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Elaine Esser. Remember the Easter services planned at this time of COVID19. May we be reminded once again that Jesus has risen. It is so easy to focus on chocolate bunnies and Easter eggs instead of celebrating the risen Lord, His sacrifice for us, and the fact that He is in control and sovereign in these uncertain times.

GOOD FRIDAY

*Am I a stone, and not a sheep,
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,
To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss,
And yet not weep? ...
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more
And smite a rock.*

--Christina Rossetti

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Dominique Goold, IVCF, Ryerson. Dom is recovering from a long illness (not COVID) and will check with a lung clinic, April 5. Pray for students dealing with exams after a grueling year, "burning eyes from too much online time," and much disconnection. Ask for refreshment from the Spirit and for rest during the summer and preparation for the fall.

EASTER SUNDAY

*Death is dead. Love has won,
Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!*

--Stuart Townend

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Rosemary Walker. "In response to the interest expressed by three of my former English students here in Ville St-Laurent to have an ESL class and Bible study, I have started a short series of Friday English classes, ending with the study of major events of Passion Week. This is my first real commitment since retiring."



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PRAYER CALENDAR
April 2021

PICTURED: Hil's grandmother, Maria, lives in the beautiful mountains of Chiapas, Mexico. She was one of the first believers among her people and has helped many find faith in Christ. Xerggyo and Hil continue her gospel ministry. She is failing health wise and looks forward to seeing her Saviour.

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Xerggyo & Hil. They send their love and thank Knox for supporting their ministry for the past five years, rejoicing in how the Lord is working among the people He has called them to. "It would be impossible without your work," supporting with prayer and finances. Pray for safe travel back to T on April 8 and for a resident's permit for next year and protection from COVID.

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Rachel McCordic, AIM. Colin and Rachael grieve the loss of Colin's 91-year-old paternal grandfather on March 18. "Charles was a missionary in Chad and South Africa for many years and a wonderful example of Christ's love." Also, pray for AIM Canada, dealing with office staff transitions and needing a financial assistant for a year, someone with the technical skills and the heart to serve.

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Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford. "Pray for applicants for CanIL's upcoming summer school (application deadline is April 30). There have been 50 applicants to date of the 115 we are trusting God to provide. Pray for encouragement and perseverance for the admissions team as they pour themselves into helping those considering online studies this summer."

Rejoice with us that Dave is celebrating Easter in the presence of his Lord and Saviour from here on in--for eternity! Death has truly lost its sting because of Jesus' saving work on the cross. We are forgiven because He, the sinless one, paid the price for restoring us, the sin-soaked ones, to right relationship with His Holy Father.

If you would like to pray for us, please remember the following:

- Continued **healthy processing of grief**, both individually and as a family.
- I have never been the **executor of a will** before. There is a lot to attend to and I don't want to overlook anything, so I would appreciate prayer to that end.

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Luke & Yuko Elliot Family, OMF, Japan. "At ACC, we need wisdom in charting our way forward in the face of continued travel restrictions. Please remember the construction of the new main building, which we may have to begin ourselves if the building team does not receive permission to come."

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Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel. "Praise the Lord that on April 11, a host of graduates from our student ministry days in Colombia (so many now pastors, mission leaders, university professors, lay leaders and professionals) will gather on Zoom to pray for Jack's full healing from surgery on his back on Tuesday, April 13. Please pray that he will again stand and walk freely without pain."

SUNDAY

Hanneke Cost Budde, AIM, Tanzania. Hanneke has been experiencing severe pains in her neck and right shoulder, and she may need surgery. "For now, I have been given painkillers... Oh, joy! Naomi, my worker is doing very well after her hysterectomy. Jacky is now in her third month of pregnancy."

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C & K. "The devastating locust infestation in 2020 in Ethiopia led to a government response which killed all the bees pollinating the "HH" apple orchard. Pray for a solution and a recovery of lost harvest. Please pray for me as I am under fairly sustained intense pressure. Pray that I might respond and lead with grace, wisdom and peace."

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Diane Dadian. Challenging times. Diane's 7-year-old great-granddaughter has already attended four schools because of the moves this 4-generation family has had to make recently. Pray for Diane's daughter Kathleen, wheelchair-bound after back surgery, who continues in care. Kathleen's goal for right now is to be able to sit up in her wheelchair.

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Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa. "Add the town of Musoma in Tanzania to your prayers this month. The churches there responded eagerly to a presentation by our Listen to Learn team, so we'll be launching a Local

Bible Institute there very soon. We trust it will strengthen many of the local churches.”

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I & S “We plan to marry on April 24. Pray for us as we prepare to move and for Brazil as it is gripped in a strong second wave. Thank you for praying for Debora, the volunteer from Manaus. She went to be with the Lord. Please keep praying for her family and the movement in Brazil.”

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Elizabeth Matthias, WTW, Germany. The vision for a counseling ministry is developing--thank you for continued prayers for wisdom and personnel! Grateful to see her church growing in every way in spite of the corona crisis. Her home office is settled; the church office is advancing. She is recovering strength after a bad cold, and the Lord has been teaching her to develop priorities in counseling requests.

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Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua. “Please remember our staff at the Skylark Centre in Nicaragua that they would be safe as local church groups come for events. Pray too that the name of Jesus will be lifted up and that all visitors will grow closer to Him.”

SUNDAY

Ann Chow, Event & Project Management, Toronto. “Pray for wisdom and discernment for my next steps. I appreciate the slower pace these days and consider the break as a mini-sabbatical, something I’ve never before been able to do.”

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Carluci & Christina Dos Santos, LAM. Carluci teaches an online *Intro to the Old Testament* course to 25 students from the GTA, Honduras, Colombia, and Venezuela. Pray for them as they engage with the Mission of God through this immense literary heritage and the Sacred book of our faith. Please remember Dione, Ruth Thomson’s coworker for 20 years, who continues her work among the Kayapo.

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Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change. “Pray for students during their final exams that they would experience God’s presence deeply as they study and write. Pray for preparations for virtual international mission trips in May/June and for staff transitioning to a variety of summer assignments to prepare for the next school year.”

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Knox Missions Hub, Khevna Dave & Julia Bartel. “We have been so encouraged by seeing students finish up the school year strongly despite pandemic challenges. Please pray for our upcoming plans for new missions learning courses and for the ongoing virtual opportunities to pray for the nations.”

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Sylvia Dresser. “Praise God that the Merauke Bible School is holding classes again. Pray for the visas for missionaries to get into Papua. The family with Ethnos in Saman is waiting as well as several Team missionaries.”

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Gus & Marliese, London. “I continue to teach English to my Middle Eastern friend. Another Middle Eastern family attended an in-person meeting in which we read from Genesis in Arabic. There was another Arabic reader as well. We had a very encouraging time. Pray that these friends would understand the Bible as they learn English.”

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Glen & Fern Byerly. “Pray for Malawi and many other African countries which don’t have proper protective equipment for their health workers or even vaccines. Seek God for their protection.”

SUNDAY

Knox Dinner and Food Bank. The pandemic adds to the everyday needs of those who visit Knox foodbank. Pray for God’s guidance in this ministry’s ongoing decisions and the young adults receiving help. Many of our friends have young children to raise.

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KWM Committee. The need to spread the gospel has not diminished. However, the resources available are no longer adequate. The committee seeks God’s wisdom in making decisions about ministries supported by KWM.

“My Lord knows the way through the wilderness; all I have to do is follow.”

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Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan. “Praise God for helping the lead Cou translator complete his draft of the entire Old Testament. May God guide the Cou team as they review Isaiah. May God bless and help our other indigenous Bible translation teams.”

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Chyrl Basa, FFM. “We join again with thousands of Christians lifting Muslims to the Lord in the 30 Days Ramadan prayer event: April 13 - May 12, this year. Please intercede as well for our next Day of Prayer (May 8) and God’s choice of additional Board members.”

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Dave & Rani, Brampton. “Please pray for Rani’s sister, who suffers from bipolar disease. She was feeling better but has gone into a relapse and feels very alone. This becomes difficult for Rani. We still are in touch with our local contacts via social media and phone. I also have a ministry of encouragement and prayer with pastors in India and Nepal.”

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Phase 2 workers: David & Angela Morris, Patsy McCarthy, Norine Love, Gladys Linthicum and Clarence & Cathy McMullen, Marg Roth, Pam Stedman, Eleanor Crabtree, Barbara Rahn, Donna Dong, Geri Rodman and John & Debbie Bowen.