

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st TAIWAN *Mark 11*

Pray for Taiwanese LBC Youth Pastor **Hsaio En Wen (Daniel)** & his wife **Hsin Yun Wu (Nancy)** and their three children who will be commissioned as missionaries to Chad on the 2nd at Chupei Victory Church. (See back.)

2nd N. AMERICA *Mark 12*

Joel and **Liz** are in Washington in early August to connect with family members and supporters there. Pray for good opportunities to share about their life and cross-cultural ministry.

3rd CHAD *Mark 13*

Nathanael and **Carrie** ask prayer this month for good health. It is the height of rainy season and, therefore, malaria season.

4th JAPAN *Mark 14*

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** are praising God for Dean's ongoing recovery from a stroke he suffered in April (4/28). Pray that Dean will continue to grow stronger, and for his return to full mobility.

5th TAIWAN *Mark 15*

John Olson asks prayer as Victory English Fellowship hosts a Vacation Bible School from Aug. 6-8. Due to international travel restrictions, they expect more children than usual. Pray that the gospel is clearly proclaimed and

that the church can connect with unchurched people.

6th CHAD *Mark 16*

David and **Sonja** ask prayer for health as the rainy season is a time of an abundance of bugs and diseases. Pray for protection from storms in the village since August is a month when heavy rains can ruin homes.

7th JAPAN *Psalms 119:1-56*

Pray for three students studying at Japan LB Seminary: **Haruya Itoh**, **Nobukazu Takahashi** and **Chikara Kasai**. Pray for them to gain a clear understanding of the gospel, and a passion to proclaim it.

8th TAIWAN *Psalms 119:57-120*

Ben and **Sara Hosch** ask prayer for strength and stamina in their language studies during the hot season. They report that many neighbors who previously were reluctant to speak with them are now responding to conversations.

9th JAPAN *Psalms 119:121-176*

Pray for more Japanese church workers to be raised up for church planting, and for new LBIM missionaries to join them in God's mission.

10th FRANCE *Ruth 1*

Pray that **Matt** and **Christina** can use French as much as possible while formal classes are on summer break. Pray that they can secure good language partners who can help them keep practicing.

11th E. ASIA *Ruth 2*

Liz asks prayer for a teenager that she tutored in their city for a few years. He recently began attending church for the first time! Pray that he and his parents will be drawn to saving faith.

12th TAIWAN *Ruth 3*

Today, **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** return to Taiwan. Pray for them as they go through 2 weeks quarantine and then get back into their ministry there.

13th JAPAN *Ruth 4*

Pray for Japan LBC **President Wakamatsu**, **Vice President Echigoya** and committee members who began their duties this past spring. May God give each one abundant wisdom in leading Japan's churches in God's mission.

14th CHAD *Esther 1*

Nathanael asks prayer for **Caka**, a man who is helping with Bible translation. May God's Word find a home in his heart and life.

15th N. AMERICA *Esther 2*

As **Joel** prepares for another semester of teaching 200+ Asian university students via the Internet, pray for opportunities to give answers for his faith. Pray for hearts to be receptive to the gospel.

16th TAIWAN *Esther 3*

Mike and **Delores Kittelson** ask prayer for **Miss Chen**, who

wants her parents and her brother to come to faith in Jesus. Pray for opportunities to develop a relationship with the family and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

17th JAPAN *Esther 4*

Pray for new Japanese workers to hear God's call to full-time vocational ministry. There are church vacancies to be filled and an urgent need for church planters.

18th FRANCE *Esther 5*

Pray for **Matt** and **Christina** and their family as the children go back to school next month, and as **Matt** and **Christina** return to language classes. Pray that this transition will go well.

19th TAIWAN *Esther 6*

Mike and **Delores Kittelson** ask prayer as Baushan Victory Church searches for a new worker to help with children, teens and the Seniors group. May the Lord provide for the needs of this church.

20th CHAD *Esther 7*

Pray for **Jeremy** at the Welcome Center. Since Chad is still closed to international travel due to COVID-19, he is still unable to return to the US to be with his wife and daughters. Pray for his wife, **Sallee**, who is here in the US with their daughters.

21st INDIA *Esther 8*

About 2% of India's population professes Christianity, but the church is growing in spite of increased persecution. Pray that the Lord will supply the needs of those called to Christian ministry. Pray for indigenous workers to go to the

thousands of unreached people groups in that country.

22nd TAIWAN *Esther 9*

Ben and Sara Hosch ask prayer for their children: **Adelaide** (9 yrs.), **Emery** (7 yrs.) and **Winnie** (4 yrs.) as they return to school. This year, Emery will join **Adelaide** at **Hsinchu International School**. Pray for good school friends for them.

23rd WORLD *Esther 10*

Despite centuries of mission work among Buddhists, few of the 540 million Buddhists have turned to Christ. Pray that God will raise up church planters and scholars to learn and teach fresh ways of reaching the Buddhist world.

24th JAPAN *Psalms 120-122*

Praise God for the neighbors of House of Hope who have rallied to encourage **Linda Bengtson** and to support **Dean** who continues rehab for a stroke he suffered in April. Pray that God will use this time to open hearts to the gospel message they've often heard through **Dean and Linda's** ministry.

25th TAIWAN *Psalms 123-125*

Mrs. Chen's husband's grandfather recently passed away and the family is doing traditional Buddhist rituals. Her husband understands and says she does not have to be there every time they have a service. Pray for her, as she wishes to honor her Lord, but also wants to support her husband.

26th CHAD *Zeph 1*

Pray for the four schoolteachers at the mission school as their

families work hard farming in order to support themselves through the school year. Pray for them as they begin gearing up for the new school year.

27th TAIWAN *Zeph 2*

Pray for **Miss Min, Ethan and Sandy Christofferson's** friend, as she prepares for baptism. Pray that she will be protected from the influence of her Jehovah Witness acquaintances that are trying to draw her in.

28th N. AMERICA *Zeph 3*

Pray for **Paul and Teresa** as they prepare for their return to Chad, and as they plan for the field orientation and house construction for **Matt and Christina** and family.

29th JAPAN *Hag 1*

Pray for **Pastor Koki Zeniya**, who teaches a Bible course 8 hours a week at **Shokei Gakuin**, a private junior high and high school in Sendai. Pray that his students will hunger for God's Word and grasp the gospel.

30th TAIWAN *Hag 2*

Victory Hakka Fellowship has had new people attending while they met in the park. Pray that these people will come to understand the gospel and continue in fellowship with God's people.

31st WORLD *Zech 1*

Pray that the Lord would raise up more missionaries, and supporting churches, to bring the gospel to Chad, Japan and Taiwan!

PARTNERS IN MISSION

LBIM intentionally partners with sister Church missionaries in God's mission to the nations. The following story highlights two of these partner missionaries.

I was participating in a worship service that was...well...like a glimpse of heaven. We were sitting on rugs in the round, brick chapel at LBIM's missionary training center in Chad. And we were worshipping...in 7 different languages! With me were Chadian LB pastor Jean, his wife Jacqueline and 5 of their children. They had just finished singing a series of worship songs, first in Jacqueline's heart language of Tuperi, second in Jean's heart language of Kera, and thirdly in Chadian Arabic, a language that they had learned under Teresa's tutelage in preparation for a life of ministry among Chadians of other religions. Also participating in this worship time were youth pastor Daniel and his wife Nancy, a couple from our sister Lutheran Brethren Church in Taiwan who were visiting Chad as part of the process of answering God's call on their family to serve as partner Lutheran Brethren missionaries in Chad. With them was their pastor, Tom. The three of them then worshipped the Lord with songs in both Mandarin Chinese and Hakka languages. Another song was sung in French. And then English. And we reflected on the day when people will be gathered around God's throne, representing every nation, tribe, people and language.

Jean and Jacqueline have completed their missionary training and will be moving along with their family later this year to an other town. There, they will serve alongside LBIM missionaries Dave and Sonja and Chadian LB missionaries Eloi and wife Rachel, among the unreached people groups of Chad.



Daniel and Nancy have been affirmed in their calling and have completed a year long missionary training course through Radius International. After their commissioning service on August 2 at Chupei Victory church, they will depart for a year of French language study after which they will move to Chad to serve alongside our LBIM and Chadian missionary partners.

Friends, this is the Church, diverse yet unified under Christ and his commission to all of us who believe, to be a disciple-making people to the nations. May we respond as a Church that exemplifies the fact that *"...God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline"* (2 Timothy 1:7), as we hold out the light of the gospel to the world. And may we persevere in this task, looking forward to the day when we will join with the nations in the ultimate worship service of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your prayers and support of LBIM that makes these partnerships possible!

~Dan Venberg