Sebastian holds training sessions. The main focus is on how the church can change society. Pray the pastors might recognize how their congregations can contribute to this end."

26. Bangladesh: Samuel & Anne Strauß share: "Samuel is on the road most weekends in order to preach and visit districts, coworkers and projects. Please pray for prepared hearts and God's leading for these valuable opportunities. Pray also for Anne, that she might experience God's help in a special way during this time and be able to cope well with everything. Two women would like to meet with Anne more often. We are praying they will allow closer contact and that Anne might be able to hear clearly what they say and share God's goodness with them."

27. Germany: Aaron & Ilonka Köpcke write from the Oasis in Neubrandenburg: "We are delighted that M. and S. want to be baptized. It all started with their daughter attending children's afternoons. Then, over the next 5 years, friendship and faith grew. Now they want to place their lives in God's hands and are taking a baptismal class. We would like to offer a *Basics of the Faith* course for teenage girls and something similar for men, and a program for two mothers who come to the Oasis. Please pray for the preparations."

28. Japan: Sister Gretel Ruoff shares: "When I attend various congregations I try to guide people so that they might encounter Jesus and foster a personal relationship with God. I want to help them to live their faith every day of the week. This requires a lot of time, one-on-one time and much attention. Thank you for your prayers!"

Verse of the Week: "The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth." Psalm 145:18

29. France: Evelyn Theurer writes: "The church in La Roche-sur-Yon wants to plant a new congregation. It is my task to look at various possibilities and ponder further steps with the leadership."

30. France: At the city center of Montpellier there is a Christian café which offers beverages at low prices. Every day, Christians from various congregations take turns serving patrons. **Nikolai Bolanz** and **Björn Dehner** are doing a shift one afternoon during the week. Please pray for new contacts to develop from this opportunity.

31. France: Peter & Siegrun Rapp share: "A young man who had recently found his way to the congregation in Avranches, has decided on a life of following Jesus. Please pray for the preparatory baptismal class to help him grow in faith and assurance."



Prayer Guide

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"Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who makes the storm clouds.

He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone."

Zechariah 10:1 (NIV)

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Verse of the Week: *“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

1. Japan: Lothar & Tabea Sommer write from Hongodai: “From February 16th to March 3rd, the congregation will be offering various seminars on the topic of “Bible-based Child-rearing.” We are hoping that not only church members will attend and receive input, but also for outsiders to come and learn about Jesus.”

2. Zambia: Cornelia Frey has been invited to teach the wives of future pastors at Fiwale Hill Bible School. They are taking a course titled “Building on Firm Foundations”. Through it, the women learn to better understand God and His plan for people and the world. Additionally, there is a focus on a personal relationship with God and a life of discipleship. The 11 women participate diligently and have a lot of questions.

3. Samuel & Sabine Anderson write: “Lia continues to be brave and cheerful. We can only marvel. This is a great gift to us! A recent check-up MRI showed no apparent change, for which we are very grateful! Of course, we want the remaining tumor fragments to shrink, or disappear altogether. Now she is in the third round of chemo. Please pray for protection for Lia’s body, that there won’t be any bad side effects.”

4. Burundi: Alexander & Tabea Biskup write: “Every week Tabea and the four Impact girls are involved with the Sunday school. Up to 60 children attend. At the moment, the team is pondering how to better look after the 2-5 year olds. Please pray for a sufficient number of coworkers for the groups, so the children can have good experiences and that the Biblical message will already impact the lives of the little ones. In January, we also started a kids’ club at our house.”

5. Canada: Paul Knauer: Pray for God to raise up LMC Advocates - volunteers who are willing to grow stronger relationships between local churches and Liebenzell by inviting LMC staff as guest speakers. Also, please pray the Lord of the Harvest to raise up young men and women from across Canada to partner themselves with Liebenzell in ministry.

6. Canada: Jörg Wacker writes: “Last year, there were leadership personnel changes at the church-planting ministry in Willowdale. Not a simple process; one that has also changed the congregation. We thank the Lord for having provided three new leaders to replace those who left!”

7. France: Peter & Sigrun Rapp share: “Through our monthly “Sun Club” meetings, we can pass on the message of Jesus to small children. Josua, our Impact coworker, will continue to help until the end of March. We are glad for the kids who are attending. Pray for preparations and all efforts to invite others.”

Verse of the Week: *“O LORD, I call to You; come quickly to me.” Psalm 141:1*

8. Andreas & Donata Schiller write: “Recently Donata was to begin her planned therapy but blood tests showed her platelet count had already recovered to the level the doctors were going to try and achieve through treatment! The count isn’t yet normal, but we praise God for this improvement!” Donata is always very tired but they have a superb support network. This allows **Andreas** to continue with his deputation-related travels. Pray for healing for Donata and for clarity regarding their future ministry.

9. Papua New Guinea: Gerhard & Brigitte Stamm share: “We are back at the Bible School in Popun. There are difficulties with organizing the flights of students out of the bush, and, differences between coworkers. A recurring question is who may take on which responsibilities? Whether the work actually gets done – and how – is another question altogether.”

10. Russia: Raikin & Uta Dürr write from Yekaterinburg: “We are very grateful for the four individuals who are prepared to assume responsibility in the church council. They are motivated and gifted for administrative service. Please pray for Zhenja, Olga, Ilga and David to adjust well to their tasks. After 1½ years of efforts and many trips to government offices we were finally able to get our new address officially registered and our church constitution formally approved by the justice ministry.”

11. France: Evelyn Theurer shares: “In February we began offering a women’s afternoon in La Roche-sur-Yon. Pray for the women of the congregation to invite their friends and that these will, in turn, become interested in our other church activities. An afternoon event on the topic, “Ideas for Bible-Reading”, was attended for the most part by those it was intended for, but we are looking for a different time slot because not everyone involved has their afternoons free.”

12. Malawi: Paul & Dorothe Kränzler share: “For several months, we’ve been praying for God to send us an additional man who has the qualifications to support our co-worker Kondwani. We are very glad Frank came to join us. He is a trained journalist and has two years’ worth of experience in the radio ministry. Please pray for him to feel comfortable and integrate well into the team at the L. radio station. Frank doesn’t have any friends or family here. We also pray for him to adjust well to the work and will soon be able to help Kondwani and the rest of us with our workload.”

13. Bangladesh: Michael & Regine Kestner write: “We have safely arrived at Khulna and are in the process of adjusting. There have been a number of changes, and the situation at the children’s village isn’t easy. Thank you for praying for us, that God might give us insight, love, patience, the right words and wise actions!”

14. Ecuador: Members of the “Puente de Amor” congregation in Ibarra have been meeting every morning at 5:15 AM for prayer since the beginning of the year. Please pray for spiritual growth and devotion.

Verse of the Week: *“This is the confidence we have an approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” 1 John 5:14*

15. Papua New Guinea: Sebastian & Katharina Proß write: “The ‘Shape Life’ social ministry has restarted its programs for children and young people from the squatter settlements. Please pray for co-workers to go about their tasks in a happy and motivated manner. Unfortunately, the kids’ clubs in Erima, Hohola & Rabiagnini are on the verge of closing down because co-workers have dropped out. Pray for wisdom to deal with the situation properly and for people to become prepared to help out.”

16. Canada: Ken & Heather Davis: “Tomorrow marks the beginning of our Impact volunteer retreat. Please pray for safety in travel as the volunteers are picked up from their various ministries around Ontario and brought to the Retreat Centre near Moffat. Pray for these next few days to be restful and contemplative about faith and future. Pray for Ken as he leads the Bible studies each day and for all the other people helping out, and for all of the activities planned.”

17. Germany: Aaron & Ilonka Köpke write from Neubrandenburg: “The field where we used to hold our teenager retreat is not available this year. So we’re looking for a suitable alternative, especially one that will allow us to take even more young people along this summer. Please pray that we will find the right place in good time”.