



“We began our home assignment in Canada on August 25, 2022 and are scheduled to return to Japan on March 5, 2023. This has truly been a blessed time of connecting with friends, relatives, and supporters.” –*The Elliots*

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*So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right  
hand.  
Isaiah 41:10*

Let's keep praying for brothers and sisters suffering persecution, famine, and war, in Iran, Ukraine, Yemen, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Afghanistan....

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**Khevna & Sharon, Knox Mission Hub.**

“Praise God for students taking bold steps of faith in doing outreach on campus during the *Relevant Series* week. We witnessed and heard the gospel shared to many. Join us in praying for good follow-up conversations and that the missional engagement will continue well!”

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**Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change.**

“My team is so thankful for our wonderfully refreshing, in-person retreat in January! Please pray for conversations following many campus outreaches in January, as well as for our student writing mentorships (Meaning Makers cohort, as well as one-on-one meetings). Pray as well for my Iranian friends M & R and our conversations together, as they seek truth and meaning.”

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**Colin & Rachel McCordic, AIM.** “January was filled with getting settled back into our routines: apartment, school and work. We are thankful for the Lord's grace during this time. This month we are beginning to connect more with supporters and hoping to have speaking engagements. We are thankful for three already that have been set up. We will be attending a mission conference at a Bible college February 6-8. Pray we will have meaningful interactions with students.”

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**SUNDAY**

**Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel.** Praise God for answers to prayer at Urbana 22: 340 students re-committed their lives to Jesus; hundreds made commitments to serve God in His Mission. Local intercessors participated in the 24/7 intercession room and helped pray for inner healing for 800 students who asked for it. 300 local church members met on New Year's Eve to pray for Urbana and revival in this generation.

The Holy Spirit moved in powerful ways!

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**6**

**Luke & Yuko Elliot, Aomori Christian Center, Japan.** "Please pray for our level of financial support. We are at 77% and this is not enough to get financial clearance to return to Japan as intended on March 5. Please continue to pray that the construction on the new building can be completed this spring."

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**7**

**Ann Chow, Event & Project Management.** "Please pray as I teach Redeemer University students this semester. It's a new course for me to teach in project management, innovation, and vocation. It's a great course that culminates their undergraduate degrees and prepares 4th year students for graduation."

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**8**

**Gord & Brenda Nickerson, Josiah Venture.** "Later in February we'll be having our JV Canada Board Meeting. Pray for wisdom and direction as we consider future ministry direction throughout Canada. Pray for Brenda and me as we begin plans for a Spiritual Retreat for youth pastors and their spouses. Pray that resources will be available so that the right couples can attend. This is just at the beginning planning stages."

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**Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan.** "Our Christian brothers and sisters in Taiwan are praising God today for publication of the whole Bible for the first time in the indigenous Tayal language. May God's Word accomplish much in Tayal churches and communities."

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**10**

**Leah Hopp, OPC, Uganda.** "My research supervisor, Agnes, and I hope to submit applications for three research grants this month. We have had a few brainstorming

sessions together recently that have been enormously helpful. I am looking forward to our continued partnership in research efforts."

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**11**

**I & S. Perspectivas, Brasil.** "One of our coworkers, Rodrigo, is in Toronto to study English this month, thank God! Please also pray for I's replacement as training begins."

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**SUNDAY**

**Xerggyo & Hil** visited in Toronto in January and were able to share something of their witness for Christ in Western Asia. Praise God for their witness there and the love that God has given them for the people, and many of the people for them. As they return, pray for His open doors. and for His protection, guidance, and provision at all times.

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**13**

**Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford.** "Three Nigerian Bible translators have just entered CanIL's MATS program. Mentors are in place for each of them...an answer to your January prayers! Pray for success in their studies and, by extension, greater consulting capacity to support Bible translation in that region."

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**14**

**Eleanor Crabtree.** "I had the biopsy of the roof of my mouth on January 6th and now know that it is possibly lymphoma. Thanks for praying. I am at peace." **Sylvia Dresser.** "Thanks for prayers for my son, Andrew. Laparoscopy indicated he could have peritoneal dialysis which will start in February. Pray for church leaders in Merauke upgrading their education to qualify as teachers at the seminary level."

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**15**

**Gus & Marliese, London.** "Please continue to remember the Yazidi family. I teach the father English and read from the gospel in Arabic. Also, I continue with the

Palestinian. We try to meet also with the Metis family once a week.”

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**16**

**Chyrl Basa, FFM.** “We praise God for sustaining us in the past year and for continuing to provide for the ministry of FFM. We continue to look to Him for guidance as He leads us in the coming year. We are also excited to announce that FFM will be partnering with Knox for the first time to host the Day of Prayer for the Muslim World on February 18th, 2023!”

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**17**

**Dave & Rani, Brampton.** “Devanand is presently in Dehradun, Rani's home city in India. He is meeting with pastors there and lecturing in several institutions. Please pray for safety as many are under surveillance. He is also meeting with Rani's sister, Anu (coping with bipolar disease). Please pray for Rani and Deepak as they remain in Brampton. Dave will meet Pastor Ramu in Nepal and then travel to Varanasi.”

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**18**

**Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua.** “This month marks the end of a long school break in Nicaragua as classes resume toward the end of the month. Please pray for the teachers and students in our *Best Start Preschool* and our Christian Leadership Training programs, that for young and old the word of God will come with power and transform lives.”

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**SUNDAY**

**Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa.** “We’re expecting a BIG 2023. We have new translation languages and new countries to go to along with the venues we’re already familiar with that seem to have inexhaustible supply. We have eager, experienced, capable leaders on the ground. We have thousands of churches longing for ever better teaching.” Pray for funding!

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**20**

**Mary Jane Fandrich.** “God is hiding His Word in the hearts of young Somalis with *Arch Bible Story Books*. Surprisingly, UBER rides offer continual opportunities to share the truth of Who Jesus is. Many drivers are immigrants of Middle Eastern origins, and they listen with great interest. Occasionally in this context, scripture in Arabic is useful. Pray that God will continue to assert His authority in all these hearts.”

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**21**

**Scott & Beth Hurd.** “The OMF Canada Leadership Team has been focusing on our strategic plan—working to define tangible, specific plans to address each of the major objectives we have identified. We also continue to pray for more active, healthy workers to serve among East Asia’s peoples.”

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**22**

**Refugee Sponsorship Prayer.** Knox has sponsored refugees at other times and the need is certainly no less now. Ask that God will prompt a number to join in the February 5<sup>th</sup> prayer session which will pave the way for further prayer and action. A committee is already forming.

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**23**

**Carluci & Christina Dos Santos, LAM.** “I will be speaking at the COMIBAM conference on Unreached People’s Groups in Panama City in early March and would appreciate your prayers as I prepare for that.”

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**Hanneke Cost Budde, Tanzania.** Thanks that all the kids doing well and for the amazing rainy season. “We are expecting a very good harvest this year! Thanks for my physical improvement! I am walking better. Pray for Baraka who needs to make a choice on his further education. Remember Ngassa who has injured his previously-

operated-on leg. He seems to be improving. Jacky has started her form four education. My worker, Naomi and I are taking care of Daniel.”

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**25**

**Barbara Rahn and Pam Stedman.**

“Please pray for Pamela Stedman as she adjusts to living in a new location not far from Cambridge. A friend has offered to take Barbara to visit her in new location soon.” Do pray that Pam will like the new place and feel at home there soon.

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**SUNDAY**

**Elizabeth Matthias, MTW, Germany.** “We are constantly challenged in this great battle for hearts and minds to know Christ more clearly, love Him more dearly and follow Him more closely. This must be a work of the Spirit! Please pray that the counsellor/teacher, counsellees and mentees will all have the mind of Christ for our hearts to be enlivened. Please pray for revival.”

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**27**

**Jim Mason. Challenge Enterprises**

**Ghana.** “National Pastors and Christian Leaders conferences: Preparations have started towards this year’s conferences. Pray that members of the planning committee will be committed to their task, and united in mind and spirit towards the successful organization of this year’s conferences.”

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**Phase II Workers.** John & Debra Bowen, Glenn & Fern Byerly (Pray for travels of son-in-law Ben, working with Bible translators in Cameroon), Diane Dadian, Elaine Esser, Gladys Linthicum, Norine Love, Patsy McCarthy, Clarence & Cathy McMullen, David & Angela Morris, Marg Roth (a granddaughter on co-op needs accommodation in Richmond Hill for May – August--any suggestions?), Diana Wadsworth and Rosemary Walker.