

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st TAIWAN *2 Kings 24*

Ben and **Sara Hosch** and their children fly back to the U.S. tomorrow for home assignment. Pray for good flight connections, for rest and renewal as they visit churches, family, and friends.

2nd WORLD *2 Kings 25*

Today, Muslims celebrate the end of the month-long Ramadan fast—a time of seeking revelation from God. Pray for our missionaries as they share the gospel with Muslims, that many will be drawn to faith in Jesus Christ.

3rd FRANCE *Psalms 48-49*

Dan and **Claire Rose** are moving to Chad in June. Pray their remaining time in France will go well as they say many goodbyes. Pray for a good transition to Chad, especially for their children, **Ashley** and **Austin**. May they all find stability in the Lord amidst these stressful changes.

4th CHAD *Psalms 50-51*

Praise the Lord for a successful fourth year at the Gethsemane school in Boudamasa! Pray for a new teacher, **Celestin**, his wife, **Sabine** and their five children. They move to Boudamasa in early summer to plant fields and harvest them before the school year begins

this fall. Pray that they will have an effective witness in the community.

5th JAPAN *Psalms 52-53*

With the coming of spring, the park next to **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson's** house is filled with the sound of children's voices. They express thanks to CLB Women's Ministries for their generous gift to the House of Hope Playground Project. Pray for young families that have moved into the neighborhood.

6th TAIWAN *Proverbs 24*

Victory Hakka Fellowship is having their annual Mother's Day celebration this weekend. Pray that VHF members will take this opportunity to invite family members to attend.

7th N. AMERICA *Proverbs 25*

Pray for **Christina Smith** and **Ellie Bourque**, as they are in North Carolina to receive medical training for living and working out in the bush (5/8-19).

8th TAIWAN *Isaiah 1*

Today, Faith Righteousness LB Church celebrates 70 years of God's faithfulness. Let us pray that this congregation continues to be a light in their neighborhood, proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

9th EAST ASIA *Isa 2*

Give thanks that **D**, a young East Asian student that **Liz** has tutored, has been accepted into Hillcrest Lutheran Academy for the coming school year. Pray that he and his father might both receive visas to travel together to the U.S. in August.

10th CHAD *Isa 3-4*

This is a tough time of year in Chad, due to the intense heat and food security challenges. Following a season of poor agricultural yield, food prices are high. Pray for our missionaries, that they can minister well in this time of uncertainty.

11th UKRAINE *Isa 5*

Pray for an end to the violence in Ukraine, for a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict. Pray that all leaders involved will be open to negotiation and cooperation.

12th TAIWAN *Isa 6*

Praise God that Benevolence LBC has a new pastor. This small struggling church has been without a pastor for several years. Pray for **Pastor** and **Mrs. Jang** as they begin ministry in this community.

13th N. AMERICA *Isa 7*

Pray for **Matt** and **Christina Smith** and children as they prepare their shipment to Chad. Happy Birthday tomorrow to **Matt**.

14th N. AMERICA *Isa 8*

Pray for **Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** in their final months of home assignment before returning to Chad. Pray for good times with extended family. Happy 11th birthday **Cyril**!

15th TAIWAN *Isa 9*

Mike Kittelson asks prayer for pleasant weather as the Gospel LB church in Miaoli holds an evangelistic outreach in the park. Pray for **Mike** and **Delores** as they share the gospel through music.

16th JAPAN *Isa 10*

Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** and their new ministry partner, Pastor **Haruya Itoh**. Pray that God will use House of Hope as an effective mission center and that God will continue to supply all their needs.

17th N. AMERICA *Isa 11*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** as they speak in churches about ministry in Taiwan. Pray that they stay connected with friends in Taiwan while on home assignment. Pray that their children enjoy their summer in the U.S. Happy 9th birthday **Emery**!

18th CHAD *Isa 12-13*

David Narvesen writes “Pray for **Damji** and **Moussa**, two men who have expressed much interest in the gospel, that God will continue to give opportunities to share more with them.”

19th TAIWAN *Isa 14*

Pray for **Shing**, a teenager in **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson's** neighborhood who attends their weekly English Bible discussion group and loves to play board games. Pray for his salvation.

20th CHAD *Isa 15-16*

Pray for **Jeremy** and **Sallee Stanton** as they administer the Welcome Center. Pray for their Chadian employees to receive their

National ID cards as this has been a long and drawn-out process.

21st N. AMERICA *Isa 17-18*

Pray for the **Smith family** as they pack and prepare to travel in the western US, visiting churches and family. May 26th is **McClellan's** last day at Hillcrest Lutheran Academy.

22nd CHAD *Isa 19*

Pray for **David** and **Sonja Narvesen**, as May is one of the hottest months before the rains come. Sonja asks prayer for her language learning so she can grow in using the local language.

23rd N. AMERICA *Isa 20-21*

Next week, **Joel** and **Liz** will attend a "Debriefing and Renewal" workshop on transitioning from field-based mission in Asia to home-based mission in the US. Pray for God to draw near to them as their 23+ years of cross-cultural service in East Asia draws to a close.

24th TAIWAN *Isa 22*

Pray for the salvation of **Mr. Shing**. He recently told **Ethan Christofferson**, "If you call me a sinner, I won't be offended." Praise God for this significant step in his understanding of God's grace.

25th CHAD *Isa 23*

Pray for **Daniel Wen**, **Nancy Wu** and children, as they wait for a house to be finished in Bokoro and prepare for ministry among the Bilala people.

26th N. AMERICA *Isa 24*

Continue to pray for **Paul and Alexa Fraser** interns in Japanese Ministries, Rock of Ages, Seattle with **Roger and Sue Olson**. Pray for

God's leading toward future ministry in Japan.

27th JAPAN *Isa 25*

Dean and Linda Bengtson ask prayer for two concerts at House of Hope. Guest artists are Cymbal (**Haruya Itoh** and his brother **Shinji**) and Olive. They are also planning a welcome party for Pastor **Haruya Itoh**, who joined them in ministry at House of Hope in April.

28th TAIWAN *Isa 26*

Pray for **David Kuan** and **Janice Tin**, a couple from the CLB Church of Taiwan who are completing missionary training and have sensed a call to serve among Muslims. They are pursuing a partnership with LBIM to join our team in Chad.

29th CHAD *Isa 27*

Paul Szobody writes "Pray that the Lord calls faithful Chadian servants to become missionaries to unreached tribes and that the Chadian church exercises good discernment in the choice and call of families to come for training when we return to Chad in June."

30th JAPAN *Isa 28*

Pray for the LBC in Japan as they make plans for new missionaries to come to work alongside the church there. Pray for a continued vision and passion for outreach.

31st CHAD *Isa 29*

Praise God, the Story Project is now complete! Fifty Bible stories are recorded in four tribal languages and can be heard on cell phones. During the project two women participants came to faith and many more are interested. Pray that God will bless and use these recordings for the salvation of Muslims.

RETURN TO CHAD

Jim Narvesen, my son Jonah, my friend Oumarou, and I pulled into Pastor Abel Nissoh's house in Bokoro late in the afternoon after traveling over six hours from Boudamasa. That morning we had visited Gethsemane de Meube, the school that was created in partnership between LBIM and the Chadian LB church. The last time I had been in Boudamasa over four years ago, the school wasn't there, and Nathanael and Carrie were still breaking ground in the community without Chadian missionary partners. This time we didn't see the Szobodys because they were on home assignment, but we enjoyed visiting their team, including the teachers at the school and partner missionaries Amine Alifa and Talitha.

Before that we had been with Dave and Sonja Narvesen (Jim is Dave's dad), who recently returned to Doh from their home assignment. They rejoined longtime Chadian missionary partners Eloi Malloum and Rachel along with more recent arrivals Jean Alona and Jacqueline.



As we arrived at the home of Abel and Louise, we were also greeted by other faces that we had met only a few days before in Ndjamena. Daniel, Nancy and their three kids had taken the bus out to join us for a few days in Bokoro. Originally from Taiwan, they have joined our LBIM team in Chad, sent and supported by the Taiwan LB church. They are in the process of getting a house built in Bokoro to join the team there. In addition, we met Anatole, one of two Chadian LB evangelists who have done outreach training and are also in the process of relocating to Bokoro. Their main purpose is to work with College Marcos school, a junior high/high school, with a focus on sharing the gospel with students.

On Sunday we worshipped with the LB congregation in Bokoro. Represented in the congregation are at least 5 or 6 different ethnic groups, each with their own language, so worship is in the common language of French. None of them come from the local area originally. They have come from southern Chad, mostly for employment in government positions, and often for only a couple years. They are not in Bokoro primarily for mission work, but as they spend time with those who are, my prayer is that they will be moved to get involved, and to take that involvement with them to their next work assignment.

And that exposure to mission will likely increase. Just as the mission team has expanded in Boudamasa and the area around Doh, now it is expanding in Bokoro. The team that has been one or two families in the past (including ours for a short time) is now looking at becoming several families representing multiple cultures from across Chad and the world. Communicating the gospel cross-culturally has its challenges, and an ethnically diverse team adds to the complexity. But the mission of the gospel is a cross-cultural mission, and this multi-cultured team in Bokoro represents that. We look forward to seeing what God does through it.

~ Danny Bronson