



Colin McCordic: One of the "pain in the arm" things we must do to get ready to serve overseas.

*Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor
earth sustain.*

*Heaven and earth shall flee away when He
comes to reign.*

*In the bleak midwinter a stable place
sufficed The Lord God Almighty, Jesus
Christ.*

Christina Rosetti, In the bleak mid-winter

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Laurie Armstrong, P2C. "Pray that students would be finding peace and strength in Emmanuel during this exam season. Pray for solid insights as my team considers different approaches for upcoming student resourcing and communications initiatives and makes progress on our website redesign (including a personal learning curve for my part of it!). Pray as well for students considering Reading Week and summer mission trips."

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Khevna & Sharon, Knox Missions Hub.

"Praise God for really meaningful times of connecting and prayer at Live Called, our Luke 10:2 gatherings, and Friday Morning Prayer times. During this month, please pray for students to sign up for some specific mission opportunities that we are currently inviting them to consider!"

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Colin & Rachel McCordic, AIM. "We praise the Lord for His faithfulness as we've been preparing to serve long-term in Chad. This is our last month in Canada as we depart January 6. Pray for us as we say goodbyes to family and friends and as we do our last bit of packing. Please pray for travel mercies as we travel to Kenya for a three-week orientation, and then on to Chad."

SUNDAY

Sylvan Payne, Japan. "I was feeling a little discouraged for the last few months, feeling unable anymore to do many of the things I need to do. But a few weeks ago, my doctor tried a new medication and that has really helped. I just found out I could add a couple of classes to my part time teaching job at a language university where I teach one day a week. Pray for me that I can be able to keep up with the rigor of this schedule (which begins in April). And pray I can keep a positive outlook."

6 C & K.

"Please pray for C as he has an important trip to Pakistan this month to work with two companies there, in the construction and water management sectors. Pray for wisdom in assessing and solving the strategic and financial situations of the two companies. Pray for their spiritual impact on many lives. Pray for the political situation in the country, and for the millions of ordinary men and women trying to make a living in a difficult environment."

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Ann Chow, Event & Project

Management. “A new project is materialising. I would appreciate prayer for the God’s guidance as we discuss expectations.”

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Glenn & Fern Byerly. Pray for safe flights for any MKs who can go home for Christmas. (Last year their granddaughter had a tough time going home.) This can be an extra stress on missionary families serving in less accessible areas and hoping to have that treasured family time at Christmas.

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Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua. “Please pray for the board, our Managing Director, Tammy, and our Director of Operations in Nicaragua, Mauricio, as they have exceedingly difficult decisions to make around the future shape of ministry in that country. Pray that God will open a door to the amazing future He has planned for this wonderful gospel ministry among our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua.”

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Leah Hopp, OPC, Uganda. “A pastoral candidate and his wife will come to Uganda for three weeks in December. Both the Mbale and Karamoja mission stations are excited for their visit and the experience that they will potentially add to our team. Please pray for unity as we decide what their work will look like and for medical clearance for her.”

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Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford. “Miriam, my colleague with cancer, flew to Omaha, Nebraska on Nov. 22nd to be with family. Pray for an excellent doctor to take on her case, suitable accommodation, and the comfort of being back home. Pain management is an issue.”

SUNDAY

Elizabeth Matthias, Germany. “The interest in the mentoring group, also from two more pastors (former trainees of our church), has increased! With an additional 7 (one more male among them) we're now holding at 18! The catchup Crash Course is continuing into early December. On the 9th we'll be meeting for our first full group meeting, and every 2nd Saturday of the month after that. The Spirit has been deeply at work for each to grow in understanding this work of love for His more challenged sheep. May we continue in the Spirit!”

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Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel. “Pray for Maritza Leon, General Secretary of the Colombian IFES Student Movement (and widowed by COVID), as she resigns and helps select and equip a new General Secretary to lead the movement in vision, evangelism and discipleship.”

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Xerggyo & Hil. “They remain convinced about the future of their work in T. They are visiting many in the community, gaining a great prayer backing team. Financial and political uncertainties remain a pressing concern. The political turmoil in Xerggyo’s hometown is still very troubling.”

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Dave & Rani, Brampton. Dave, Rani & Deepak are in Guyana, Dec. 24-Jan. 5. (Devanand returns on Jan. 14). They will visit churches and will also be on live TV. Please pray for safety, and for the time with churches and Christian leaders, discussing creative ways to enhance evangelism and worship. Please continue to pray for Deepak, for focus, self-control, and guidance as to what to study at university. (Thanks for your prayers this past year!)

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KWM. Ask the Lord to multiply the numbers of those who faithfully intercede for our

workers. Our older retired missionaries often rejoice over the decades-long experiences they had of knowing Knox folk were loving and praying for them. God grant our current workers, including the newer ones like the McCordics and I & S, have ample reasons to praise God for loving prayers and support!

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Mary Jane Fandrich. "Pakistani neighbors and friends have reached out for help and accepted prayer for healing. Pray that the Love of God in Jesus Messiah will reach into the hearts of all these people." Her cousin's son is a doctor who is choosing to stay in Lebanon with his wife and little daughters, now 3 and 4 years old. They have American passports and could move to the U.S. for a safer, easier life without the threat of war. Lift them up.

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Carluci & Christina Dos Santos. "I have completed the application process to join United World Mission. I have met with some of their leaders for North America and Latin America and we are looking at my role in terms of leadership development and mobilization for missions throughout the continent. I appreciate your prayers for these ongoing conversations and definitions. Isabela left Israel before the conflict started and is safely back home and continuing to work on her dissertation project."

SUNDAY

Luke & Yuko Elliot, Aomori Christian Center, Japan. "Now that we are able to use our new multipurpose refectory, Carmel Hall, we are finally able to begin a weekly international Sunday evening worship service beginning the first Sunday of Advent. This ministry fills an existing gap in the local church scene, allowing local Japanese believers to partake in outreach to the substantial population of migrant workers."

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Gus & Marliese Ketola, London. "In addition to my usual requests which are the mall Bible study, my Yazidi and Palestini Friends, I've recently added another Yazidi couple to whom I teach English. This new couple also want to become Canadian citizens. All these also provide opportunities for Bible studies."

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Elaine Esser, Owen Sound. "May the Lord open the spiritual eyes of those who hear the Christmas story as we celebrate the Gift of the Lord Jesus to us this Christmas season." Elaine has been ill for a while with an infection and sciatic nerve pain. "I have not been able to walk very far lately."

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Sylvia Dresser, Waterloo. "We often see hindrances when a translation nears completion, but the translation of the southern Asmat dialect of Pirimapun/Saman seems to have been hindered from the beginning." Several families started but had to drop out. Please pray that the Lord would put a hedge around Sam and Kari Bruce who remain working on the translation. "My son Andrew passed the first test for kidney transplant eligibility. He has just had a skin cancer removed from his leg and needs to keep the leg elevated for a couple of weeks!"

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Marg Roth. Marg would appreciate prayer for a couple of friends so angry and antagonistic about anything that has to do with religion or the Lord. "It grieves me greatly. May my trying to live a witness without words help point them to Jesus... My health is having some wrinkles and I would also appreciate prayer. Thanks and enjoy all the blessings of Christmas and the birth of our wonderful Saviour."

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I & S. “We are so grateful that God made it possible for us to be here for home assignment at the time of S’s mom’s passing. Please pray as we situate Brazilian ministry workers from our team to learn English in Toronto, as well as for our preparation to move and the ongoing situation in the Middle East.”

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CHRISTMAS DAY ...*the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!” Luke 2: 10-11 (NLT)*

SUNDAY

Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan.

Praise God for new Bibles published in Taiwan in 2023: Tayal OT+NT, Pinuyumayan NT, and Mark's Gospel in Maolin, Tona and Wanshan. May God bless and guide other translation teams who hope to publish in 2024.

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Jim Mason, Challenge Enterprises, Ghana. “Pray for donors to sponsor the operations of CEG’s fleet of three Cinevans, the older two of which are 10 and 7 years old. It costs \$250.00 (or £150.00) for a Cinevan to visit a town or village at any given time to share the gospel and distribute Bibles and Christian literature.”

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Chyrl Basa, FFM. We praise God for FFM’s Global Day of Prayer for the Muslim World, Nov. 18. Over 70 from more than 10 countries joined in a prayer Zoom for 8 field workers, some of them serving among hard-to-reach Muslim people groups. One faithful attendee shared that she was challenged to talk to her pastor about having training for members reaching out

to Muslim neighbours. “Pray that the little fires will spread and many more will be moved to pray for the Muslims worldwide and build friendships with their Muslim neighbours.”

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Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa.

“As our key leaders have now returned to Kenya after two weeks of consultation and planning here in Canada, pray they'll be wise in implementing the new policies and procedures we crafted together.”

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Phase II Workers. John & Debra Bowen, Eleanor Crabtree (May everyone have a safe and joyful season as we celebrate our Lord's birthday.), Gladys Linthicum, Norine Love, Patsy McCarthy, Clarence & Cathy McMullen, David & Angela Morris, Barbara Rahn, Pamela Stedman, Diana Wadsworth and Rosemary Walker.

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NEW YEAR’S EVE *War in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan... floods and earthquakes... economies crumbling. To whom shall we go this Eve of 2024? Always, to Him who alone has the words of life. Here again, part of the poem quoted by George VI in his Christmas 1939 broadcast, near the beginning of World War II: “And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: ‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown’. And he replied: ‘Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way’” Minnie Louise Haskins*