

# By Prayer May 2019

'Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.'

Ephesians 3:20-21

## 1. Neil and Ingrid

Neil is speaking at a conference from May 1-4. Pray for strength and that God would bless the hearers. Our field is in the process of selecting a new deputy director. Pray that God will guide us in our selection and that the person chosen will sense God's call to this leadership ministry. We also need new workers foreign and local for our Salam Training Center project. Pray that God would call and we would find the right people.

## 2. Benji Devadason (Canada Field)

Pray for Betsey (*medical background*) and me as we will be in SRI LANKA this month conducting THREE youth camps in different locations, one week teaching at the seminary on the book of James in Tamil and also a two day Pastors Conference in the former war zone. Pray for safety in travel, good health and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit at all times.

## 3. Charles and Anne Noble (Retiree Care)

The Ontario SIM Retirees' Spring Tea Party is on May 4th. Pray for a blessed time of fellowship. Remember those who are travelling from a distance. We will celebrate 80th & 90th birthdays and those who have newly retired. Lloyd Knight will be blessing us with his God-given musical ability.

## 4. Tyler and Christiane (Fox) Horton

We are thanking God for Tyler's acceptance at Cambridge. Please pray for grant money to cover tuition, our support team to be built up, for the short time frame in which many things need to come together for us to go this summer. Pray for the kids' transitions as we get closer to moving.

## 5. Ben and Christa Platz (Canada Field - nightlight)

May 5 is nightlight Cambridge's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday! We are so grateful for all those mini miracles that ushered this drop-in center into existence and for all the volunteers, staff and supporters who keep this place a safe haven for us to express God's love for the marginalized. Pray for discernment as we interview for new Executive Directors in Kingston and Belleville. Pray for the Kingston nightlight centre site search – that God would direct us to the right location.

## 6. Ben Schroeder (Nigeria)

Pray for open hearts and clear communication as my co-worker Hambali (*Ben's language teacher*) and I begin teaching children in one of the Fulani camps. Pray also for the Fulani workers conference that is coming up soon.

## 7. Rolf and Angela Kruse (Uganda & Ethiopia)

Pray as we transition from ministries mid April from Uganda to Ethiopia. It has been a sweet time of ministry to Sudanese, Ugandans and TCKs (*Third Culture Kids*) in Arua and area.

## 8. Clara Klassen (Benin)

Continue to pray for the Benin Togo team urgently looking for a Treasurer and an Interim Director. Pray also for Pierre Barassounon, our Togo missionary undergoing treatment in Abidjan for Prostate Cancer.

## 9. Bosco Tung (Director of Mobilization)

Pray for us as we anticipate the birth of our first child, Johanna Tung, late April. Pray as I seriously engage in Relationship Development Ministry (RDM) these months, which can be challenging while still doing my role as Director of Mobilization. There have been spiritual attacks, feelings of emotional fatigue and discouragements, especially around my church.

## 10. Rick and Martha Bradford (Nigeria)

A returning missionary to the USA is transferring his computer school and equipment to Centenary Computer Centre where Martha operates Egbe Music Academy. Pray for wisdom in setting up staff contracts, electrical wiring and equipment. Pray this new venture will be a sustainable project and funds will be available to move forward. This has been an unforeseen gift from God.

## 11. Soula Isch (Dorcas Widows)

After a very busy April, I look forward to slowing down, with fewer meetings but need to prepare for the June conferences in Greece. Please pray for spiritual and physical renewal and for the time I will have with my son Emmanuel and daughter Stella who will be visiting me in May. This is going to be special.

## 12. Ruth Maxwell (East Asia)

Apr 14-29 I was in Australia visiting SIMers and connecting with younger women that I have disciplined in years past, during my time in Africa. Three of them are now married and have moved to Australia! During May I'm in Abbotsford and focusing on getting ready for a June trip to Asia. Please pray for all the preparation I need to do. Thank you for praying!!

## 13. Bryan and Carmen Orthner (South Africa)

Pray as they raise support for their return to South Africa; pray for new partners by the end of June to ensure they have enough to receive housing and living allowance while in Regina. Pray for open doors to share about their ministry.

## 14. Karen Henriksen (Angola)

Pray for completion of the Community-Health building, for furnishings and equipment for it, and for increased staff for the initiatives planned, including up-to-date and improved salaries. Praise the Lord for His work in the heart of each staff member; pray for a deepening walk with the Lord for each one.

## 15. Allen & Mary Beth (Penner) George (Peru)

Praise God that puppet ministry is going well. Please pray for the group as it finishes up preparation of this year's script. Praise God for extensive numerical and program growth at church. Pray that many seekers who are coming would find Christ and that believers' faith in God would grow as they fill their new roles

## 16. Brian Yung (Videography)

Praise: Recently accepted as a long-term member appointee  
Prayers: For creativity, wisdom, trust, humility, patience, and strength during my time right now in Thailand. For my

support raising that God will provide the right people and resources.

**17. Bill and Elizabeth Broers (Ethiopia)**

Pray for Jake, our colleague at the Mekelle Youth Center, as he resumes his ministries to local deaf youth. Pray for him as he continues to recover his strength & health after a recent, serious illness. Bill looks forward to leading worship at our upcoming Spiritual Retreat. Pray for refreshment & spiritual renewal for each one.

**18. Sarah and Denis**

During April, Denis and his friend were on a vision trip to NA, and then Denis attended the SLC conference in Greece. May much insight be gained from those travels. Praise God for the over 40 people who have joined our support team! Pray for the final 40% of monthly support needed. Wisdom is needed regarding our house in Kingston- finding good renters and timing for moving out, etc.

**19. Hyon Kim (Global – People Development)**

"Thank you for your prayers. I want to praise the Lord for a fruitful People Development and Care team retreat last month. My team member Mark Conard, who is the SIM International Chaplain Lead, is preparing to launch a global chaplain and pastoral care team to support our workers. Please pray for him as he thinks through the organization and training program required to support this initiative. My team members Dorothee Reuter (Family Development Lead), Mindy Beetham (International TCK coordinator) and Steph Schwarz (Resilience Lead) are traveling to Asia for a conference and to visit several SIM Asia offices. May the Lord be pleased to bless their travels and many meetings."

**20. Andrew and Tonya Lunau Smith (Deaf Ministry)**

Andrew had a quickly organized trip to join United Bible Societies March 19-30 in Lisbon, Portugal, for sign language Bible translation workshops. Gathered were worldwide consultants discussing global standards and best practices for signed Bible translations. A stimulating opportunity! We are praying for wisdom for further engagement. On the home front, May 20 we celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary! Full of gratitude!

**22. Dorcas Niger**

Please continue to pray for the leaders of the Dorcas Project: Louise in Burkina Faso, Clara in Benin and Lucia in Niger. Each country has its challenges and these ladies do their best to accompany the widows, to help them grow in their spiritual lives and in their home businesses. Some succeed well, others have hard time.

**23. YoungDo Kang (Canada Field City Lights)**

Please pray the disciplines I've learned and healing I've experienced this year would continue. Pray for three other areas of growth - "investments" of time, energy and prayer for support raising, developing leaders, and relationships within the hip-hop community. Pray for steady and sustained growth in these goals. Finally, pray I will start learning dee-jaying or graffiti writing *as a contact point with the hip-hop community.*

**24. Ken and Nancy**

Presidents have fallen in "Alge" and Sudan. The people want control. Militaries are confused. Libya is heaving with

violence. Eritrea's president is in shock that all his dictator friends are gone. May God grant stability in "tun" as changes occur on either side of them. May God use this to open doors for the Gospel in all these countries.

**25. Alan and Donna Goertz (Royall)**

We travel this month to Sierra Leone for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Christians In Action Sierra Leone, the organization we served with from 1976 – 1990. Please pray for us as we facilitate a marriage enrichment seminar Saturday, May 25th in Freetown, where 70 couples are expected to attend. Pray also for good health and safety in our travels.

**26. Phil and Andrea Bauman (Ghana)**

We start this month at our Ghana team Spiritual Life Conference. We then have 3 weeks to pack up our house. May 27<sup>th</sup>, we head to Niger for Cara's graduation. We expect to return to Accra on May 31st before leaving Ghana on June 5th. Pray that in every sense we will be able to leave Ghana well.

**27. Dave and Sandy Roberts (Zambia)**

From May 26-31 we will be hosting the outgoing (Marcus Baeder) and incoming (Siegfried Ngubane) Regional Directors along with Diane Marshall (Int'l) and her husband Phil. The program is to introduce Mr. Ngubane to the SIM workers here but also to give Dave, as the new Zambia Director, another level of orientation to his role. Thanks for praying for this time together with these SIM leaders.

**28. Philip Lee (Canada Field)**

Pray with me to be completely apprehended by the Gospel and truly understand it through head and heart; to walk lock-step with the Holy Spirit and acknowledge him in all my ways; and to have discernment, patience, and wisdom in areas of business development and relationships.

**29. Doug and Heather Roberts (Ghana)**

We are coming toward the end of our current term in Ghana. Please pray for God's leading in ministry opportunities during May, for health and strength, and for daily guidance to finish these last two months well. Pray that in our personal connections that we will encourage people in their walk with the Saviour. We would appreciate prayer for wisdom as we pack and for our return to Canada in mid-June.

**30. Beth Boyd (Prayer Ministry)**

Pray for our workers who are mourning the death of loved ones, or of those they have been serving, or perhaps the toughest, some of those they have been witnessing to but had no visible response. "It is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgment!" Pray that our eyes stay focused on Him who is just and draws men to Himself. Pray for strength to continue!

**31. Jean and Ann Seri (Côte d'Ivoire)**

Praise God that the Radio Expansion project was accepted; pray for God's peace to reign in Mali, Burkina Faso and here in Côte d'Ivoire; and pray that we be influencers and agents of transformation.

**Thank you for calling out to the LORD with us!**