

KWM January 2022



John and Deborah Bowen enjoying a snow day
in Hamilton

NEW YEAR'S DAY

*"...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

SUNDAY

Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford. "Pray for CanIL students, staff and faculty ... travelling over the Christmas/New Year's break; for journeying mercies, freedom from Covid, and no major hassles over pandemic protocols as they cross international borders. Pray for refreshing times with friends and family, and renewed commitment to the challenging term ahead that kicks off on Jan. 10th."

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Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel. The Voelkels praise God for a good report regarding Mary Anne's thyroid tumor and thus were able to travel to Colombia to spend Christmas with several of their family members. Please pray for Mary Anne and Jack as they stay on in Colombia from **January 3-24**, to visit and encourage a long list of former students who are now pastors, seminary teachers, counselors, lay leaders and student workers in three cities. "Pray for God's protection, wisdom, love and strength as they seek to reach out well to each one."

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Ann Chow, Event & Project Management.

"I've been called for jury duty on Jan. 4. I may be selected or not, which means my plans are tentative. If I do, I'm excited to read a book and journal! Otherwise, good things are brewing, thanks be to God."

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Carluci & Christina Dos Santos, LAM.

"Please pray for a restful time away for Christina and me at the beginning of January. We are looking forward to that (and the girls too). Later on in the month, I will go to Brazil to visit some of LAM ministries amongst the Kayapos and the Enawene-Nawe peoples groups (and spend some time with family). Please pray all logistical details will be in place so I can take this time off. I am still working on the details with those who will be giving leadership to the ministry at Celebration."

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Colin & Rachel McCordic, AIM. Colin and I have now landed in Chad and are just starting to settle in. Classes for me start January 3 and Colin starts on January 5. Pray for us as we begin to develop relationships with our students. We are very thankful for the wonderful commissioning service at Knox we

had just before we left.

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Mary Jane Fandrich. “The opportunity for sharing the scripture both orally and in language appropriate hard copy is very satisfying. The Word itself has power to change the minds and hearts. Pray for the increasing community in which God has placed me to live that hearts will be soft and receptive amongst the many recent immigrants fleeing impossible home environments... They have arrived with only what they were wearing, and no idea of what the rest of the world looks like. They bring their anger and frustration with them, and may they find God’s Love and Peace, His Good News amongst us.”

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Luke & Yuko Elliot, OMF, Japan. Praise God that they were able to complete the roof before winter and for potential new workers who could be joining the ministry of ACC as early as next spring. Please pray that they will be able to arrive at an ideal arrangement with contractors for doing the electrical work on the new building, and for wisdom in planning and preparing for winter camps.

SUNDAY

Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa. “Our work in Kenya and Tanzania has *really* wakened up from its post-Covid slowdown. Lots happening! New schools starting, new work in translation, and an invigorated staff. We’ve fortunately been able to have our newest Canadian staffer, Markus, spend last month there getting to know all our workers at first hand.... There is a deep hunger to know God more and more. A thirst to understand the Word of God.”

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I & S. Perspectivas, Brasil. “Thank God for a

time to rest and connect with friends, family and supporters over Christmas. Sadly, we were unable to visit the movements in Angola and Portugal due to omicron travel concerns. Please pray for continued growth, and our safe passage back to Brazil.”

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Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua. “January at the Skylark Center in Los Medranos is a time when several groups come and have leadership and discipleship camps for teens and young people. Pray that as these youth come, they will be open and ready to grow in their love for Jesus, discern God’s call on their life and be better equipped to serve Him.”

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C & K. “Thank you for your **prayers**. The Lord is answering. We have seen some glimmers of light at the end of the tunnel as some companies in the portfolio are reporting an uptick in business. One company, ‘PU’, in Nepal, was just honored with a prestigious international award for corporate excellence and social impact. What a great testimony. Most companies are still really struggling. Pray for ‘LM; (in the Gulf region), for ‘NB’ (in South Asia) as their struggles are intense. ‘TW’ (in West Asia) reports two have come to faith recently. Pray for their growth in Christ.”

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M & M. This young couple, involved in the same ministry as C & K above, write: “Compelled by a passion for justice, mercy and humility (Micah 6:8) our vision is to see Christian entrepreneurs and business managers grow Christ-honouring companies in the economically and spiritually neediest countries of North Africa, the Middle East and Asia.” Ask for more workers with this vision of C & K.

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Gord & Brenda Nickerson, Josiah Venture. “I’ve invited 20 youth/student ministry pastors from across Canada to join me for a once-a-month disciple-making cohort for the first 6 months of 2022. Pray for a good response and that those who join us will benefit from the books we’ll be discussing (via Zoom) and the connection with the other youth leaders. Our first meeting will be sometime in mid-January.”

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Jim Mason, SIM, Ghana. “There are over 270 million children in sub-Saharan Africa. Many receive religious instruction using the Bible as a textbook. However, a Bible famine leaves countless students without a copy of the Word of God... As we continue to train more pastors with the Africa Study Bible to grow in their faith and ministry, the need for Bibles for children in schools is just as urgent. This Christmas we’ve committed to get 30,000 Bibles to children in schools and Bible clubs.”

SUNDAY

Xerggyo & Hil. “We are so thankful to God as we see Him calling some to Himself. There is such a need for new believers to have discipling from those who speak their own language. One recent believer has received threats that his wife and kids must leave if he does not recant his new belief.”

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Dave & Rani, Brampton. “Rani meets with Hindu and Sikh friends in Brampton who have professed faith in Christ without the knowledge of their families. Pray for Rani as she reads God’s Word and prays with them. We give thanks to God for the opportunities we’ve had to meet other Sikhs, Hindus and Muslims during the Christmas holidays. Devanand continues to mentor pastors in India and Nepal.”

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Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change. “As more and more post-secondary schools shift back to virtual learning, please pray for students’ mental health, and for community. Pray also for adjustments to and effectiveness of many outreaches late Jan. Pray for students considering & applying for summer mission trips (possible shift from in-person to virtual?). Pray for “Life on Mission” Jan blog series.”

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Leah Hopp, Uganda. “Alakara akidol Ekaru ngolo Kitete! Happy New Year! Praise God for bringing us through another year and sustaining us to continue sharing the Good News of God with us! ...There is much hope and expectation as we begin a new year. I will be able to spend more time in the villages with my team and conducting trainings over the next couple of months which I’m really looking forward to. Please pray for wisdom as I guide my team.”

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Chyrl Basa, FFM. Exciting plans to expand ministry are part of the fresh vision for 2022. Thank God for energy and new ideas and pray for His guiding hand in setting priorities.

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Gus & Marliese, London. Gus continues to help two Yazidi families who are learning English. Sometimes he is able to have a reading from the Bible at the close of the lesson. Pray for hearts open to God’s Word. Praise the Lord that after a long convalescence following a serious knee injury, Marliese is able to go on walks with Gus, without cane or walker!

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Sylvia Dresser. “Sam Bruce (Ethnos) is meeting four times a week with Simson for discipleship Bible studies. I’m thrilled as this is the first opportunity he has had for regular

study since his time in Seminary in the 90's."

SUNDAY

Elizabeth Matthias, MTW, Germany. "Besides God's Spirit to work in all counseling and mentoring, please pray regarding the completion of the Discovering Change seminars."

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Donna Dong. Donna asks prayer for "God's Spirit to disclose God's Word, as she preps a new season of biblical teaching on 1) intercessory prayer, how & why; 2) Jesus' Kingdom teaching for the life of the world (John 1-3 and Matthew 5-7)."

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John & Deborah Bowen. "John will be teaching Church Planting at Wycliffe College this semester (18 students); and Deborah will be teaching Literature and the Environment at Redeemer University (40 students!)."

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Hanneke Cost Budde, Tanzania. "We have our tree up and most kids are now at home... Pray for Jacky who is worried that she might not be a good mom...she is and I told her so but she feels inadequate... Which mom doesn't?! Pray for a good Christmas and for all of the kids to recognize the importance of receiving the greatest gift: Jesus Christ. Pray as I need a retirement visa which is a bit complicated to get."

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Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan. "Please pray for the Bunun translation team as they make final decisions about the spelling of names in the Bible. May God also oversee final typesetting and printing of the Tayal Bible. May the Lord help Paul support all 12 of his teams the best he can via the internet and open the

door so that soon he can safely resume in-person visits to Taiwan."

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Elaine Esser. "I have been diagnosed with a basal skin cancer on my right leg. Thank the Lord that this is a condition that can be treated. I am now awaiting a referral to a skin specialist for treatment."

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Glenn & Fern Byerly. "We still need to be praying for the millions that are not vaccinated in many countries. The medical people don't have the protective gear they should have. May the Lord help them in their time of need."

SUNDAY

Khevna Dave & Julia Bartel, Knox Missions Hub. A new academic term has begun and the students to whom Khevna and Julia reach out are facing continued stresses with Zoom classes and lessened social interaction. Pray for a hunger for the Lord and a confidence that overflows as the Spirit works His grace in every situation. Christ be exalted!

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Phase II Workers. Eleanor Crabtree, Diane Dadian, Gladys Linthicum, Norine Love, Patsy McCarthy, Clarence & Cathy McMullen, David & Angela Morris, Barbara Rahn (asking us to join in prayer with her nephew Daniel and family as he is hospitalized in Indiana with kidney disease), Marg Roth, Pam Stedman, Diana Wadsworth and Rosemary Walker.