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“I am the resurrection and the life.
Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.
Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever
die. Do you believe this ...?”
—John 11: 25-26 (NLT)

“Lent invites us ... to catch ourselves when we turn anywhere
other than to God for safety, and protection, and hope, and
to choose to find refuge in God...we choose to follow Jesus
when it is hard to follow, hard to trust, and far too easy to
seek other refuge from the troubles of the world.”
—Knox Lent Devotional

2

Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel, Arizona. “Let’s pray that
more and more members and leaders of Knox are drawn
into intimacy with Jesus and to persistent intercession,
individually, in groups, and as a whole congregation for
the work He has given us to do, in Toronto and around
the world.”

3

Ann Chow, Event & Project Management. Asian Access
has expressed interest in Ann joining their training team.
They work to train and equip ministry leaders, women and
youth in leadership skills and strategic thinking. She’ll be
joining Alpha International’s Leadership Conference
in London, England, April 5-6, working with Uppermost
Media. Ann is excited to work with the team as they attend
these meetings.

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Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford. “My offprint project
netted 191 items for SIL’s REAP archive. PTL, REAP will do
the digitizing! Just a few loose ends remain to be dealt with.
Pray for wisdom in decision-making and a timely wrap up by
the end of Spring Term (April 10) when renovations begin in
the former library space. My eye pressures have improved
since going off medication. My eye surgeries are scheduled
for June 24 and July 8.”



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PRAYER CALENDAR

APRIL 2025

*Pictured above: Last month’s UofTogether, at a time of worship
for Christian students. Knox and the Missions Hub are blessed
to host such events. (See Day 6)*

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Colin & Rachel McCordic, AIM, Chad. “We are looking forward to some good rest this month after many busy weeks. Pray for Rachel as she has a 2-week break from school. Colin continues to see great participation in the Perspectives course. There are 32 participants. Please pray for the class which happens each Friday. May the Lord continue to move hearts to understand their role in reaching the unreached.”

SUNDAY

Khevna & Sharon, Knox Missions Hub. “March was full of many high energy large events and conferences, and Khevna is thankful for God’s strength to engage and be present well while Sharon remained away for a season of rest. As we wrap up the school semester in April, please pray for good direction to plan forward wisely for the upcoming summer months.”

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Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan. “Praise God for good visits in March with all the Bible translation teams Paul supports. May the Lord help each team press on faithfully to complete their Bibles for publication.”

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Elizabeth Matthias, Germany. “Against all odds, we attended the Biblical Counseling UK Trauma conference last month (Munich airport struck the day of departure—only 20% were redirected; I did not have a new UK visa). The teaching, fellowship and discussions were so wise and productive. Please pray for the mind and Spirit of Christ as we propose counseling training for Munich. ‘Back in the saddle’, pray that the Lord uses counselling to advance His image in us all.”

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Knox Refugee Sponsorship. Lift up our sponsored family of five who have just completed their year of Knox support. Pray for continued growth in the Lord, for employment openings, for decisions about housing, and all. And remember their two young relatives, whom we are looking into sponsoring now as they are in a precarious situation. This is a key time of year, as government and committee decisions are made regarding such sponsorships.

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Carluci & Christina dos Santos, Mesa Global. “Please join us in prayer for the COMIBAM Congress taking place in Panama City from April 22-25, 2025. Around 1,500 pastors, missionaries, and leaders from across Latin America are expected to attend. Pray that God will guide their conversations and decisions as they seek to strengthen the Church’s mission outreach across the region and beyond.”

11

Sylvan & Yuriko Payne, Japan. “Prayers that I will have the endurance to teach my classes, and that I will be inspired and well-prepared. One common symptom of PD is apathy, which I battle daily. Thanks that I have mostly really good days. And thanks for Yuriko, who supports and encourages me constantly.”

12

C & K. “C&K request prayer for Pakistan in these days of internal tension between Baluchistan separatists and the central government and military. The repercussions of this for colleagues and businesses we are associated with in-country, for a fragile nation, are profound. Pray for the Lord to overrule in the affairs of men.”

SUNDAY

Mary Jane Fandrich, Beirut. “Now ... the HOH (*Home of Hope, serving the misfortunate, abused, abandoned, and orphaned children of Lebanon*) children are reading the creation account and the story of Ruth in their own mother tongue. They have grown into eager teens. May God’s word drill deep into their hearts.”

14

Chryl Basa, FFM. FFM’s key ministry is to encourage and inform prayer for Muslims, that they should come to know Jesus Christ as much more than an honoured prophet. Ask the Lord for more prayer partners to join, believers who love Muslims, who yearn for Muslim friends and even nations to turn to the crucified and risen Lord of Glory!

15

Hanneke Cost Budde, Tanzania. Mahona finally got a Government contract to teach in a secondary school in Dodoma, much safer than in a rural area! Mfaume passed his pharmaceutical exams and will face his licensing exam in August. Pray for Faraja and Baraka who are still not sure what they want to study, and for Jacky's upcoming meetings re: marriage agreements, with her fiancé Mala and his family. Kiri will continue her animal health studies in Dar es Salaam. "God is so good!"

16

Dave & Rani, Mission Go, Brampton. "We plan to have a small Satsangh (Hindu-style get-together) on April 20, where we invite our non-Christian friends into our home and share the Easter story. Pray that the Spirit will come to himself. Please pray for Deepak as he prepares for final exams. Studying and preparing for exams has been a massive challenge for him; we are grateful for your prayers for him!"

17

Luke & Yuko Elliot, Aomori Christian Center, Japan. They received a wonderful message pledging ~40 million yen for the construction of Bethel Lodge. This 40-bunk dormitory will vastly expand camp programs and meet the increasing needs of larger church and mission groups for retreats and conferences. It is now possible to (1) build the foundation, (2) construct the wood frame, and (3) winterize the structure before next winter. Funds are still needed for all the remaining steps. Construction begins May 2025! Praise Jehovah Jireh!

GOOD FRIDAY

*Am I a stone, and not a sheep,
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,
To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss,
And yet not weep?*

...

*Yet give not o'er,
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more
And smite a rock.*

—Christina Rossetti

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Sylvia Dresser, Waterloo. "Sam and Kari Bruce who have started translation of southern Asmat are presently on home assignment, waiting for acceptance as TEAM missionaries. They are also waiting to hear if they will be able to adopt two Liberian orphan girls in the near future. And the people in the Asmat are waiting for their return to go on with translation. Pray for the Lord's timing in all this. Give thanks that my back pain is much improved."

EASTER SUNDAY

He is risen! Alleluia!

"O death, where is thy sting?
O grave, where is thy victory?"
—1 Corinthians 15:55 (KJV)

21

Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change. "Pray that students would experience the presence and strengthening of God as they write exams and finish up their year. Pray for those preparing for summer mission trips beginning late April - for provision & heart preparation. My team is working hard on several major writing projects (including the next round of Living on Mission student resources), transitioning to our new P2C-S website, and finalizing 2025-26 plans - pray for wisdom for all of these."

22

Eleanor Crabtree, Owen Sound. "The WMS Synodical of S.W. Ontario Annual meeting is at Camp Kintail on April 22-23. I have been asked to lead a Bible Study as one of the workshops. Pray that this may be a blessing to all who participate."

23

Scott & Beth Hurd. "We continue our search for the next National Director for OMF Canada." The next few months they will be visiting Parry Sound, getting more connected with their church in Barrie, and being involved in various OMF-related activities. Please pray for speaking engagements in June at the Korean Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in Toronto, and for continuing wisdom and grace in supporting their family in various locations.

24

Jim Mason, Challenge Enterprises, Ghana. “CEG Pastors’ Book Sets: As preparation for the Pastors and Christian Leaders Conference continues, pray that the selection of books to be included in the conference book sets will be of great blessing, sound and godly instruction, and encouragement to the participants.”

25

Leah Hopp, OPC, Uganda. “The training with my community health team in March went well.” Leah taught about all 16 pictures in the sanitation ladder in Karimojong but focused on the first five pictures to start on in the villages. In a couple of weeks, they’ll add another five pictures; then after another couple of weeks, they’ll teach on the whole idea. Nobody in the villages is traditionally educated, so they break the lesson down into these smaller ideas.

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Elaine Esser, Owen Sound. May the Lord grant wisdom to our leaders in all levels of politics—His wisdom, in this ever-increasingly difficult political climate. **Gus & Marliese, London.** Please pray for their Yazidi friends and the mall Bible study.

SUNDAY

I & S. “Ramadan and the Persian New year celebrations coincided this year, so we have had a lot of opportunity to learn about culture here. Please pray for those having dreams and visions, and those with an appetite to know more of the Good Book. Please ask for more workers. There is a Brazilian family discerning their call with a vision trip this month.”

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Aina Dobilaitė, Lithuania. “Please pray for the health of our pastor and his wife, and for God to provide more help at our church as they age and are able to do less. We also would like God to send another couple to eventually take over the ministry work once our pastor retires. Please keep in prayers my ministry of putting psalms to music for our Lithuanian congregation to sing.”

29

S & H. “They are visiting many areas of Chiapas encouraging many to consider sharing the good news around the world. Following their planned trip to T, they are praying for a long-term visa to allow them to stay.”

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Phase II Workers. John & Debra Bowen, Glenn & Fern Byerly (*Pray for their son-in-law in Senegal, for safety, for Bible translation accomplished, and for blessing and safety for the family at home*), Gladys Linthicum, Norine Love, Patsy McCarthy, David & Angela Morris, Barbara Rahn, Pamela Stedman, Diana Wadsworth, Rosemary Walker.

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