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*See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come....*

Song of Solomon, 2:11-12 (NLT)

In personal and worldwide suffering, may many hunger for springtime and come to rejoice in Christ's new life.

A special request from Susan Jeffery: "Pray for a successful laser procedure TODAY to reduce my eye pressures until my proper surgeries on June 24 and July 8."

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Rosemary Walker, Montreal. Remember Rosemary in the April 11th death of her brother Blake, a PCC pastor. Her weekly English class on Zoom with students from the Congo (DRC), China, Ethiopia and Tanzania continue. "May the Lord help the students improve in their mastery of English (especially irregular verbs) and enjoy and be blessed as we read the Book of Genesis.... May faith be born in their hearts as we read God's Word together."

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Ann Chow, Event & Project Management. "I've been invited to Alpha International's Leadership Conference 2025 in London, UK for May 5-6. I will be there with Uppermost Media, interviewing some of the guests. I'm going a little early to join Alpha Canada to worship at Holy Trinity Brompton where Alpha began and their reception for Canadians. Phil and Betty Reinders will also be there!"

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Elaine Esser, Owen Sound. "Let us continue to remember our federal, provincial and municipal leaders as they lead our country through this difficult period of economic and political instability. May the Lord provide jobs for all those who have been laid off or dismissed from their jobs."

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Sylvia Dresser, Waterloo. "Andrew is still on antibiotics for peritonitis but the lab reports are good. Sam and Kari Bruce were accepted by TEAM but only if they spent significant time on a TEAM station. Since they are concerned about educating their children and still hope to do translation in Saman, they now plan to serve at the MK school in Sentani and spend school breaks in Saman. Pray that they will be where the Lord wants them."

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Khevna & Sharon, Knox Missions Hub. "Khevna ended the school year in April with many significant moments and encouragement of connecting deeply with students as they considered what God was inviting them into next! Please pray for those preparing to serve on short term trips this upcoming month."

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Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan. "May God guide typesetting and proofreading of the Revised Hakka Han character Bible and the Pinuyumayan Psalms and Proverbs."

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Elizabeth Matthias, Germany. “Arrangements to partner with BCUK to develop our mentoring program are progressing. May the Lord simplify complexities quickly so that the training can be offered here too. Several counselees are dealing with very dark issues from the past, others with heavy current challenges. The Lord make us sufficient to the task! Our church is growing steadily; may counseling ministry meet the needs!”

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Knox Refugee Sponsorship. Lift up our family as they continue on with English language learning, seeking work, and growing in Christ. They are deeply concerned for two family members still in the very vulnerable situation from which they themselves escaped as new Christians. From the family to all of us: “I’m so happy because I can celebrate Easter freely, just the way I want—no one can stop me or tell me otherwise. May we always live in blessing.”

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Carluci & Christina dos Santos, Mesa Global. “God has blessed me with the grace to call a retreat for pastors in the Spanish-speaking community of Toronto. 20 responded and we have been meeting.... It’s been a wonderful time of teaching from the gospel of John, the Johannine great commission (chapters 13-17); a time of prayer for Toronto and Canada and of worshiping God together.”

SUNDAY

Sylvan & Yuriko Payne, Japan. “Thanks for my teaching jobs. I’m able to do some really interesting things this term. I’m also able to get around well. Prayers for energy. I feel exhausted much of the time, and I am experiencing a lot of chronic pain.”

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C & K. “Praise the Lord for an excellent BAM conference with about 65 German speaking participants last month. Pray for the emergence of fruit from this growing network - practitioners, investors, mobilisers, and strategic partnerships. Pray for our continuing role in supporting this initiative.”

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Community Outreach Coordination. Praise God for the ministry of Kim Morrison who heads our local ministry to single parents. With her retirement in June, leadership is looking for God’s wisdom about what’s next for this ministry.

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Chryl Basa, FFM. “Please continue to pray as we prepare for the next Day of Prayer on May 17th. Living Word Of God Assembly in Toronto will be hosting the in-person meeting. Pray as well as we transition to a new board chair.” May the Lord continue to bless and guide the board, raising up new leaders to accept the baton and bring fresh ideas and vision to the work of FFM.

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Hanneke Cost Budde, Tanzania. Hanneke gives thanks for Jacky and Christina (Kiri), getting baptized and making a full commitment to follow Jesus! Pray for wisdom for Hanneke regarding Jacky’s plans to marry. Keep praying for Baraka, now going to a mosque and being taught that Jesus and their prophet are the same. Pray for Faraja for direction in studies, and for Mfaume facing his licensing exam. Pray for safety as Hanneke hopes to fly to TO in May.

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Dave & Rani, Mission Go, Brampton. “Please pray for God’s guidance as Rani hopes to start a monthly ladies’ prayer meeting at our home. Devanand is considering a time-intensive TikTok ministry to reach educated Hindu youth; this would require much time, energy and a team to work with—wisdom needed!! Thank God for Deepak’s part-time job at the church and for discipline and focus as he undertakes a

summer course at McMaster. Thanks for your prayers!"

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Luke & Yuko Elliot, Aomori Christian Center, Japan. The new building project, Bethel Lodge, (housing 40 visitors, and offering kitchen, coin laundry and common room) was scheduled for initial foundation work to begin in April 2025. Due to the snow melt slowing down this past winter, another event planned for March was postponed to May 10th. Delays are hard on all schedules when you have campers hoping to come, construction projects, and later starts because of SNOW. Canadians can sympathize!

SUNDAY

Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn. "Our local team in south-east Uganda has a goal of registering 800 L2L students in 2025, and I believe they're already past 25% there. Retention is a challenge, as about 40% drop out before graduation... and fee collections, though very modest, are challenging too. But we're encouraged! Please pray for Bishop Daniel [a visionary leader] and Pastor Fred as he zips around on his L2L-provided piki-piki to service the schools. Pray that God's Word will harvest mature believers."

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Colin & Rachel McCordic, AIM, Chad. "2 Thess. 3:5 is a great verse for this month: *'May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.'* We are still on the peak of hot season, so even simple tasks feel more challenging. Rachel finishes the school year on June 5 and Colin finishes Perspectives on June 13. May the Lord give us the love and perseverance we need to finish well."

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The KWM Committee. The opportunities for glocal ("reflecting both local and global considerations") outreach don't recede, but funding for all ministry, including missions, is impacted by inflation and economic instability. Pray for KWM Committee members in the decisions they must make. God grant His vision and resources.

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Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change. "It has been a joy this year to witness students taking next steps towards Jesus and experiencing him in so many different ways! Pray in particular for those on mission trips this month: ('Desert Rain,' Vietnam, Brampton ('Nations Next Door'), Ottawa ('Praxis'), Germany ('IGO')). Pray for wisdom, courage, love, humility."

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Leah Hopp, OPC, Uganda. "On May 24th, Timo will graduate from Knox School of Theology in Mbale. He is a Karimojong who the mission hopes will be the future pastor of our local church plant in Nakaale. He will return for a one-year internship starting this summer. May God work through him to bless our neighbours and lead them to a saving knowledge in Christ. This is an answer to many prayers since the mission moved to Karamoja 26 years ago."

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Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel, Arizona. "Praise the Lord for the 14 years of faithful, fruitful service of, Maritza Leon, the General Secretary of the Colombian, IFES-related, University Student movement we helped establish over 50 years ago. Maritza's husband unexpectedly died during COVID and as she transitions out of student work, please pray for Maritza's rest and restoration, encouragement, provision and guidance, as she faces an unknown future as a widow."

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Jim Mason. Challenge Enterprises, Ghana. "The Annual Challenge National Pastors and Christian Leaders Conferences began in 1982. The objective is to equip participants for effective ministry and to assist them to build their personal libraries." This year's Pastors' Book Set conference is Sept. 1-4, and hundreds of pastors will be ministered to and receive the blessing of nearly free preaching resources.

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Gus & Marliese, London. They ask for continued prayer for the Yazidi families, the Palestinian man Gus helps with English and the weekly Bible study they participate in at a local mall.

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Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford. "Spring Term at CanIL has ended. Pray especially for those students who have finished their degrees and are focussing on what comes next for their lives. The former library area is under construction for several new offices and a classroom. We are currently 36 percent short of our funding goal for this project."

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I & S. "Our hosting last month went well with several having a clearer vision of this place. We continue to strive towards language aptitude. Please lift up this endeavour. One good book study starting. Please ask for open eyes!"

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Aina Dobilaite, Lithuania. "Please continue to pray for our pastor and his health. And pray that the Lord would help me to finish strong the radio season."

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S & H. "We have been advised that travelling to T to secure long-term residency will not be possible. We continue to visit in Chiapas and plan to attend a mission conference in the Philippines to seek direction going forward."

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Alpha / Discovering Christianity. So many opportunities for outreach: Alpha organizers rejoice that "they are making great progress towards a goal of supporting the church in running 3,000 Alpha Youth Series groups across Canada, with 500 of them led by young people themselves. Each group creates a space where Generation Alpha can encounter this same Jesus who offers eternal life." Pray for a Knox response to such opportunities, in God's good timing!

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Phase II Workers. John & Debra Bowen, Glenn & Fern Byerly, Eleanor Crabtree, Gladys Linthicum, Norine Love, Patsy McCarthy, David & Angela Morris, Barbara Rahn, Pamela Stedman, Diana Wadsworth, Rosemary Walker.



FFM encourages and informs prayer for Muslims to come to know Christ. Prayer days, bulletins, online resources, testimonies, even still a library. (See Day 14.)