



Kiri, Hanneke Cost Budde's *daughter* admires a baby chick in her veterinarian class.

**God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that *Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***  
Phil. 2:9-11

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**Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa.** "At Listen to Learn we're engaging in quite a rethink of the way our curriculum is organized and made available to our

students (c. 700 at present)." Two of their people (Todd & Markus) have just returned from Africa and Brian will be there early in the new year to continue the reassessment. Pray for Bill's "wobbly health" as he very much hopes to be part of that process.

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**Glenn & Fern Byerly.** "Pray for the three children of my sister who passed away in October as they face the first Christmas without her."

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**SUNDAY**  
**Leah Hopp, OPC, Uganda.** "My community health team will share Christmas stories and songs alongside their health lessons in the villages this month. Please pray that God will open our neighbours' ears and increase their understanding of his character as he draws them closer to himself. *Bua Emmanuel!* (Come Immanuel!)"

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**Colin & Rachel McCordic, AIM.** "It's hard to believe it's been almost a full year that we've been in Chad! Pray for us in the last days here as we say goodbye to many dear friends. We do believe the Lord is calling us to return to Chad (maybe early 2024?). Pray for us as we transition back into life in Canada and take the necessary steps to prepare for full time ministry. Thank you, Knox, for being part of this past year!"

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**Xerggyo & Hil.** We are enjoying spending this extended time with our Mexican family and close friends and many supporters. Our small furlough house in the jungle is finished and looks beautiful. We are looking forward to spending January in Toronto, with chances to see many of our Canadian amigos. Please remember our ministry that we plan to return to in April.

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**Ann Chow, Event & Project Management.** "In December, I'll be prepping to teach a new course at Redeemer U on project management and innovation. A few of us (Nicky Laxton-Ward, Jerusha Retnakanthan, Christine Park & I) and hopefully more, will be heading to Urbana together, so your prayers for safe travels and hearing what God is doing around the world and how we can join him in mission, would be amazing!"

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**Elizabeth Matthias, MTW, Germany.** "The Spirit worked in the first Discovering Change seminars, as well as in the start of the ladies' mentoring group. Heart level work is progressing there and in counsellors! As counselling requests increase, may workers equipped for the harvest also increase, and all funding. Thank God that Love has entered into this evil regime and walks among and through us, to rescue us completely! Merry Christmas!"

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**Gord & Brenda Nickerson, Josiah Venture.** Continue to pray for the JV Team in Ukraine, asking for safety and wisdom for those who continue to stay to serve the church and their neighbours, and for an end to this horrific war. Pray as Gord and Brenda discern which youth pastors and couples to mentor and coach this coming year. Pray for their daughter Amy, seeking local ministry employment in her field of communications/writing.

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**Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan.** "The Bunun Bible translation team plan to meet December 12-16. Lead translator Rev Manias who is 83 had chemotherapy last month. May God grant him good health and help the team finalize their translation this week."

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## SUNDAY

**Carlucci & Christina Dos Santos, LAM.**

"Please pray for Brazil, for social peace and stability as people continue to protest all over the country following allegations of irregularities and fraud in the recent presidential elections. I appreciate your prayers as I continue to work with denominational leaders with the view to start new theological education programs for Spanish and Portuguese speaking leaders in Canada."

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**Elaine Esser.** "May the Lord use all the Christmas season's events to open the spiritual eyes of those who hear the good news of Jesus' Birth. God with us, the hope of the nations. God Bless."

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**Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford.** "Pray especially for our newer faculty members, some of whom will be teaching a course in Spring Term for the first time. For most this means updating and personalizing their predecessor's course. For some it involves creating a course that's never been offered before at CanIL. Pray for wisdom, creativity, and undistracted times over the Christmas break to accomplish what needs to be done."

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**Luke & Yuko Elliot, Aomori Christian Center, Japan.** Pray for Luke and Yuko and sons, continuing to visit supporters and churches in the Toronto area while on home assignment. They are so looking forward to being reunited with daughters Grace and Faith, joining with them at Christmas. Pray for the ongoing work on the Aomori Christian Center back in Japan, laying foundations for the new ministry year to come.

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**Gus & Marliese, London.** "Please continue to pray for the Metis family we visit

as well as the Yazidis. In this latter family the mother is a believer along with at least one of her children. After teaching some English to the father I read from the New Testament in Arabic. May this develop into deeper conversations with the two parents.”

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**Khevna & Sharon, Knox Mission Hub.** “Praise God for good times of learning on Faith, Work and Missions at our last Luke 10:2 Gathering. We have also recently been inviting students to consider taking steps of faith to go on upcoming summer mission trips. Please pray for these students to keep learning and discerning next steps well.”

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**Dave & Rani, Brampton.** “Thank God for the many newcomers (mainly international students) we meet in Brampton. We plan to invite a few for a Christmas dinner. Pray that we will have good opportunities to chat about Jesus' birth. Please continue to pray for Deepak as he finds his schoolwork a challenge at times; please pray for focus.”

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**SUNDAY**

**Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua.** Join them in praising God for the hundreds of Nicaraguans who will visit Skylark Center in December, seeking to grow closer and deeper in their walk with Jesus. Their church communities face difficult times, with ongoing and ever-changing government reporting requirements. Remember their Nicaraguan leader, Mauricio, the administrative leadership team, Natalie & Noiling, and all Skylark staff as they reflect Jesus' love to young children, clinic patients and hundreds of guests this month.

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**Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel.** “Student work in North and South America took a huge hit during COVID. Let’s pray together for many students to attend this Urbana, and for spiritual and financial provision for staff workers in Canada, the US, and Latin America.”

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**Mary Jane Fandrich.** “Thank God for stamina to pursue the witness to the Middle Eastern community where I live in Texas. Thank God for His witness to His birth and coming to us at the City of David with shouting and wild joy, with angels: Messiah the Lord.” Pray that His witness will find willing, receptive hearts amongst them.

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**Sylvan Payne, Japan.** Sylvan requests prayer for strength and mobility, “and that I can finish my full-time teaching career well in January.”

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**Sylvia Dresser.** “At last! Sixty-two years after we arrived in Pirimapun, [Bible] translation has started in that dialect. When we left Pirimapun, Ken said he left his heart there and our prayers for that area are now being answered. Sam Bruce of Ethnos reported that he and Simson are working daily on translation. Years ago, Don Gregory made a start on translation but had to leave for the USA. Pray for God's protection for the translators.”

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**C & K.** Remember C. as he continues his travels around the world, supporting businesses which provide believers with opportunities for employment. Pray for open doors for witness, and protection for exciting new enterprises.

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**Hanneke Cost Budde, Tanzania.**

“Thanksgiving for my good visit with friends and family in Holland and Canada. All the kids doing well. Baraka has finished Secondary school. We won't know the results until January. Pray for our Christian neighbour Makala who had a huge lump removed from his face. It will be tested. Remember his wife and children.”

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**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Emmanuel! God with us!

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**26**

**Chyrl Basa, FFM.** Praise God for the Zoom Global Day of Prayer for the Muslim World, Nov. 12th! “We had 85 participants coming from over 10 countries, interceding for 8 field workers serving in some of the hardest to reach Muslim communities.” Pray for even more participation in this global prayer movement, and for God's sustaining of FFM's finances in the coming year.

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**27**

**Jim Mason.** The depreciation of the currency, high inflation, and fuel hikes have put more strain on CEG's finances. Pray for results from fund-raising events. Recently, the Good News Bible Church Prison Ministry partnered with the CEG Prison Ministry to visit the James Camp Prison in Roman Ridge, Accra, for fellowship with the inmates and to donate. Prison doors closed to visits for over 2 years due to COVID-19 were opened. Praise!

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**28**

**I & S. Perspectivas, Brasil.** Thank God: the TEAM board in Brazil decided to send Brazilians to the field! It's significant for the Brazilian sending movement to have another strong international agency behind it. Pray that God would use I & S to help establish many more workers in a place of great need, beginning in early 2024. Please also pray for the visas of the

9 ministry workers to come quickly so that they can receive language training in Toronto, as we prepare for our transition.

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**29**

**Luke and Yuko Elliot, Japan.** "Pray for safety as we travel around Ontario visiting churches and prayer groups. Pray for wisdom and guidance in remotely overseeing ongoing work on our building project during our absence from Japan."

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**30**

**Rosemary Walker.** Many thanks to all who have been praying for 17-year-old newcomer Feng Tian and his family. Feng has been missing since October 17<sup>th</sup>. Rosemary has passed on to her English student Emily (the adoptive mother of Feng) that she has received many beautiful messages of love and assurances of prayer. Emily thanks you for your support. “May the Lord reveal His love and saving grace to them all, and also miraculously lead Feng home.”

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**Phase II Workers.** John & Debra Bowen, Eleanor Crabtree, Diane Dadian, Gladys Linthicum, Norine Love, Patsy McCarthy, Clarence & Cathy McMullen, David & Angela Morris, Barbara Rahn, Marg Roth, Pamela Stedman, Diana Wadsworth.