



**Knox
World
Mission**



**PRAYER CALENDAR
December 2020**

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Elodie Hill. Granddaughter of Bob and Heather Hill (Ottawa) former members of Knox and KWM supporters.

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Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel, Arizona. Pray for our Dec outreach to our neighbours. With the increase in COVID, an 'in-person' gathering is impossible. We are baking homemade Danish cookies to accompany a loving letter of gratitude for each of them and God's greatest love-gift, JESUS. Pray for sensitivity as we write letters and for God's touch on each heart as they read them.

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Xerggyo & Hil. Hil is recovering from complex surgery. She appreciates the help and support she is receiving from her friends.

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Dave & Rani, Brampton. Pray for Rani's health. COVID has been hard on Deepak, and he seems addicted to social media. We need wisdom to minister locally. Praise God Dave can create short videos to share the Good News with Hindus on the web.

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Ann Chow, Event & Project Management. "Pray as I wrap up my time at Redeemer University, teaching a leadership course to business students. It has been a joy, so I would love to finish well and be a blessing to students."

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David & Susan Jeffery, Abbotsford. "Pray for peace and the averting of civil war in Ethiopia. Pray for wisdom for those setting up

CanIL's new MATS (Masters in the Translation of Scripture) program. Should they continue to look to Ethiopia for the first class of MATS students, or should they choose another country, or even multiple countries, for a launch?"

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Hanneke Cost Budde, AIM, Tanzania. She gives thanks for her kids, especially Baraka and Faraja, who are home and maturing. Baraka is so much calmer, caring and helpful. Faraja is now starting the pre-form one. Jacky is doing better in school but has continual physical problems, now her eyes. Hanneke finds the Bible school students a delight and a joy to help in their training.

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FFM, Chyrl Basa. They thank God for the uplifting day, Nov 14th *Day of Prayer for the Muslim World*. Despite the enormous challenges brought by the pandemic, they are thankful for opportunities to worship God together and pray in unity for many Muslims to come to Christ. Continue to pray for us at FFM that God will give wisdom as we plan for 2021.

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C & K praise God for completing an important investment in a BAM company in Mongolia during the lockdown. Pray for the Board and Management team as they meet this month and look ahead to 2021.

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Knox Missions Hub, Khevna Dave & Julia Bartel. Pray for *Relevant Series week* at the University of Toronto campus: Although it will look very different this year being online, we are hopeful for God to continue to use us to encourage and equip students to engage faithfully during this outreach week!

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Donna Dong, Inter-Varsity, Canada. Pray that Donna would have quality time for prayer, study and reflection to prep three online teachings for the January annual missions conference of Grace Chinese Church of North York. The theme is “*Witness: One Heart + One Mind*” (Philippians 2:2). Pray that the English-speaking congregation will be empowered and equipped to take part in *Missio Dei* through their everyday life as ordinary disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gus & Marliese, London. Continue to pray for the Yazidi family with seven children. We teach the youngest ones and would like to share our faith with them as well. A friend and I have begun to visit another Middle Easterner who is willing to read the Bible with us. Pray for this relationship to develop.

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Leah Hopp, Uganda. “In answer to many prayers, I now have my work permit, good for two years! I’m grateful to go to the immigration satellite office in Mbale instead of going all the way to Kampala. That process kept me engaged for ten months.”

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Dominique Goad, IVCF, Ryerson University. Pray for students who feel isolated deeply, so they lose motivation to study. May Dom and fellow staff in GTA find ways to encourage students who find facing screen-only formidable. Dom continues to mourn the loss of her mom. Pray as she engages the in-depth material in her narrative-focused trauma care course. This course’s good work is deep and deals with her own and others’ experience of trauma.

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Sylvia Dresser. Papua work continues: Walter Kennedy's visa renewal was granted after a 5-month delay. The Bruce family (translators in Saman) are applying for a new visa and work permit. Pray for the recent Bible School grads as they settle into ministry in their home villages. Sylvia's shoulder is healing well.

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Geri Rodman, IVCF. "Pray for a prayer meeting for a ministry to Asian students and pray for their coming into relationship with Jesus. Leaders in South America need the energy to finish this semester well and plan for the coming months of ministry."

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Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change. "Pray for students during the exam period. Pray for the seeking students who joined online campus Alpha groups this fall, for my team as we dig further into engaging more deeply with students via social media, and for our Global Missions team as they work on developing modified mission trip opportunities for the new year."

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Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua. "We give thanks to God for protection during recent hurricanes. Our Skylark Center received only minor damage. Pray for the 13 young students who graduated our pre-school in Nov and will begin in the local school in Feb. Pray that the solid Christian teaching will support them in the local school."

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Elizabeth Matthias, Munich, Germany. "Adjustments to the new partners in ministry are advancing with strength--very encouraging! Counselling challenged individuals together with the

pastors is giving us more vision for me to mentor and teach others, both interns and lay members, May the gift of Christ be more precious to us, and to the world, this year!”

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MaryJane Fandrich. “Pray for patience and direction as healing from the heart attack continues. Thank you, everyone, for your prayers. Meanwhile, there’s been plenty of opportunities to share the Gospel both by Zoom and in person. God loses no time!”

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Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan. May God help Manias (Bunun), Watan (Tayal), and Paul complete the final checking of the whole Bibles by the end of 2020. May God bless the other teams Paul supports as they continue their translations.

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Rosemary Walker AIM. “With retirement from AIM fast approaching, I thank God for innumerable blessings, including those received in many countries during 44 years. I am especially grateful for the loving prayer and support of Knox Church. May any good seed sown bear much fruit for eternity. I hope to spend my final ten days at the AIM office and visiting my brother Dave in Shepherd Terrace before I settle in Montreal.”

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Jim Mason, Kitchener. “Pray for *Challenge Enterprise Ghana, Prison Ministry*. Johnson O. Victor, a Nigerian, was arrested and sentenced to a jail term of 18 months for his crime. He claimed to be born in a Christian home but saw Christianity as just a religion. While serving in prison, a CEG chaplain ministered to him; he was born again and baptized in prison. Thank God for the new life of Johnson.”

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Bill & Sheila McKelvie, Newfoundland. Pray for opportunities to share God's love during the Christmas season and for wisdom as Sheila plans programs for 2021. Bill continues his medical practice in rural areas.

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Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa. "Our Kenyan staff have just returned from a long circuit where they graduated four Tanzanian Local Bible Institutes who had been delayed by COVID, and next month another five cohorts in Kenya will graduate. We thank God for all these happy and empowered church leaders! We're so glad our staff can gradually start travelling again! We need prayer as we choose locations for the first new LBI's of 2021."

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CHRISTMAS *Emmanuel! Praise God for his greatest gift, Jesus, his Son!*

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KYDFB. Knox has started a grocery hamper ministry, serving around 60 families or individuals with food items. Pray for more dry goods donations as well as safety for volunteer packers and clients.

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LAM, Carluci Dos Santos and family. "Pray for the new LAM board elected at the AGM of Nov 28th. 2020 has been a challenging year with many new projects and an increased workload. We need to implement new measures and even more staff. As for Celebration Presbyterian Church, may we continue to grow in unity and faith in Jesus Christ."

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Gord & Brenda Nickerson, Josiah Venture-- Central & Eastern Europe, North America.

“When Covid changed plans in the past year, partnerships and ministry did not disappear, but it looked different. One example: When many JV summer camps were cancelled in Slovenia, four families on the team decided to engage in fasting and prayer as they walked through one of the country’s most troubled cities. God led them to specific locations, needs and people to pray over. Other groups were inspired by this prayer walking ministry. So, for 2021, we are praying, planning about sending short-term teams, even 2-3 families with teen or young adult children, to work with JV staff. It all ‘depends.’ So, they ask for prayer: ‘And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus...so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.’”

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Phase 2 workers: Diane Dadian, Elaine Esser, John & Deborah Bowen, David & Angela Morris, Barbara Rahn (with difficult family problems), Patsy McCarthy, Norine Love, Barbara Hannah, Glenn & Fern Byerly, Gladys Linthicum, Pam Stedman, Marg Roth, Eleanor Crabtree (moving in Jan to Owen Sound) and Clarence & Cathy McMullen.

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Luke and Yuko Elliot, Japan Pray for construction on the new building next spring.

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S. Payne, Japan Pray for his students in his Introduction to Christianity course.