

KWM December



“This photo was taken by from a colleague’s living room window on the northern edge of Sumas Prairie (looking south). Everything that looks like snow in the photo is water! Sumas Prairie is an agricultural area of Abbotsford, BC, that was reclaimed by draining a lake in the 1920s. Every time we have serious flooding, that lake tries to re-form.” Susan Jeffery.

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Elaine Esser. “May we remember all the Christmas programs that are being prepared to celebrate the Savior’s birth around the world. May the Lord open hearts and minds to be willing to receive His incredible gift to us in sending us his Son.”

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Dave & Rani, Brampton. “Praise God, our son, Deepak, is maturing in many ways. Dave has

been communicating with Pas. Abhi, from India, almost every day as he mentors him. Please pray for this young pastor as he faces many challenges living on his own for the first time in his life and overseeing a fledgling church in a big city. We plan to have a small Satsangh with a limited number of people in our home to share the significance of the birth of the Savior of the world.”

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Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel. They would appreciate continued prayers for her thyroid situation. On December 23 they leave for a month in Colombia “to visit, encourage, and strengthen in the Lord, former students who are now serving God as professionals, lay leaders, pastors, missionaries, and seminary professors. Pray that the Lord would protect us from infection or danger when traveling and fill us with his love and Holy Spirit as we minister to others.”

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Khevna Dave & Julia Bartel, Knox Missions Hub. “Praise God for the Live Called conference running smoothly and for many fruitful conversations about faith, work and missions! Please pray for stamina and joy as we participate in campus groups Missions Night events and prepare upcoming Christmas celebrations for our students and leaders.”

SUNDAY

Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change. Pray for students during exams. Pray for those considering summer mission trips, for preparations for January campus outreaches (especially Relevant series), and for the editorial team as they prep January’s Life on Mission blog series.

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Ann Chow, Event & Project Management. “Thank you for your prayers, it’s been a very full season this fall, and I’m grateful for the teams I’ve been able to work with. Pray for my leadership class at Redeemer University, as we wrap up a busy term. I’m beginning to work with Inter-Varsity Canada teams across Canada, from December to March to collect feedback into their national strategic priorities for the next 5 years.”

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Mary Jane Fandrich. The halal turkey is bought and apples for the apple pies. A group of active visitors hosted an American Thanksgiving Celebration at Mary Jane’s apartment for many of their immigrant neighbours. “God knows what He is doing. Serving and cleaning up after the 5000++ was exhausting, but they were young men. And of course, they did not have to shop and cook it! Following God is exhilarating.”

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Luke & Yuko Elliot, OMF, Japan. Luke and a few helpers continue to get the new multi-purpose refectory to a reasonable stage before winter. Keep praying that the snows will hold off. (Where is the snowiest city in the world? Not in Russia or Canada. Their city, Aomori holds that title!)

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Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa. “Please pray for Markus, our Canadian colleague, as he returns from a month spent with our staff in Kenya and Tanzania. Pray that there will be no health issues for himself or his family on his return. The trip seems to have been extremely helpful - pray that our debriefing process will be effective and that we’ll have wisdom to act on his input.”

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I & S. Perspectivas, Brasil. “We return to Canada on Dec 13th. Please pray as we try to sort out S’s visa situation over the holidays. We have been invited to Angola at the end of January to encourage the emerging movement there! Please pray for pandemic flying mercies!”

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Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua. “Please remember our Board as they meet this month via Zoom. It has been a challenging year financially and one of great blessing in lives impacted at Skylark and in our Los Medranos community. Pray for board chair, Heather as she leads and for Wayne as he reports and plans for 2022. Pray that God will raise up new partners and that our staff at Skylark will be blessed with many visitors.”

SUNDAY

C & K. “The factory of one of our portfolio companies in Mongolia burned to the ground in November. Please pray for J&R as they make important decisions in these days, and for God’s deep peace in their hearts, and for His Spirit to move on the hearts of local villagers observing their lives. Half of the staff of another company in Pakistan are ill because of an outbreak of dengue fever. Pray for their comfort and recovery, and for the business during these extremely difficult times. C will be travelling this month to meet investors, and to teach a finance course at Prairie College. Pray for impact, response, and labourers for the harvest.”

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Glenn & Fern Byerly. “Please continue to pray for the third world countries as they have low vaccination rates and little protective equipment. May the Lord protect, provide and comfort them in their losses.”

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Carluci & Christina Dos Santos, LAM. Latin America Mission just celebrated one hundred years of faithful ministry! A reflection on the legacy of LAM's missionary work, addresses from Jack and Mary Anne Voelkel and a time of celebration. Praise God for His faithfulness and ask for His guiding hand into the future.

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Jim Mason, SIM, Ghana. "There was no visit to the prisons due to COVID-19 restrictions." There were, however, some special visits to a few correctional centres with devotionals, Bible study materials, medical and food supplies. Praise! "Pray 2022 will see the prisons opened to enable full ministry. Pray for quick renewal of our prison permits." During Christmas and New Year festivities, the CEG Bookshops are filled. Pray for excellent customer care by staff despite the pressure.

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Xerggyo & Hil. "Join us by prayer in our walking prayer in different towns. This Christmas we'll be together with our friends to spend time to pray, worshiping together. May the Lord give us a special time?" An uncle has COVID19 and is in a critical situation. They are asking for a complete healing.

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Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford. "A new family joined the CanIL faculty at the beginning of Fall Term. They purchased a home in Sumas, Washington on the U.S. side of the border directly south of Abbotsford. Because of recent flooding in that area, everyone had to evacuate. Our colleagues' two vehicles sustained damage, plus their garage and its contents. Fortunately, their house was spared as it is built on higher ground. Pray for wisdom as the husband finishes out Fall Term well and deals with the

aftermath of the flooding. He and his wife want to reach out to their hurting neighbours over the Christmas break and help with their clean-up, too."

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Rachel McCordic, AIM. "This will be a quite different Christmas for Colin and me as we will have just arrived in Chad. Pray that the Lord will grant us travel mercies, which these days includes negative COVID tests. Please pray for us as we adjust to life in Chad."

SUNDAY

Leah Hopp, Uganda. "I have lived in Uganda for 12 years ...Thanks be to God for sustaining me through the years! I have been sick for the past week with a UTI and Amoebiasis ... but I am better now. Praise God! I am glad that the clinic is just down the road from the mission. This is the first time that I've had an amoeba in all the twelve years that I've been here."

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Chyrl Basa, FFM. Praise God for the success of the Nov. 13th Global Day of Prayer and pray that FFM may be able to have more of these next year. Ask the Lord for his provision of needed finances and added board members.

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Geri Rodman. "Pray for Carmen, new Regional Secretary for Latin America. Geri has the opportunity of coaching her and it is a great privilege. Pray for wisdom and the key steps as she begins her tenure. Pray for Geri as she completes coaching for 2021."

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Sylvia Dresser. "Printed books with Genesis in Auyu recently arrived by MAF for the people speaking that dialect [in Papua, Indonesia]. Translator Mysook hopes to have the whole

New Testament translated by 2023.”

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Elizabeth Matthias, MTW, Germany. “Man plans; the Lord’s purpose prevails! It became clear here that a home service this month would not work-- counseling needs and the Discovering Change lectures are taking priority. We are seeing more deep conviction of sin and greater joy in the love and grace of the Lord. May God bring revival this Advent and Christmas!”

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Gord & Brenda Nickerson. Josiah Venture. “COVID cases are high in most of the 16 Eastern European countries that Josiah Venture serves in. Pray for our 360 missionaries that God will give them creative ideas on how they can continue to impact for Christ the youth in these countries even amidst many restrictions.”

CHRISTMAS DAY

We rejoice in God’s gift, Emmanuel!

*Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory,
Lord of love.*

*Hearts unfold like flowers before You,
opening to the sun above.*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the
dark of doubt away;*

*Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the
light of day!*

SUNDAY

Hanneke Cost Budde, AIM, Tanzania. Thank God that Daniel is thriving and doing well, and Jacky is adjusting well to being a mom. Pray for all the kids ... Christina finishing Secondary School, Ngassa enjoying studies in computer technology. Thanks, that Hanneke’s neck is so much better! Pray for safety at their construction site where there’ve been accidents

involving an iron step ladder and a screwdriver.

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Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan. “Praise God that Tayal Bible typesetting is going smoothly. May God help the Bunun reading groups complete their work so we can finalize the Bunun translation asap. May God help the Pinuyumayan team as they review their NT translation one more time.”

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Gus & Marliese, London. “Please continue to pray for my Middle Eastern friends; the Palestinian, the Yazidi refugees, and for a Canadian friend. This Canadian and his wife may join a fellowship we are connected with. Pray for this.”

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Dom Goold, IVF. Please join Dom in praise and thanks to Jesus for 18 years of ministry with InterVarsity! Please pray for her in transition as she leaves InterVarsity staff (December 31, 2021) and aims to enter grad school for September 2022. “There is much grief in leaving, amidst hopeful expectation of things to come. Thank you for your prayers and generous support over the years!! Dom is deeply grateful!”

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Phase II Workers. Barbara Rahn, Eleanor Crabtree, Diane Dadian, Elaine Esser, Gladys Linthicum, Norine Love, Patsy McCarthy, Clarence & Cathy McMullen, David & Angela Morris, Marg Roth, Pam Stedman, Diana Wadsworth, Rosemary Walker.

NEW YEAR’S EVE

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean
not on your own understanding; in all your
ways submit to him, and he will make your
paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6*