

## KWM February 2022



*Marliese Ketola is thankful for prayers, now she can get back to normal life after her accident in May this year. She can dream again about the slopes in her native Switzerland.*

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**I & S. Perspectivas, Brasil.** “We are scheduled to land in Brazil on Feb 1st. Please pray all visa issues would be completely resolved and for seamless re-entry. The Perspectivas team is making decisions for this year; we ask for wisdom re: pandemic transitioning.”

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**Carluci & Christina Dos Santos, LAM.** Please continue to pray as Carluci travels

in Brazil (late January and the first two weeks of February), for safety and protection, and for good connections with indigenous and other national leaders. “I’ll be visiting the ministry with the Kaiapo and the Enawene-Nawe peoples in the Amazon. (The Kaiapos continue to be heavily affected by COVID with many deaths of key Christian leaders.) I will also be spending quality time with family.”

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**Mary Jane Fandrich.** “On Saturday, February 5 there is an open invitation to the local mosque. Pray that God’s witness will be simple and true, and that wisdom will be given for what to say and do. *You will be my witnesses.... Prepared to do good works.*”

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**Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change.** “My family had a lovely time hosting Leila, an Iranian PhD student, over the Christmas weekend. Please pray for Leila and her husband Nasir (*names changed*), as they continue to be drawn to Christ. Pray for conversations between Christian students and their friends following Jan. campus outreaches. Pray as well for ongoing outreaches such as campus Alpha, for open and responsive hearts.”

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**Dave & Rani, Brampton.** Please pray for Devanand’s safety in India (Feb. 15-Mar. 11) as he meets with Pas. Abhi (with whom he has been meeting almost every day for the past few months on social media), and with Rani’s family. “Please pray for Rani as she continues to contact those Hindu ladies who came to faith over the last year (in Brampton). Thank God for Deepak’s spiritual growth.”

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### SUNDAY

**Colin & Rachel McCordic, AIM.** “Thank you, Knox for praying for us as we’re settled into many new routines during our

first month here in Chad. There has been much to adjust to, and we are often exhausted. Pray that we will connect well with our students, neighbors, and people at church. We are thankful for a conference we were to attend at the end of January with church leaders and missionaries.”

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**Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel.** Praise the Lord for your prayers and God’s daily protection, leading, and blessing during their month-long trip to Colombia. Their chauffeur received the Lord the day they left Bogota. “They have fellowshiped and prayed with former colleagues, Pastors and wives in three cities, with the new Rector of the Bible Seminary in Medellin and his wife, and with the General Secretary of the University Student Movement who lost her husband to COVID in May.”

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**Luke & Yuko Elliot, OMF, Japan.** Praise God that the snow finally slid off the old main building before doing major damage, and that they had a safe and fulfilling (though very small) snow camp recently. The Elliots have recently been enjoying learning how to build traditional Japanese-style snow igloos. One day, they hope to add dormitory accommodation, probably not of snow. :)

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**Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa.** They are still facing challenges in getting Listen to Learn Tanzania officially registered, esp. finding a capable lawyer who will follow directions and smooth out contests among leaders for influence. “Please continue to pray that we will end up with a Board of humble servant leaders who can unleash the power of great Bible teaching into thousands of Tanzania's churches.”

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**Khevna & Julia, Knox Missions Hub.**

“Praise God for faithful online engagements of prayer and outreach during this past month, and please pray for members of our community who are currently discerning upcoming mission opportunities.”

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**Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua.**

“Please join us in giving thanks to God for the opening of the Skylark Study Center which provides a space and resources, both hard copy and online, where local pastors can come to prepare Bible-based sermons and Bible studies for the congregations they serve. Pray too for the next session of our Christian Leadership Training that begins at the end of this month. Pray that those teaching these leaders will be filled with the Spirit of God to communicate God's word effectively.”

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**C & K.** Thank the Lord for incoming reports from several companies of people finding (being found by!) the Lord Jesus during these days. “Conversely, we ask for your prayers for our brothers and sisters in India, where there is a truly alarming upsurge in attacks against non-Hindus openly supported by the BJP government. We also ask for courage and wisdom to be given to governments across North Africa, the Middle East and Asia as they adopt policies to re-open economies. This is critical to businesses being able to function, pay employees, and stay alive for the common good.”

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**SUNDAY**

**Elaine Esser.** Please pray for our leaders: federal, provincial, and municipal. May the Lord grant His wisdom in dealing with the problems that COVID 19 presents to our health care system, as well as the threat of

war with the Russian army on the Russia-Ukraine eastern border.

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**Gord & Brenda Nickerson, Josiah Venture.** "It's been 5 years since Josiah Venture launched the JV Online Prayer Room! Over those years, there have been close to 49,000 times that someone has used it to pray for our missionaries and students across central and eastern Europe. Praise God! Check it out at our website: [www.josiahventure.ca](http://www.josiahventure.ca) "

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**Jim Mason, SIM, Ghana.** "Cinevan is still unable to show Gospel films due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please pray that the restrictions will be removed so that more normal operations can resume. "

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**Xerggyo & Hil.** "What a wonderful start of this year, we are doing Daniel fast with our friends for the case of this Country, join us by prayer." Pray for all their plans for this year. "We need to take many decisions... Pray for those who have become believers and are facing stiff opposition."

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**Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford.** "My library assistant for the last few school terms gave birth to a daughter on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> and so is unable to continue volunteering. Pray that her replacement will learn to manage circulation well, work with accuracy and enjoy developing new skills. I am looking forward to getting to know her better. Since it looks like all of us will come down with Omicron eventually, pray for light cases that strengthen our immune systems and don't require hospitalization.

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**Ann Chow, Event & Project Management.** "Thanks for your prayers, the retreat this past weekend at Muskoka Bible Camp was marvelous. Very restful,

great food, deep dive into reflecting on 2021 and looking forward to 2022 for the 5 of us + 3 on Zoom....Please pray as I begin providing support for the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec for their Assembly 2022. I'm also conducting, summarizing, and reporting on a national Strategic Consultation for all staff, board members and key students of InterVarsity Canada."

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**Leah Hopp, Uganda.** "I will be conducting training sessions with my community health team to increase the length of each health lesson that we already have in our curriculum. Sometimes a few key points are forgotten or left out so we will review the most important aspects together for them to feel more comfortable and refresh their memories. Ugandan schools opened again this month after nearly two years of being closed. We will teach at two primary schools every week along with our regular home-to-home lessons."

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**SUNDAY**

**Chyrl Basa, FFM.** Praise God for a new addition to the FFM board and continue to pray that Muslim background believers, passionate to see Muslims come to Christ, will join the board. We are so encouraged by the success of the 24-hr. Zoom Global Day of Prayer last Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, uniting prayer partners and ministry workers from 4 continents. Pray for more such events. "We are grateful for the longstanding partnership of Knox church...continuing to support and uphold us in prayer."

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**Gus & Marliese, London.** "Please continue to pray for the ongoing relationships now on zoom with the Yazidi couple and the Palestinian who is currently enrolled in a business course and uses it to learn English. Both of us have gone through slight infections that have now healed. We thank God for his grace through it all."

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**Sylvia Dresser.** “The Roesler Memorial Bible School was unable to open for the fall term because students from the tribal areas were fearful of the risk of Covid infection in the city and could not afford the cost of Covid tests in order to travel. Teaching staff have gone to encourage students to enroll, and they hope to reopen for the fall term. Pray that I will have the self discipline to make progress on the church history project. It is much harder to write about areas where we didn't work.”

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**Elizabeth Matthias, MTW, Germany.** “The number of those seeking counsel is increasing as are requests for the Discovering Change course, to train in the basics of sanctification. Prayer for wisdom and discernment to be doing the Lord's will by His Spirit is appreciated.”

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**Barbara Rahn.** “Praise the Lord for six new OMF missionary appointees. Pray for them as they continue to prepare for service in Asia and Canada. Pray for the Lord to guide them as they build their prayer and financial support teams.”

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**Rosemary Walker.** “I'd just like you to know that my personal “Cup of Cold Water” Project remains open with AIM Canada to help me continue to support worthy causes in Africa. Over the years, I've been able to assist quite a few Christian students with their fees for higher education.”  
*rosemary.walker@aimint.org*

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**Hanneke Cost Budde, Tanzania.** “I am waiting for my retirement visa. If I get it this week, I won't have to pay an extra \$600/- US for a 3-month visa. Pray for Baraka who needs to come to terms with his past and focus on his education. Jacky and

Daniel are doing great! Kiri needs to find a diploma course and needs to be motivated to do so. I am feeling much better! God is good!!”

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**SUNDAY**

**Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan.**

“Thank God for smooth typesetting of the Tayal Bible. May the printing stage go well too. May God help the Bunun (whole Bible) and Pinuyumayan (NT) teams finalize their translations over the next few months. May God help Paul to support these and all his other teams faithfully.” For an update on Bible translation in Taiwan, please see the blog post at:

<https://pccweb.ca/missionblog/2022/01/16/2021-year-end-reflections-on-bible-translation-in-taiwan/>

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**Phase II Workers.** Fern & Glen Byerly, “*Praise the Lord that South Africans were able to find the Omicron virus to warn us about it. Pray that vaccines would be distributed to African countries and kept in storage and given in a safe way.*”, John & Deborah Bowen, Eleanor Crabtree, Diane Dadian, Gladys Linthicum, Norine Love, Patsy McCarthy, Clarence & Cathy McMullen, David & Angela Morris, Marg Roth, Pam Stedman, “*I am grateful that the Lord provided spiritual growth at Knox Presbyterian Church Toronto when I was a student nurse. The importance of prayer and fellowship helped me when I was working in a Hospital in Ecuador.*” and Diana Wadsworth.