

# Daily Prayer Notes

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## 1<sup>st</sup> CHAD *Psalm 132-133*

**Paul** and **Teresa** ask prayer for **Jean**, his wife **Jacqueline** and their children, who have finished their training and are moving to a new village to partner with LBIM's ministry among the people there. Pray for this family's adjustments.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> JAPAN *Psalm 134-135*

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." Jesus calls us to ask the Lord for workers. Let us pray with **Dean & Linda Bengtson** for a full-time Japanese worker(s) to work with them in God's mission at House of Hope in Ishinomaki.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> TAIWAN *Psalm 136-137*

A couple of small groups within Victory English Fellowship are joining together for their annual camping trip. Usually several non-Christian friends also attend. Pray for the gospel to be effectively proclaimed in word and deed.

## 4<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Job 1*

Pray for **Felix** and **Angel**, a new Chadian couple in training under **Paul** at our missionary training center. Pray that their two years here will equip them well for effective mission work among unreached peoples in Chad.

## 5<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Job 2*

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.

## 6<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Job 3*

Pray that **Joel** will find creative and fruitful ways to connect with his university students in Asia as he teaches literature, culture, and writing courses online from the US again this fall.

## 7<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Job 4*

Pray for **Jeremy** as he makes many preparations for leaving others in charge of the Welcome Center while he returns to reunite with **Sallee** and their daughters in the States after more than 7 months of separation, due to COVID travel restrictions.

## 8<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Job 5*

**Joel** and **Liz** ask prayer for their son **Tim** as he starts his 2nd year at North Central University in Minneapolis, which is doing a hybrid of online and classroom instruction. Pray for safety for students, faculty, staff and their families.

## 9<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Job 6*

Tomorrow, **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** will gather with the family of one of their son's best friends for an "Imonikai" (outdoor soup making party). Pray for this

gathering, as they seek to tell others about the gospel of hope in Christ.

### 10<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Job 7*

Pray for LBIM's Living Waters well drilling ministry. Pray for the recipient communities and especially for Chadian missionaries **Eloi** and **Abel** who oversee the well installations and bring the gospel to these villages.

### 11<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Job 8*

China Lutheran Seminary Professor **Steven Zhu** will lecture tomorrow at a CLBC synodical pastors meeting as part of a study regarding the ordination of women. Pray for fruitful interaction and clarity on this important topic.

### 12<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Job 9*

**Paul** needs to assemble a construction crew and get further housing built for new LBIM missionaries coming to Chad. Pray for God's leading in all the details for this project.

### 13<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Job 10*

**Delores Kittelson** writes, "After many years, we have been able to reconnect with the **Robert Wu** family. May their hearts be open to redeveloping the friendship and once again reconnect with the church." Happy Birthday **Delores**.

### 14<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Job 11*

**David** and **Sonja** and family return to the States this month, after completing their first term in Chad. Pray that their home assignment will be restful and renewing. Pray also for good connections with family, friends and supporters.

### 15<sup>th</sup> E. ASIA *Job 12*

Two students that **Liz** has tutored are taking online Christian courses to prepare for college in the US. They interact with Christian teachers and classmates daily. Pray for the salvation of these two boys and their families.

### 16<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Job 13*

Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** as they join a retreat with Enlin LBC. Pray for good spiritual conversations to happen with the non-Christian friends they have invited.

### 17<sup>th</sup> FRANCE *Job 14*

Let us continue to pray for **Matt** and **Christina** and their family, as Matt continues rehab after a severe motorcycle accident. Praise the Lord for many encouragements in Matt's recovery.

### 18<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Job 15*

**Ben** and **Sara Hosch** ask prayer for their son **Emery**, who completed Chinese kindergarten and is entering 1st grade in an international school, where he will work on reading and spelling in English. Pray for good friends at the new school; his best friends from kindergarten will not be there.

### 19<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Job 16*

**Susan Olson** (Japanese Ministries, Seattle) is communicating regularly with 5 Japanese students. May God draw their hearts to Him.

### 20<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Job 17*

Pray for **Nathanael** and **Carrie** who are returning to their village after spending the rainy season in the capital. Pray that they will transition well back into life and

ministry. Happy 2nd birthday to **Clement!**

### 21<sup>st</sup> N. AMERICA *Job 18*

**Roger and Susan Olson** report that most local members of Japanese Ministries in Seattle are senior citizens, so they stream worship services online. The silver lining is that young returnees now in Japan also view the services and are responding positively!

### 22<sup>nd</sup> CHAD *Job 19*

Pray for **Jeremy** as he returns today to be with Sallee and their daughters for a two-month vacation/home assignment. Pray for a joyful reunion and good times of rest and renewal for the family.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> FRANCE *Job 20*

Pray for **Christina** as she works at her own language learning while managing the home front as Matt is hospitalized and recovering from his accident. Praise God for helpful friends and neighbors.

### 24<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Job 21*

Pray for **Ethan Christofferson** as he preaches tomorrow in the Hakka language service and the Mandarin language service at Enlin LBC.

### 25<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Job 22*

**Heidi Jensen** hosts Bible studies and English classes for workers at the U.N. Pray for **Shah**, a Muslim man whose son recently drowned. Pray that God will speak through this tragedy to touch Shah's family and draw them to the One who died to give us life.

### 26<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Job 23*

**Dean and Linda Bengtson** ask prayer for tomorrow's Bible Time

at House of Hope, led by Pastor Zeniya from Minami Yoshinari LB Church in Sendai. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open the minds and hearts of attendees to God's Word.

### 27<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Job 24*

**Vicky** is one of **Mike Kittelson's** music students. Pray that she will be willing to use her talent in small groups and outreach as she continues to progress.

### 28<sup>th</sup> WORLD *Job 25*

In this time of pandemic and global unrest, pray that we will be effective ambassadors of Christ. Pray for world leaders to lead with truth, integrity, justice and fairness.

### 29<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Job 26*

Pray for **Ben and Sara Hosch's** continued language learning. Ben says: "Thank you all for your prayers during this language learning time. We have more to go, but with all of your support we continue to press on."

### 30<sup>th</sup> FRANCE *Job 27*

**Matt** has befriended an unreached man who is also being treated for spinal injuries. **Mr. A** agreed that Matt and his supporters could pray for him in Jesus' Name. Pray for healing for Mr. A, and that he comes to know the Savior.

### 31<sup>st</sup> TAIWAN *Job 28*

**Mike Kittelson** asks prayer for churches that are planning their Christmas activities and programs. May the message of the birth and work of our Savior be understood, and received by many.

## An Update on Gethsémané de Meube School

Like most schools in the world, our mission school was closed in April of this year. And distance learning via computer is simply not an option in rural Chad. But that did not damper the spirit of the school nor its purpose. Our missionaries and teachers continued to engage with the families of the community. They planned. Two new Chadian Christian teachers with a heart for evangelism were called and they moved to the village in the spring with their families, in anticipation of teaching this fall.

Classes started September 15. A time will be spent catching up from last year. And sometime in October, 50 new students will be added, bringing enrollment to 223. The curriculum is gospel infused. And the community is receptive and grateful for this ministry. We are excited about what God will do. Below are some of *Nathanael's* thoughts on the school:

*"Make disciples," Jesus said.*

*"Easier said than done," you might say.*

*But we often forget, people are hungry! And they have their own particular appetites. The challenge is to meet their appetite with the nourishing Word of God. That is why we started the school in our village. We have been working in Chad for seven years, sent by the CLBA to bring the gospel to an unreached tribe. And we have found that this people hungers for education. That is perfect: Jesus is the great teacher.*

*At the school we are creating a community that serves the larger community. Our Christian teachers train children to read and write, but we also seek to develop character. We teach them French and Mathematics, and we teach them to read God's Word in their native tribal language. We teach science, and we train them in sustainable gardening and agriculture. We have rules about appropriate dress and hair, and we teach them how hygiene and nutrition creates a healthier, happy life.*

*And our school has brought the village together. There are two rival chiefs who vie for influence. The school grounds are the only place where they will even be seen in each other's presence, as they sit down for a meeting, or a graduation ceremony, and hear God's Word.*

*This is nothing new; it's what good schools do all around the world. But it had never happened here. Our village chief has said on numerous occasions "A light has shone upon us through this school!" By providing the children of this village with the sort of education I want for my own children, our message of Christ is authenticated by His love.*

Thank you for your partnership with us in this ministry! ~ Dan Venberg

