







# PRAYER CALENDAR

# **June 2021**

Above: Images from the ministry of Listen to Learn, founded by Knox supported missionary Bill Fitch. Listen to Learn uses personal audio devices to share preaching and teaching recordings to assist in the training and development of local pastors and community leaders throughout Africa.

1

The Elliot Family, OMF, Japan. With our Canadian construction team still unable to come due to continuing travel restrictions, we have decided to hire a local contractor to build the foundation of our new main building in June. We are grateful for the generous donation from Knox that has made this solution financially viable for us.

2

Carluci & Christina Dos Santos, LAM. Please pray for clearance of paperwork as we prepare to send two 17 ton containers of dehydrated food from Ontario to support local churches and outreach ministries to Venezuelan refugees in Colombia. Food security is even more critical now, but local govt red tape barriers remain a challenge.

3

Dominique Goold, InterVarsity, Ryerson. Please pray for Dom and her colleagues, along with some students as they prepare a mini student gathering for undergrad students in the GTA called, "Wonder," June 4-6. We will be engaging with God in scripture via podcasts we made, time with community and being outside, with a focus on the theme of wonder. Please pray for encounters with the living God for us individually and communally.

4

Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford. CanIL's VP of Administration will be having surgery on June 9 for kidney cancer. The tumour is in an awkward place. Pray that it can be removed with partial kidney surgery rather than his losing the whole kidney. Pray also for a steady and full recovery.

5

I & S. Perspectivas, Brasil. Thank God, both S&I have received their first shots, and are hopeful to squeeze in

their booster before departing. S has also officially started her language learning online. Please pray as the couple discerns the best moment to transition to Brazil in the coming months. There is so much happening, for which we thank God!

# **SUNDAY**

The PCC General Assembly. This is the first day of the on-line Assembly, with over 200 Commissioners from across Canada meeting to look for God's guidance on issues of Christian marriage and many other important matters of Church doctrine and practice. Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire and over-rule during these 4 days, and to guide Moderator Dan Scott.

#### 7

Rachel McCordic, AIM. Working from home can be lonely, as I miss interacting with my colleagues and visiting missionaries at the AIM office. However, I feel that the Lord is calling me into a time of more intentional prayer. Pray that the Lord will open up opportunities for me to share His love with neighbours, in particular three ladies who live on the same floor as we do.

## 8

Ann Chow, Event & Project Management. Thanks for your constant care and prayer. Please continue to pray for #HACK (www.indigitous.org/hack), a global Christian hackathon (a gathering of technologists working together to build digital solutions to issues faced in our cities, churches and global missions). A global team is now recruited and already bringing terrific ideas to the project this year. Please pray as we begin to work collaboratively together.

# 9

The PCC General Assembly, Part 2 and onward. Today marks the end of the PCC's annual meeting.

Pray for decisions made, and for the ongoing ministry

of the denomination and all congregations across Canada, including Knox. May Jesus be lifted up and followed.

## 10

Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel. Pray for Colombia, a country currently in social chaos and for the University Student Ministry there. Last Month COVID took the lives of so many, including the husbands (and breadwinners) of Maritza, the General Secretary of the Movement and Choli, their new Administrator. Pray for the grieving staff and students, and for God's strength and anointing as young workers pray in their support and step into the leadership gap.

#### 11

Hanneke Cost Budde, AIM, Tanzania. I am hoping to get access to the vaccine so I can travel more easily. Pray for this as I really need to get to Canada—hopefully in July.

### 12

C & K. The Ministry of Education in an important southeast Asia country has just granted an international school license to one of our key investments. This is a HUGE answer to prayer and a such an encouragement to M &R and all of us who took such a big step of faith together. Your prayers now are requested for a significant additional amount of funding and student recruitment required to recover lost ground due to COVID. Pray for the Lord's timely provision in the runup to the school opening in its new facility in August.

# **SUNDAY**

Donna Dong. Donna has two Zoom preaching engagements with Chinese congregations this month, and she'll be focusing on the Parables of the Soils, and the Wise and Foolish Builders. Pray for insights from God's Spirit, for good seeds sown and solid foundations laid.

# 14

Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa. Please pray for the 9 new Local Bible Institutes that have started in the past 3 months. They're small—98 students in all—but it's a great fresh start under still-difficult travel conditions.

## 15

Jim Mason. Pastors and Christian Leaders
Conferences: Challenge Enterprise Ghana is trusting
God for a high turnout in the 2021 conference following
the suspension of the in-person conference in 2020 due
to Covid-19. Please pray for God's blessings on these
conferences.

# 16

Elizabeth Matthias, MTW, Germany. Every Tuesday I'll be presenting a new course we're developing for the church: "Discovering Change" [the core of what she had been working on in her DMIN studies], as well as leading a women's retreat, June 25-26th. May all our hearts grow in grace and truth!

## **17**

Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua. Please pray for the staff at Skylark and the folk of Los Medranos that they will be protected from the latest surge in COVID cases in their community.

## 18

Elaine Esser. We need to ask the Lord to give world leaders wisdom for public health regulations as vaccines role out in different countries. These will affect the work of our different missionaries wherever they are situated. This is a very sneaky virus. May the Lord encourage His servants in each of their places of service.

# 19

Leah Hopp, Uganda. A former mission family will return to the field to pack up their house into a container the last two weeks in June. Scheduling a container is often a very difficult endeavour when

specific dates are needed. Others on the mission are going on vacation during their second week so we hope that the container will arrive while many hands are available for all the work involved. Please pray that they will have a healthy goodbye to Uganda.

# **SUNDAY**

Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change. Pray for continuing conversations from May's Digital Mission Trip. Pray for students as they enter into summer: that they would continue good rhythms of connecting with God and community. Pray for graduating students as they transition into the workplace: that they would transition well and that a foundation of faith would ground them as they continue forward in life.

#### 21

Khevna Dave & Julia Bartel, Knox Missions Hub. We are excited to launch a new Rethink Missions Intensive this June as we continue to disciple and learn together with students! Please also pray for strength and endurance for our Missions Hub staff as we are coming out of an exhausting season.

#### 22

Sylvia Dresser. Due to the action of a small group of rebels, the Indonesian military are carrying out massive retaliation. Many Papuan villages, mainly Christian, are emptying as people flee their homes and gardens to hide in the jungle. Pray for peace and the provision of food and other needs for our displaced brothers and sisters.

#### 23

Gus & Marliese, London. Please pray for our English teaching ministry among refugees and our work with a new church plant. Marliese recently injured her knee, is on crutches and will have a CAAT scan soon. Pray for good treatment choices, and for healing.

### 24

KWM leadership. Do welcome and lift up two new additions to the KWM committee: Carly Schroeder and Matthew Bodkin. And remember Don Nicol, long-time member of the committee, currently recovering from a serious bicycle crash-up, and still phoning from his bed to make sure this prayer bulletin is going forward!:)

#### 25

John Bowen. In April, John received the Archbishop of Canterbury's award for Evangelism and Witness, citing "his attractive articulation of the love of God for all people, with a particular heart for those who have not yet heard the name of Jesus, and for his mentoring and discipling of Christian leaders." Lovely! (John did not submit this as a request, but we offer it gratis as a praise to God, and in acknowledgment of John's fine work!)

## 26

Dave & Rani, Brampton. Devanand is in touch with pastors and other Christian leaders in India and Nepal almost on a daily basis for a ministry of encouragement. Rani continues to meet with H1ndu, S1kh and Musl1m ladies in our neighbourhood. Pray for their son, Deepak, who suffers from loneliness during this pandemic.

# **SUNDAY**

Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan. Thank God for young evangelist Yapasuyongu who joined the Cou Bible translation team recently. May God use his gifts to contribute to ongoing translation of the Cou Old Testament and to inspire older members of the team.

## 28

Chyrl Basa, FFM. Pray as we prepare for the August 14th Day of Prayer. The November Global Day of Prayer is also underway, in coordination with FFM UK and Glasgow. We are thankful for growing interest in prayer and outreach to Muslims. FFM sent out this article written by board member Lane Davis, to encourage and challenge our prayer partners and churches worldwide.

#### 29

Marg Roth. With all the changes going on around here I have had many new PSWs from many different countries. Several of them are believers and most of them have challenges with work, living in Canada, getting their English proficiency . . . my prayer list grows!

#### 30

Phase II Workers. David & Angela Morris, Patsy McCarthy, Norine Love, Gladys Linthicum, Clarence & Cathy McMullen, Pam Stedman, Eleanor Crabtree, Barbara Rahn, Rosemary Walker. The Byerlys ask us to pray for those in Africa who need vaccines, PPE, ventilators. Pray for families who have lost family and friends.

