



**Knox
World
Mission**

PRAYER CALENDAR
January 2021

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"I went to Namalu to spend time with my community health teacher's twin nieces. They are 7.5 years old. Little Leah is in the turquoise dress and little Stephanie is in the red. Praise God that they have been healthy." –Leah Hopp

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New Year: *"...those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."* Isaiah 40:31

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Rosemary Walker AIM. "I officially retired on December 31. I can only thank and praise God for Knox Church, the Knox World Mission Team and everyone who has prayed for and supported me throughout my 45 years in missions. Dear Father, I do thank and praise you for beloved Knox Church. Bless her and continue to use her for many years to come."

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Dominique Goold, IVCF, Ryerson University. Please pray for Dom and others attending an online InterVarsity USA conference called **Ambition**, January 8-10. The goal? To further help those who are planting ministries on campus during this pandemic. "Pray that we will receive what we need as we step into ministry this winter, navigating the limits to connecting with new students. Pray for breakthroughs and for us to be sensitive to God's leading. "

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Xerggyo & Hil. They are rejoicing that Hil is recovering well from her surgery. They are incredibly grateful for the many friends who came to support them. This also an exciting time to share with friends who are learning about the good news.

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Dave & Rani, Brampton. “Please pray for D., a Hindu university student whom we believe has come to faith in Christ. Dev is discipling him. Both D & R keep in touch with folks locally as well as in India and Nepal. Rani would be grateful for your continued prayers for her health.”

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Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua. “We give thanks that again this month, hundreds of local youths at several events will be disciplined and trained in leadership at our Skylark Center. Pray for each one to grow closer and deeper in their relationship with Jesus and for those leading them to be filled with God’s Spirit.”

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Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa. “Pray that Listen to Learn will be able to start five new Local Bible Institutes in January. We caught up with our graduations in November/December but now have a heavy demand for new schools. This is so encouraging after 2020’s slowdown!”

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Geri Rodman, IVCF. Pray for Geri as she continues coaching leaders of student ministries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Pray as all student ministries begin on January 15.

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David & Susan Jeffery, Abbotsford. Please pray for 1) wisdom for those setting up CanIL’s new M.A. in Translation of Scripture (MATS) program; 2) feedback from prospective Ethiopian participants as to whether they can be part of the launch; 3) peace and the averting of civil war in Ethiopia.

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Hanneke Cost Budde, AIM, Tanzania. Kiri, Baraka, Faraja, and Jackie were home from school for Christmas; Mfaume enjoys pharmaceutical studies; Mahona and Margreth are running the orphanage just outside town; Ngassa is getting good marks but also getting into trouble at school. Hanneke plans to retire from AIM around August/September and stay in Tanzania to care for her kids. Pray for all.

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LAM, Carlucci Dos Santos and family. Isabela, Nicoli & Hannah all busy. "The work of Ruth Thomson continues to bear much fruit! Since the second wave of Covid-19 related restrictions, we have resumed our activities online with our Celebration P.C. congregation...We are doing well, working from home, missing our warm connections, but trusting we'll soon be able to see each other and hug friends."

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FFM, Chyrl Basa. Exciting things are brewing in 2021! We are in talks with FFM UK to organize a global day of prayer. We hope to connect with praying friends in Australia and New Zealand to take part in this event. Please be in prayer that God will guide and lead in the planning. Pray as well for the line up of sharers and trainers for 2021.

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C & K As they enter the 2nd half of the fiscal business year, please pray for i) companies to see a significant recovery in business operations from North Africa to Southeast Asia as we pray for the pandemic to recede ii) wisdom concerning new business-as-mission investment opportunities iii) the ability to resume travel to better serve the global business community supported by the company.

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Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change. “A mental health crisis existed on Canadian campuses long before the Covid-19 pandemic and has deepened over the past year--and in reality, amongst followers of Christ as well as the general population. This will be the month-long focus of the P2C-Students blog beginning mid-Jan. Pray that this series will serve the student community well.”

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Knox Missions Hub, Khevna Dave & Julia Bartel. “Please pray for Relevant Series week, January 18-22, at the University of Toronto campus: Although it will look very different this year being online, we are hopeful for God to continue to use us to encourage and equip students to engage faithfully during this upcoming outreach week! “

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Donna Dong, Inter-Varsity, Canada. Donna will speak on “Witness: One Heart + One Mind” at the annual mission conference of Grace Chinese Church, North York, during three meetings, Jan. 29-31. Pray for God’s presence and that the church would be further empowered and equipped to take part in Missio Dei (Mission of God), bearing witness to Jesus through concrete word and deeds amid COVID.

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Gus & Marliese, London. They are in Switzerland, December 20 to January 20. “Please pray for our time with Marliese’s mom [elderly and failing] and the rest of her family. We’ll probably see only a few due to COVID.”

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Leah Hopp, Uganda. Leah is hoping to visit Canada after New Year’s, quarantining, then seeing family, coming on to Toronto possibly in February. “Please pray for the logistics of my travels

and that I will be rejuvenated through my time away from the mission.” Ask for stamina for clinic staff coping with COVID protocols and with attempted and successful thefts of equipment.

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Sylvia Dresser. “The Bible school in Merauke, Papua, has reduced the program to two years. Transportation problems with Covid led to a late start in Oct. with three students in level 1 and 7 in Level 2. A prisoner in Merauke who trusted Christ has led another prisoner to the Lord.”

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Jim Mason, Kitchener. *Africa Study Bible:* The English *Africa Study Bible* is equipping several thousand pastors in Malawi, Zimbabwe and Tanzania. Pray for a shipment to South Sudan, on rivers and roads for some months. On the French side, \$208,000 is needed for the first printing. Pray! “Thank you once again for your continued interest...we live in most challenging times but must not lose sight of God’s faithfulness, power, mercy and compassion.”

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Elizabeth Matthias, Munich, Germany. “Enjoying the intense partnership in counselling ministry with the FeG church! Thankful for my own office there now. Wisdom to advance mentoring needed—and regarding the corona impact... Swamped here....”

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Mary Jane Fandrich. 2020 has included a heart attack and several hospital stays. No one plans this. Mary Jane is praising God for the care received and growing strength. Onward! To Dallas through the winter. Then Lebanon? Toronto in the summer? “Go tell It on the Mountain, shout, shout, God with us!”

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Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel, Arizona. “We praise the Lord for answering your prayers as we took a loving letter (which included the good news of Jesus) and a tin of homemade Danish cookies to 34 of our neighbours.” All but one were at home, and they prayed with them and for them [at a safe distance!]. People’s hearts seemed soft, and many expressed gratitude. Pray for on-going opportunities to love and care and to share Jesus in word and deed.

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Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan. May God help Paul and the Bunun and Tayal Bible translation teams he supports to complete the final checking required before typesetting can begin. Paul thanks God for daily internet contact with all his teams as they progress.

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Israel and Shay: “The Brazil Perspectives course produced a very successful online course attended by 2,000 students! Thank God, a student who is a businessman recently committed to paying four salaries to expand the team, developing resources to mobilize through local churches. Please pray this extravagant, sacrificial gift would result in many more missionaries to be sent! Shay continues to learn language and support raise. We are glad to be reunited!”

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Donna Dong, Geri Rodman and Rosemary Walker all announce retirement with this issue of our bulletin, but their ministries are NOT concluded! We’ll call them “Phase II”, and continue to pray for the Lord’s guidance and blessing on all future service in His Kingdom.

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Ann Chow, Event & Project Management. “I’m grateful to be planning events for [Cardus](#), a Christian think tank in Canada based in Hamilton and possibly other organizations as well. Please pray as I discern the direction of my ministry in 2021 and beyond.”

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Luke and Yuko Elliot, Japan. Please continue to pray those stored building supplies will survive Aomori’s tough winter, ready for exciting 2021 plans!

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Gord & Brenda Nickerson, Josiah Venture-- Central & Eastern Europe, North America. Gord’s ministry with local youth pastors and the overseas team keeps him busy. Wisdom is needed for planning future ministry, and perseverance in publishing his book on global youth ministry. Brenda hopes to complete her certificate work in spiritual direction by April. Her father continues to suffer in a hospice in Vancouver.

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S. Payne, Japan. One of Sylvan’s Introduction to Christianity students shared that last year while studying in Minnesota, she lost her critical meal plan/dorm key/student card on a bus and was frantic. A Christian ESL volunteer found her i.d. and rushed to return it. That is why this student has now joined S’s course. Praise God for ALL His work and workers!

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Phase 2 workers: Diane Dadian, Elaine Esser, John & Deborah Bowen, David & Angela Morris, Barbara Rahn, Patsy McCarthy, Norine Love, Barbara Hanna, Glenn & Fern Byerly, Gladys Linthicum, Pam Stedman, Marg Roth, Eleanor Crabtree and Clarence & Cathy McMullen.