

February 2025

17. Papua New Guinea: Manuel and Christina Feige write, "Every week at Shape of Life Wewak, 300 to 400 children meet in the Kids' Clubs. These are organized independently by local leaders, a core of around 20 voluntary staff. We have felt the strong sense of fellowship and community that has grown over the past year. Please continue to pray for what we will experience together in 2025."

18. France: Michael and Tina Eckstein report: "The 'Generations' church in Nantes is in the process of planting two daughter churches. In the north-west of the city, around 50 people now meet for worship every month. The frequency is to be increased to twice a month. They are currently looking for suitable premises. Please also pray for the Bible Discovery Group. The church plant in the north-east of Nantes is not progressing as hoped. Please pray that we will recognize what is going on."

19. Canada: Memo Bojan writes, "I finally have the online hearing with the tenant board. Please pray that after more than a year of uncertainty, the housing situation can be resolved in our favor."

20. Russia: Sister Sabine Matthis writes: "When I am in Beryozovsky, I go to Nizhny Tagil and Polevskoy with Misha and Oksana on the weekends. Join with me in thanksgiving for their wholehearted commitment there. In the meantime, new people are coming to the churches. Please pray that we can pass on the gospel in such a way that they understand it. Most of them know little or nothing about the Bible."

21. Canada: From Tobias and Sarah Müller, "the ITA-students have been assigned to different churches and Christian organizations. Most of these ministries have a multicultural background. These placements are great opportunities to put into practice and reflect on the intercultural lessons and tools we equip them with. Please pray for these opportunities, may they be places where they learn about serving the nations practically."

Thought of the Week:

"We weren't meant to be somebody- we were meant to know somebody (God)."

John Piper

22. Spain: Every month, there is a regional meeting for teenagers in Valencia with games, fun, snacks, and a Bible-time. **Rebekka Eggeler** is one of the people responsible for these events. The team's heart is to walk with the teenagers and empower them to tell their classmates about Jesus. Please pray that God will speak to the teenagers.

23. Papua New Guinea: Manuel and Anne Braunmiller have been supporting the Shape Life project since the end of 2022. They support locals in offering kids clubs and thus reaching children and young people with the message of Jesus. Please pray for the Braunmiller family as they serve in Papua New Guinea

24. Canada: From Markus and Regine Gommel, "we praise God for the continued fellowship and friendship created through the badminton club. Please continue to pray for the relationships formed through this ministry, may the LORD make it a place of connection to the gospel.

25. Japan: We are thankful for good occupancy rates at the Okutama retreat center. Another great answer to prayer is the successful extension of the lease agreements. This means that the important ministry at the "Fukuin no ie" (House of the Gospel) can continue for the long term. A successor is also being sought for the cook. Please pray that God would provide the center with a new cook. Please also pray for the continued use of this site for his glory.

26. Ecuador: Sebastian and Tabea Ruf and their children have been missionaries in Ecuador since 2018. They are involved in setting up support services for women who suffer from domestic violence and leading the community development in the rural Andean village of Mira. Please pray for the Ruf family as they serve here.

27. France: Please pray for **Debora Fiangoa**. She is looking to find good ways to mentor and support young women leaders of local youth ministries. In the fall, Debora met with eight women from five churches for a weekend of Bible study, sharing ideas and having a time of fellowship. Please pray that she can continue to walk ministry and life with these women.

28. Canada: Sam Strauss will be teaching a session on Culture Shock for the new 15-member group of ITA students from Germany. This session is typically more emotionally involved as students reflect on certain cross-cultural experiences that have affected them deeply and they discuss factors, symptoms and strategies involving cultural stressors. Please pray for this teaching session to work powerfully in the lives of the students.



February 2025 Prayer Guide



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Thought of the Week:
“When you pray fervently, you’ll see things happen. That’s because you will have spent time in the presence of God, where all lasting transformation begins.”
Stormie Omartian

- 1. Canada:** Today Liebenzell Mission of Canada gives thanks to the Lord for the faithfulness of the Executive Director, **Mark Outerbridge**, along with his wife Colleen. Mark has served for over 12 years with the mission. The board and staff will be meeting with the Outerbridges to celebrate God’s love and mercy spanning this time. Please pray with us in thanksgiving for his faithful service and pray for the things the Lord continues to call him to.
- 2. Canada:** From **Julia Baker and Ben Schoniger**, “Today is a Ukranian Social at our church including a time of silence and prayer (due to 2 years of the war) that Ben has been asked to lead. Please pray for this time that it can be spirit-led and fruitful for relationship building.”
- 3. Canada:** **Sam Strauss** is the new Executive Director of Liebenzell Canada. Please pray for Sam, Anne and family as they transition into a new season of ministry with Liebenzell. Please thank the Lord for their call to missions and pray for Him to continue to use this family in kingdom building.
- 4. Germany:** **Dr. David Kramer** will be lecturing as a part of applying for professorship at the university IHL, Germany. There are other candidates for the open position of Prof. of Systematic Theology making it a challenging process. Let’s pray that David can convincingly demonstrate his skill in theological reflection informed by practical missions experience in Zambia and Spain with Liebenzell.

5. Canada: From **Markus and Regine Gommel**, “Two of our *Isa Fellowship* members have flown to Bangladesh to visit family. Please pray for a blessed time and safe travels. One of the women travelled alone. Please pray for her husband and kids who are still here in Canada. Please pray that the Lord will also show us the best ways to be of help to them.”

6. Canada: **Julia Baker and Ben Schöniger** are nearing the due date of their baby. Please pray for the health of Julia and the baby. Continue to pray for them as their family grows, may God bless and keep them and His face shine upon them.

7. Germany: Those responsible for Impact (Mission, Move and Serve) are very grateful that God has once again provided many suitable applicants. They have already been able to fill some places for the coming year, starting in summer 2025. It takes a lot of time, thought and wisdom to allocate positions and determine team compositions. Please pray for God’s guidance and for more applicants for the open serving opportunities.

Thought of the Week:
“The only person who dares wake up a king at 3:00 am for a glass of water is a child. We have that kind of access.”
Tim Keller

8. Papua New Guinea: **Jesse Poriz** writes, “Praise report from Lae, Papua New Guinea, we had no robberies over the Christmas/New Years holidays. Please continue to pray for the safety of our family, staff and their families, and our 150 trainees.”

9. Papua New Guinea: Since 2018, **Manuel and Christina Feige** have been bringing God’s love to people on the fringes of society in the slums of Wewak. They train congregations in social missionary work, give religious instruction, visit prison inmates and support congregations in child and youth work. Manuel and Christian have two children. Please pray for the Feige family as they serve here.

10. Malawi: **Stefan and Debora Müller** report, “many young people are longing for activities and events that are relevant to their life situations. Together with two young men, we started a movement to initiate youth ministry in the churches. Please pray for wisdom for the two leaders and that what is planned for 2025 will be implemented well and for independent youth groups to develop.”

11. Uganda: The coffee house chain “Endiro Cafés” is starting a two-month training program for baristas. **Martin and Tabea Auch** have been invited to supplement this program of the Christian-oriented company with biblical content. It is their desire to empower the participants to live true Christianity as followers of Jesus in their profession. Please pray for this pilot project.

12. Canada: **Tobias and Sarah Müller** write: “Please pray for the ITA-students as they are settling in at Hansa Language School in Toronto. Our students not only enjoy the teachings, but also appreciate relationships with other students that are coming from various multicultural backgrounds. Please pray that they are able to share their faith and learn more about the multicultural background of their fellow students.”

13. Kyrgyzstan: The government is taking a more restrictive approach to religious minorities. This is also affecting the shrinking Evangelical Lutheran Church. Please pray for God’s intervention.

14. Canada: From **Zack and Carolyn Perluisi**, “the 33 Impact-Mission volunteers have been in Canada for over 6 months now, please pray for them as they continue to serve for the next 5 months. Please pray that the Lord would deepen their relationships with the community He has placed them in and strengthen their dependence on Him.”

Thought of the Week:
“God calls weak and broken people to do huge and important things because HE is able.”
Paul David Tripp

15. Canada: From **Markus and Regine Gommel**, “Regine’s friend J is the only believer in her family and her mom is blaming her for leaving her former faith. Please pray that Jesus would give her joy, courage and protection. Please pray that J can witness to her family and grow in her walk with Jesus.”

16. Ecuador: We thank Jesus that a house-mother has been found for the Casa Ágape women’s shelter and some women have already been taken in. Tabea Ruf is currently training another pastoral team for the work. Please pray for God’s help and wisdom for all those who care for women who are victims of violence.