

May 2025

19. Canada: Ede Luz from Liebenzell Germany is arriving in Canada today. He will be spending time with the ITA students and some of the Liebenzell missionaries here. Please pray that this will be a time of mutual encouragement.

20. Ecuador: The registration of the community kindergarten in Atuntaqui was successful. Eight children are currently being cared for. Up to 30 can be registered. Please pray for God to continue to work in this ministry.

21. Canada: From May 21st to 23rd **Ben Schoeniger** will be joining a virtual conference with Liebenzell Team Leaders and directors. Please pray that these next couple of days will be a time of equipping and encouragement for all those involved.

Thought of the Week:
“The Scriptures were not given to increase our knowledge, but to change our lives.”
-D.L. Moody

22. Russia: Sister Sabine Matthis writes: “I am happy that the Theological Education by Extension courses have been set up. One participant repeatedly says how good it is to exchange ideas. Please pray for the participants to grow in understanding and wisdom.”

23. Italy: Simon and Michaela Urschitz write from Merano, “We are delighted to have two volunteers here who are doing very well. Damian is starting a Bible lesson for children before the church service. A ‘Freedom in Christ’ course is currently running. Please pray that the participants will grow in their faith.”

24. Germany: Today and tomorrow are **Children’s Missionfest** in Bad Liebenzell. Please be in prayer for the team who are running the day, may they have strength and energy as they work with the children. Please pray for the children attending, that the Lord work in their lives through this event.

25. Spain: David and Mirjam Schmückle report, “In the social missionary project ‘Misión Urbana’, up to 90 guests come in one morning. There is hardly any time to build relationships. Please pray that relationships will develop, that people will feel noticed and that they will experience something of God’s love.”

26. Canada: From **Tobias and Sarah Müller**, “we have just reopened a “Little Free Library” on the sidewalk at Liebenzell House Toronto. We would like to use it for tracks, small bibles and post cards. Please pray for people walking by and making use of the library that God will use it for his glory.”

27. Ecuador: Sebastian and Tabea Ruf write, “Please pray for the process of registering the Casa Ágape women’s shelter as a foundation. We have received feedback and had to change some things in the application. Now we are waiting again for an answer. Tabea is currently working through methods for trauma counseling with the group of female counselors which she had trained first. This is something entirely new for the women.”

28. Canada: Markus and Regine Gommel write, “We praise God for the presentation about autism that one of our autistic young adults gave. Please pray for the Isa Fellowship families that deal with autism that they will come to Jesus and will receive strength, support and wisdom for their situation.”

Thought of the Week:
“Prayer is as natural as an expression of faith as breathing is of life.”
-Jonathan Edwards

29. Zambia: Benjamin and Debora Wagner write, “The four students who completed a year’s training in discipleship and agriculture in the ‘Mushili - Help for Life’ project have returned to their hometowns. Please pray that they will be able to settle in quickly and put what they have learned into practice. Four to five new students will be joining us this month. We would like to expand the area of discipleship training. Please pray for success.”

30. Germany: Today begins **Teen Missionfest** in Bad Liebenzell. Pray please that the Lord will work through those involved and that the message of salvation will be heard by the hundreds of campers.

31. Japan: Sister **Priscilla Kunz** shares: “It is pleasing that fifteen or more visitors attend the afternoon services in Sakuragawa. However, few or no visitors come to the weekly ‘Sing and Pray’ service and the monthly church café. Please pray that people from Sakuragawa will join the church. Many Japanese think that they cannot go to church if they are not Christians. Nevertheless, our new church building is being noticed.”

Save the date:
June 14th: Liebenzell Mission of Canada’s special day and AGM in Moffat.
You are invited to come enjoy the Liebenzell Retreat centre with a morning of **family fun activities** beginning at 11am, a **barbecue provided** (salad or dessert appreciated) followed at 2pm with LMC’s **Annual General Meeting**.



May 2025 Prayer Guide



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Thought of the Week:

"The prayer offered to God in the morning during your quiet time is the key that unlocks the door of the day. Any athlete knows that it is the start that ensures a good finish."

- Adrian Rogers

1. Canada: Some LMC missionaries will be joining in a two-day mental health training with Tyndale University (May 1st and 8th). Please pray for them as they seek to gain a better understanding about mental health and in turn apply the teaching to support the various missions in Canada.

2. Canada: The men of **Reach Community Church** are at Moffat from May 2nd to 4th. Please pray that the Lord will use this time to grow the men in community and in desire to love and serve the Lord together.

3. Bangladesh: From **Micha and Katrin Ulmer**, "we are delighted that seven boys from the children's village in Khulna would like to be baptized. The baptism classes have begun. Please pray that God's work will continue in the hearts of these youth."

4. Germany: At the International University of Liebenzell (IHL) and the Intercultural Theological Academy (ITA) the application phase has begun for Sept 2025. Please pray for God's guidance so that young people can find their place in service to him.

5. Canada: From **Ruth Ann and Keith Elliott**, "We continue to prepare for Ruth Ann's kidney transplant. We are praying and trusting God for His timing. Meanwhile, we continue to mentor and encourage pastoral couples in Costa Rica, Mexico and Ecuador using technology. We are also involved in a Spanish speaking Church in Kitchener, La Paz de Cristo." Please continue to pray for the Elliott's in this season of waiting and ministering here in Canada.

6. Germany: Paula Otterbach writes from the Junge Kirche Berlin-Treptow, "in November, the young people organized a service. It was a success. They want their peers to get to know Jesus. Originally, four meetings a year were planned. However, we realized that the small preparation team is lacking the capacity for this. Please pray that more volunteers will be found. The next youth service is planned for later this month."

7. Canada: From **Markus and Regine Gommel**, "We praise God for the badminton season that concluded by the end of April. We will now do different activities including ultimate frisbee and neighbourhood clean up. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will lead our Isa Fellowship participants in love and stronger devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ."

Thought of the Week :

"True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that- it is a spiritual transaction with the creator of Heaven and Earth."

-Charles Spurgeon

8. Ecuador: Kevin and Kathy Bruce share, "on the first Sunday after our return from the deputation ministry back home in the US, the two churches in Rio Verde and Palmira had a joint service and lunch. We are currently looking for ways to expand the fellowship and sharing on Sundays. Please ask God to show us the best ways to go about this."

9. Bangladesh: Even though the political situation has stabilized, demonstrations and unrest continue to occur. Please pray for wisdom for the transitional government and that a peaceful and democratic election will be possible.

10. Germany: Faisal and Faiza Danish write, "Jesus is leading many new people to the recently founded international church in Karlsruhe. Please pray that they will find a home here and that we can take good care of both the new visitors and the members. We would like to reach the young people in Karlsruhe. Please pray that God will open doors for this."

11. Zambia: Benjamin and Debora Wagner report, "A Zambian has been found who will take over the management of the social ministry project 'Mushili - Help for Life' and so help in our work here. However, we still need confirmation from various committees and are currently working on a job description. Thank you for praying for this process! Please continue to pray as this individual joins our ministry team."

12. Canada: From **Zack and Carolyn Perluisi**, "Mission Mondays at the retreat centre have very quickly become one of our favourite parts of the month. We have about 25 kids on site for the afternoon learning about why we do missions and various missionaries from the past. The afternoon also includes outdoor activities and a craft. Today will be our third Mission Monday. Please pray for the relationships we are building with the families; would this day be a blessing and encouragement to them."

13. Spain: Rebekka Eggeler reports from Valencia, "People are not easily invited to church. The evangelization team is now trying to facilitate encounters with Christians by offering small events in people's homes. Please pray that many church members will be motivated to join in this effort."

14. Germany: Bernd Stamm will be holding seminars about "Evangelism" in various churches. Please pray that these interested churches will lean on God to help them putting into practice what they have learned."

Thought of the Week:

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"

- Corrie Ten Boom

15. Japan: Sister Priscilla Kunz writes, "please pray for people who are mentally distressed. They need much support, prayer, and patience. Our Japanese colleagues take the time to care for them."

16. Bangladesh: Please pray for **Micha and Katrin Ulmer**, pray for wisdom, understanding, and peace in dealing with the older boys in the Khulna children's village, among whom conflicts sometimes arise.

17. Canada: Tobias and Sarah Müller write, "Please pray for our ITA-students and their ministries. It is amazing to see how they have settled. They have had many opportunities to identify and develop their spiritual gifts. We as mentors and the pastors of our partner churches help them with their questions and their potential to develop more. Please pray for wisdom in all the individual conversations."

18. Malawi: Paul and Dorothe Kränzler report, "physical and psychological violence against women is a big problem here. We have asked a radio station in South Africa to help us out with programs that address this problem. We would like to translate them into Yao. Please pray that an agreement will be possible. At the same time, we are working on a program for men that shows them their responsibility for the family and their role in being models to their sons. Please pray we find the right person to help us design these programs."