



**Knox
World
Mission**



**PRAYER CALENDAR
February 2021**

COVER PHOTO

Mary Anne Voelkel displays the homemade Danish Christmas treats she baked for 35 neighbours. Included with each yummy was a friendly greeting and testimony to Jesus. Jack and Mary Anne had several opportunities to pray with their neighbours.

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Elizabeth Matthias, Munich, Germany. Wisdom and discernment are necessary to live and guide individuals to live worthy of the Lord within the challenges of our times. Ministry parameters are always in flux while my counselling and mentoring goals remain constant. May the Lord guide for the edification of the saints!

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Xerggyo & Hil. They are so thankful for the prayer support of so many in their quick exit to Mexico. Following quarantine, they can visit their families. They are awaiting permission to return to their chosen country to continue their ministry there. Mrs. Firenze, Xerggyo's dear mentor and church planter, went home to be with her Lord on January 19.

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Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel, Arizona. One of the ministries the two of us share is in intercessory prayer and prayer leadership. This month we have a couple of critical prayer projects in both the planning and execution stages and would greatly appreciate your prayers as we seek the Lord's face, guidance, and anointing for each one of them.

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Gus & Marliese, London. Please continue to pray for the ongoing Zoom teaching of English and also for their quarantine time. They returned recently from saying goodbye

to Marliese's mother in Switzerland. The days after the funeral were spent in comforting a relative struggling with depression.

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Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries Nicaragua. February is often a quiet month at the Skylark Centre. Please pray that our staff will be kept safe and protected from the second wave of the virus, which is just beginning to show more broadly in the community around the centre and in the country. Praise God for the faithful leadership of Mauricio and Nataly at the centre.

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John and Deborah Bowen. John's book, *God Is Always Bigger: Reflections of a Hopeful Critic* is due out from Wipf and Stock in the next couple of weeks. It contains some of his best sermons (including two preached at Knox!) and articles from the past 25 years. Please pray it will be a blessing to many.

SUNDAY

Chyrl Basa, FFM. Please be in prayer as we prepare for the February 13 Day of Prayer for the Muslim World. Pray for the line up of sharers and speakers, as well as the facilitators for each Zoom breakout group. Pray as well that we will see more participation from the younger generation.

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Hanneke Cost Budde, AIM, Tanzania. Things have been hectic, but they have moved into their new home, praise the Lord! So far, it has been delightful to be in a house with running water, warm showers, windows you can close, living in a quiet neighbourhood and with no mould! God is so good!!! Please pray for safety in travels and Jackie, Kiri & Faraja.

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Gord & Brenda Nickerson, Josiah Venture -- Central & Eastern Europe, North America. Gord's father-in-law, who was in palliative care for seven months, passed away on January 14. They rejoice over a life well-lived for the Lord. Pray as they continue to adapt their ministries in the ongoing COVID-shaped environment.

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Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan. May God continue to inspire and lead the Paiwan and Tsou teams to translate the Old Testament into their indigenous languages.

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Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change. Pray for the eight new online campus Alpha groups starting up, as well as for a digital missions experience during Reading Week mid-Feb. Pray for Christian students as they take steps of faith to reach out to their friends, near and far. Continue to pray for the mental health focus of the P2C-Students social media throughout Feb, that this series will serve the student community well through topics and resources.

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Leah Hopp, Uganda. I will return to Uganda on February 23 after five weeks of vacation in Ontario. May God refresh me and rejuvenate me for the work.

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Geri Rodman. Feb. 15th Prayer for IFES Latin American countries that will have a conference on Evangelism by Zoom. Pray for the creativity and hope for reaching students with the Gospel. On Feb.22-24, Geri will be debriefing the country CEOs regarding the conference and the desires for this term.

Pray for good connection personally as well as internet-wise.

SUNDAY

Dominique Goold, IVCF, Ryerson University. Praise God for a great conference (Ambition2020--for chapters in the planting phase) that InterVarsity USA held and invited fellow chapters from around the world to join. The emphasis on being with Jesus was powerful and was framed and embodied by each leader. Please pray for us to lean into this call.

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Rachel McCordic. After quite a long journey, AIM Canada is finally celebrating the sale of our former office building! We praise the Lord for His provision in the long process! We moved to our new office in spring of 2020. The Lord is continuing to call people to serve overseas, even in the midst of a pandemic. Please pray for missionaries who are planning on heading to the field in early 2021. COVID makes travel much more complicated!

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Ann Chow, Event & Project Management. I'm pleased to be partnering with Cardus (Cardus.ca), a Christian Canadian think tank, as they plan their in-person events this year in Ottawa and across Canada. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we plan.

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Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa. We have our first new Local Bible Institutes in over a year, launching in late January & February. Our staff are thrilled at getting back into the saddle, and the pastors & leaders who've been waiting so long are delighted it's now their turn. Please remember these events joyfully in your prayers.

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C and K request prayer for the following: i) wisdom in restructuring a business in Central Asia which failed due to external corruption -- the team of nationals want to keep the company going to continue its essential legacy and believe it has real commercial potential ii) strength in managing 26 active companies during a most stressful time iii) discernment in concluding several investment processes with BAM companies in India, Vietnam & Laos, Jordan and Kyrgyzstan.

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Carluci and Christina dos Santos, LAM. In the context of this pandemic, there is confusion, hopelessness, fear, material and personal losses across the continent. People are grieving. Paul urges in 1 Tim 2:1-3 “that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Saviour.” (1 Tim 2:1-3) Let us join in prayer over the impact of COVID!

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Knox Missions Hub, Khevna Dave & Julia Bartel. Praise God for such an encouraging engagement during the Relevant Series. Being online allowed for many to join globally as well! Exciting that 333 students joined a final Relevant Week Zoom on “Where do we find meaning in life?” Atheist and Christian presenters were respectful to each other, and real conversations followed the presentations. “Please pray with us for wisdom as we re-imagine our summer plans to engage among pandemic uncertainties.”

SUNDAY

Sylvia Dresser. Pray for granting a new visa for the Bruce family (Ethnos), who are doing language study and translation in the Saman /Pirimapun dialect. Praise God for speedy sales of a book in the Hatam language on Family Life. 1000 sold and more ordered.

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Dave and Rani, Brampton. Please pray for “D,” a former Hindu, who gave his heart to Christ just before Christmas. His mother and others are not thrilled about his new-found faith. Thanks be to God for a marked improvement in Rani’s health and that of her sister in India!

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David & Susan Jeffery, Abbotsford. There have been no developments in answer to prayers for CanIL’s MATS program launch, so continuing prayer would be very welcome. Please join CanIL staff and students in praying for 115 applicants for Summer Term 2021. To date, 29 students have made application.

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S and I. Please pray for the four new ministries beginning through Perspectives to help the local church mobilize through children’s and small group curricula, connect candidates to agencies, and help Brazilians raise support in Brazil. Thank God for the Brazilian businessman who is supporting all four new staff for one year!

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The Kayapó people of Brazil. The Kayapó have been in the news because of the medicine they use to



cope with COVID. Ruth Thomson spent many decades within her adopted tribe. Ruth is in Glory now--let's continue to pray for the ongoing work among her beloved people!

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Luke & Yuko Elliot. With COVID-19 restrictions and influences limiting the number and scope of programs and events at ACC, Luke has been devoting more time to preaching, including video and Zoom sermons for distant churches. After a year's delay, please pray that we will be able to begin construction on the new multi-purpose refectory this spring.

SUNDAY

Phase 2 workers: Elaine Esser. May the Lord protect us from COVID 19 and grant wisdom in when to go out. **Pamela Stedman.** "How grateful I am that Knox Church continues to have a concern for 'their missionaries' and the spread of the Gospel to many parts of the world. Please pray that God will keep me from falling." **Barbara Hanna's** nursing home is closing; pray for a new care place very soon. **Barbara Rahn.** Her sister Carol is struggling with cancer. **Mary Jane Fandrich.** Things have become even worse in Lebanon. Pray for wisdom in efforts to help. **Eleanor Crabtree.** Pray as she settles into Seasons, Owen Sound.

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Phase 2 workers: Diane Dadian, David & Angela Morris, Patsy McCarthy, Donna Dong, Rosemary Walker, Norine Love, Glenn & Fern Byerly, Gladys Linthicum, Marg Roth, and Clarence & Cathy McMullen.