

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st CHAD *Deut 5*

Nathanael and **Carrie Szobody** ask prayer for their missionary partners and Gethsemane de Muebe School teachers in Boudamasa. Pray for a good harvest despite a late start to the rains this year.

2nd N. AMERICA *Deut 6*

Pray for two of **Matt** and **Christina Smith's** children as they undergo some educational screening assessments this month. Pray that they will be provided with helpful direction for their children's education.

3rd TAIWAN *Deut 7*

Miss Ya is a graduate student studying the contributions that missionaries have made to evangelism in Hakka areas. Pray for her salvation. Pray for wisdom for our LBIM-Taiwan mission team as they interact with her.

4th N. AMERICA *Deut 8*

Roger and **Sue Olson** of Japanese Ministries, Rock of Ages, Seattle ask for prayer for **Paul** and **Alexa Fraser** as they settle into Seattle. Paul is a 2021 seminary graduate. Praise God for Japanese Ministries providing this 18-month opportunity for the Fraser family!

5th JAPAN *Deut 9*

Pray for the pastors and churches of Japan as they seek creative ways

to proclaim the gospel inside and outside their congregations during COVID restrictions. Pray for spiritual awakening in Japan.

6th TAIWAN *Deut 10*

Pray that Victory Hakka Fellowship members will continue to care for and encourage each other during COVID restrictions while **Mike** and **Delores Kittelson** are on vacation in America.

7th N. AMERICA *Deut 11*

Dave and **Sonja Narvesen** ask prayer that they can use this month for a time of rest as they visit with family and enjoy a Minnesota summer.

8th TAIWAN *Deut 12*

Due to a fresh COVID outbreak, church activities in Taiwan are only allowed online. Pray for the sick, for those who make policy about restrictions, and for church members and missionaries seeking to reach non-Christians.

9th WORLD *Deut 13*

Today's new moon marks the Muslim New Year, also known as Hijri, observed as the day when Mohammed is to have fled from Mecca to Medina to escape persecution. Pray that many Muslims will be turned to faith in Christ in the coming year!

10th CHAD *Deut 14*

Pray for the Chadian church to have discernment in calling missionaries to team up with LBIM. Pray for God to call Chadian families to partner in His mission to evangelize unreached people groups.

11th EAST ASIA *Deut 15*

Pray that **C**, a high school student recently baptized outside the country, will quickly settle into a nurturing, Bible-based Christian group now that he is back home. Government opposition is driving many unregistered churches to break into smaller home-based groups.

12th TAIWAN *Deut 16*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** and their children during this time of COVID restrictions. Pray for good health and for opportunities to get out of their apartment and have time together with friends and colleagues.

13th N. AMERICA *Deut 17*

Matt and **Christina Smith** are traveling to the Eastern pastors conference at Tuscarora, PA (8/16-20) and will also visit their home churches in Kansas. Pray for safe travels, good health and rich fellowship.

14th CHAD *Deut 18*

For the sake of the Church and God's mission, and for the sake of all Chadians, pray for peace and political stability as the country moves ahead under the new, temporary military government.

15th TAIWAN *Deut 19*

Yang Su Gin's grandfather received baptsim last month. Pray

that Victory Hakka Fellowship members will welcome and encourage him in his new faith.

16th N. AMERICA *Deut 20*

Nathanael and **Carrie Szobody** are attending and speaking at the Eastern pastors conference at Tuscarora Conference Center (PA) through 8/20. Pray for good fellowship in the gospel, that all will be encouraged.

17th JAPAN *Deut 21*

Linda Bengtson's friend, **A-san**, has some big challenges lately, caring for an elderly parent. A-san knows much about Jesus and loves being prayed for, but still resists believing. Pray for a breakthrough.

18th N. AMERICA *Deut 22*

Claire and **Dan Rose** and their children **Ashley (8 yrs.)** and **Austin (6 yrs.)** leave for France today, arriving on August 19, and will begin their language classes in early September. Pray especially for the children's adjustments to France.

19th WORLD *Deut 23*

Despite centuries of Christian witness, few Buddhists have been brought to faith, and yet churches are being planted among Buddhists. Let us ask the Lord of the harvest to call new workers for our teams working in Japan and Taiwan

20th N. AMERICA *Deut 24*

Joel and **Liz** write "If all goes well in our visa application process, we will be returning to our host country in East Asia this month. May God be glorified in and through our teaching ministry." Pray for God's leading in this process.

21st CHAD *Deut 25*

Pray for **Jeremy** and **Sallee Stanton** as they manage the Welcome Center. Pray for good health and positive relationships with the staff.

22nd N. AMERICA *Deut 26*

Following the conference at Tuscarora (8/16) **Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** are visiting churches in the area today and on the 29th, speaking about ministry in Chad. Pray for increased vision for God's mission to Muslims.

23rd CHAD *Deut 27*

David and **Sonja Narvesen** ask prayer for the health of their friends in Doh as this is a month for diseases brought by mosquitos from the rainy season.

24th JAPAN *Deut 28*

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer for **Pastor Zeniya** as he leads the monthly Bible study at House of Hope tomorrow. Pray for hearts to be open and receptive to the good news of salvation in Christ.

25th TAIWAN *Deut 29*

Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** as they reach out to **Mrs. Wei**. Her Christian daughter is back in Taiwan for an extended visit. Pray that during this visit, Mrs. Wei can get reconnected with Christians.

26th N. AMERICA *Deut 30*

Pray for **Roger** and **Sue Olson** as they mentor **Paul** and **Alexa Fraser**

in Japanese ministry. Pray too for **Paul** and **Alexa** as they work to acquire the Japanese language.

27th JAPAN *Deut 31*

Pray for a long-time friend of **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** who is still not a believer. He's had serious health problems and greatly appreciates prayer. Pray that the Holy Spirit will draw him to faith.

28th TAIWAN *Deut 32*

Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** as they build relationships with their neighbors. Pray especially for **Mrs. Liu**, **Mrs. Li**, the **Du** and the **Huang** families.

29th N. AMERICA *Deut 33*

Pray for **Matt Smith** as he takes courses by distance through Lutheran Brethren Seminary this fall. He also continues with French lessons each week and is thankful for an effective new teacher.

30th JAPAN *Deut 34*

Pray for new workers to be called by their churches to seminary. Pray for a Japanese co-worker to join **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** at House of Hope.

31st CHAD *John 1*

Pray for **Daniel Wen** and **Nancy Wu** and their children, LB missionaries to Chad from Taiwan. Pray for physical, emotional and spiritual health, and for their continued language and cultural studies.

IN EVERY SITUATION

Sunday, June 20th was Father's Day, a special day of celebration of our dads. For the Rose family, the day was extra meaningful, as they were commissioned at Hillside Lutheran Brethren Church (Succasunna, NJ) to serve their eternal Father as his missionaries in Chad, Africa.

Many things threatened to disrupt the commissioning service – from flight disruptions to car issues, the adjusting of friends/family schedules to gather in a short period of time, and the inability for CLBA president Paul Larson to participate due to a travel disruption. But God had a plan in all this. The scripture passage that continued to present itself to Dan and Claire Rose throughout the Eastern Region Convention (the Friday and Saturday leading up to the commissioning) was Philippians 4:6-7 *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

That is exactly what Dan, Claire, Ashley (8), and Austin (6) did. They rested in God, let the stresses go, and were commissioned as missionaries by Dan Venberg, Director of Lutheran Brethren International Mission. Pastor Bruce Hillman preached on *phileo* love – the friendship love – that displays how *agape* love should be practiced; that it is best understood through agape love and viewed as fellowship or *koinonia* (communion).

And the whole service was just that – a communion in the body of Christ, coming together as family, friends, acquaintances, and celebrating the call on this couple's life and the lives of their children!

One may ask why we invest so much in sending missionaries. Dan Venberg's message reminded us that “as we take this step of faith in commissioning the family of Dan and Claire...may we be a people who hold on to the promise of God, that his purposes will prevail in all things...that we be a church of faith that has great expectation and anticipation of what God will do in and through the Rose family that you send.”

The next step for the Roses? Currently they are at MTI (Missionary Training International) in Palmer Lake, CO until August 14th. Then they are flying on August 18th to France to begin language acquisition at Les Cèdres, a French language school for missionaries near Paris. Pray for them as they take this next step, that their visas (appointment was July 15th in San Francisco) would be approved, and that their travels would be smooth and safe!

The address for the Roses for the coming year will be:

Dan & Claire Rose

c/o Les Cèdres

17 voie de Wissous

91300 Massy, France

Pray for blessings upon the Rose family as they leave behind friends and family but move ahead into the Great Commission to the unreached in Chad to which they have been called!



~ Cathy Barlow