

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." Rev 3:20

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Ukraine. Gord & Brenda Nickerson, Josiah Venture, Eastern Europe. In partnership with Ukrainian churches, JV has transported over 1400, primarily mothers and children, across the border to safety. Seventy tons of food and medical supplies have been delivered. Biblical resources pointing to Jesus are placed in the hands of those fleeing. The JV team has taken every opportunity to share the love of Christ, and many are coming to faith.

**Aina,** formerly in Knox choir and now ministering in Lithuania, asks for prayer for a

friend who returned to the horror of Kharkiv", Ukraine, to help his Presbyterian pastor-brother deliver food and medicine. Mark writes, "It is difficult to constantly have such a pace and little sleep. It's hard to get so many calls asking for help. But God does not leave...."

Susan Jeffery shares from a CANIL student: "There are strong ties between Ukrainian and Russian people, and many in Russia are in mourning... Pray that many on both sides would hear His call and be drawn to the Prince of Peace."

**Fern & Glenn Byerly.** "Pray for Knox's search for a new pastor. May the Lord bring him soon and missions be an important part of his ministry." May we all continue to lift Knox up to our loving Father for His guidance.

### **SUNDAY**

Colin & Rachel, Chad, AIM. "Praise that we made it through the busy month of March! We both had to do end of term evaluations for our students. At month's end, Rachel and her fellow teachers hosted Homeschool Week, when families living in remote parts come to the school for student testing as well as a VBS type program. What a joy to bless so many children--52 in all! April is hot season here. Pray for us as we persevere through this climate. We will also be taking a muchneeded vacation time in early April."

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Luke & Yuko Elliot, OMF, Japan. "Please pray for electrical work on our new building, planning and advertising for summer Bible camps and for our daughter Faith's transition to the Philippines for school, all beginning this month."

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**Leah Hopp, OPC, Uganda.** "Trainings in March with my Community Health Team and new supervisor, Melda have gone well.

Please pray for their continued work of sharing health information with their neighbours and encouraging healthy behaviour." Leah is winding down in Karamoja in preparation for her furlough, making her way through a list of responsibilities that need delegation for the next six months. Please pray for her transition: arriving in London, ON on the 11<sup>th</sup>. "I am looking forward to seeing many of you in person, DV, in the spring."

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Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua. "We give thanks to God for the return of many local users of our Skylark center and for new partners who plan to conduct VBS, give discipleship training, teach leaders and in many ways, encourage and build up the church of Jesus in Nicaragua. Praise God, for our ongoing Christian Leadership Training where local pastors attend every other Saturday. It means so much to know we are held in prayer by so many friends."

Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford. "In March I requested prayer for one hundred applicants for CanIL's Summer Term. To date there have been thirty-nine applications submitted, with one month to go." One of the CanIL graduates serving in Russia is physically safe and currently experiencing no hostility from local contacts (quite the opposite, in fact!)...." Her residency application is awaiting final approval. Please pray that the current situation will not cause it to be rejected. Our graduate sees the current situation as

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Chyrl Basa, FFM. "We praise God for the connections with young people who are passionate to reach Muslims for Jesus. This is an answer to prayer! Pray for God's blessing and leading as FFM equips and inspires young people to 'take up the torch'

being one of great opportunities." (Day 1)

and pass it on to the next generation. Pray for the upcoming Joy of Evangelism training by Lane Davis tomorrow."

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### Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa.

"Please pray for the board and Canadian leadership (Bill, Todd, Markus and Brian) as they have marked the coming month as a time to re-evaluate our vision, values and objectives. The present statements have brought us through 15 years of growth, but it's time for a refresh. We want to be crystal clear about where we're aiming."

#### **SUNDAY**

### Khevna & Julie, Knox Missions

**Hub.** "Praise God for open spaces to gather on campus again and for a recent UofTogether collaboration with students. Please pray for students to finish this school year well as they write final exams and pray specifically for graduating students as they discern next steps."

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Mary Jane Fandrich. "Here in Texas, pray for more opportunity to connect with the people and Imam at the local mosque. Just how to approach this needs God's wisdom and direction. A recent visit there was very blessed. Pray that understanding of the wonder of God's forgiveness available in Messiah Jesus will be understood. God knows His business, and He's very good at it. Pray for peace and stamina as the opportunities keep multiplying!"

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**C & K.** C will travel to Pakistan this month for the first time since Feb 2020. He'll be spending intensive time with their two companies there. Please pray for grace in travel and wisdom in working with colleagues as they wrestle with several immense challenges to the companies. Prices of many items necessary to the business operations have increased by 70% in the last several months. One staff

member from the majority community appears to be close to the Kingdom.

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Elaine Esser. Her skin specialist does not believe Elaine's recent tests will indicate cancer. "May we continue to bring our world leaders and all levels of our Canadian leadership to the Lord asking Him to make wise decisions in this time of unrest and war."

## 14 Carluci & Christina Dos Santos, LAM. A

short video celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup>
Anniversary of the Latin America Mission.
<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-MV17xg9DQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O-MV17xg9DQ</a> "I am thankful for your prayers as I taught a course on biblical interpretation (Jan-Mar)", a rich time with students from Latin America and Canada. Carluci hopes to go to Cuba in early summer to visit projects and churches. Please pray for food and medicines shipped to the churches in Cuba, a rather challenging route. Pray these goods will be a blessing.

### **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?"

--Christina Rossetti

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Hanneke Cost Budde, Tanzania. Baby Daniel is thriving; Baraka is failing all subjects, teachers have talked with him; Kiri and Jacky are in computer courses and Kiri needs a good college for studies in animal health; Ngassa is not doing well in his computer studies and needs to improve. Hanneke is doing well.

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

He is Risen! Alleluia!

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# Ann Chow, Event & Project

Management. "Please pray as I have enrolled in a 9-week program called Genesis Entrepreneurial Training. It's a Christian business incubator for those with new business ideas, walking us through the necessary steps towards launching new businesses. It'll be a lot of work for 9 weeks, but exciting to test out...." <a href="https://documents.com/entrepreneurs/g">https://documents.com/entrepreneurs/g</a> enesis/

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Dave & Rani, Brampton. "Rani is thankful as she has more meaningful spiritual talks with a Muslim neighbour, 'S', and her husband. Unfortunately, she is not able to have open conversations with 'K', a secret believer, because of K's husband's restrictions. Please pray for Pas. Abhi's inner healing in Delhi, India, as Devanand continues to mentor him."

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## Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change.

"As the school year winds down, pray that students and staff would still have eyes to see what God is doing and how they can partner with Him. Pray for students and staff preparing for May-June mission trips, and for those considering interning with us next year, and high school graduates as they prepare to start post-secondary in the fall, that they would be considering how they will continue growing in their faith."

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Gus & Marliese, London. "Please remember the weekly Wednesday Bible study we hold at a local mall. May more join us. A friend who has been involved in the work with Yazidis had a heart attack and is in weak condition. He is improving slowly. Pray for his recovery and for the ESL teaching we do with refugees."

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Sylvia Dresser. "Pray for the Bruce family

in Saman learning the language. They were feeling quite discouraged after a long period of isolation in the village. According to the United Nations human rights experts, urgent action is needed to stop rights violations against indigenous Papuans. The military is killing Papuans, destroying villages and gardens in retaliation for the actions of a few rebels. Relief supplies are blocked for those who fled to the jungles! "

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### Elizabeth Matthias, MTW, Germany.

"What times we live in! With Ukrainian refugees pouring into Munich, into our church members' homes (even sleeping a night or two in my office), and no end in sight, we are depending more on Christ, and seeking to comfort in His Name. May counseling individual hearts advance, as well as lecture preparations. Pray for wisdom regarding home service plans."

### **SUNDAY**

Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel. Pray for God's strength, anointing, and wisdom as they minister to a cluster of needy folks around them: their own daughter recovering from four fractures, a newly married friend suddenly widowed, a woman going through a devastating, unexpected divorce, an invalid neighbor who is trying to raise a seven-year-old, and an extremely sharp young CEO who has been angry with God, but is now open to conversations about recommitting her life to Jesus."

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### Barbara Rahn & Pam Stedman.

"Pamela Stedman and Barbara Rahn keep in touch with each other daily. Barbara goes for a daily morning walk. Pamela gets dizzy spells in the morning and needs assistance getting out of bed. She is grateful for the help that is given at Fairview Mennonite Home. May the Lord bless those who are in dangerous situations of the world and may we be faithful in praying for them."

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Xerggyo & Hil. "We are planning to come home after six years here. We love it here and see God moving in so many ways. It has been too long since we visited our families and friends in Chiapas and Canada. There are a lot of things to get in place before we can decide on an exact date for our travel. We will miss being here and our many friends and new believers."

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# Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan.

"Praise God, the Tayal Bible translation has gone to the printers. May God help the Tona translators finalize their work on Mark, and the Pinuyumayan team their work on the NT."

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I & S. Perspectivas, Brasil. "Thank God for a gathering of regional coordinators to prepare for in-person classes! Please pray for wise planning." Perspectivas purpose? To mobilize Brazilian Christians to go to the least reached parts of the world, where there are less than 2% Christ follower populations and restricted access to the Bible in their own language.

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Jim Mason, SIM, Ghana. "Now by God's grace we have been making Sunday visits to the Nsawam Male Prison. So far thirty people have made decisions for the Lord. Pray that they will be grounded in Christ and live for Him."

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Phase II Workers. John & Deborah Bowen, Eleanor Crabtree, Diane Dadian, Gladys Linthicum, Norine Love, Patsy McCarthy, Clarence & Cathy McMullen, David & Angela Morris, Marg Roth, Diana Wadsworth and Rosemary Walker.