



PRAYER BULLETIN
March 2023

Joel, the son of Ibrahimu, Rosemary's English student at Nassa Theological College. The family will minister with the Africa Inland Church, Tanzania.

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When you go through deep waters, I will be with you.

When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown.

When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. Is 43:2

Remember those suffering from the terrible earthquakes Pray for wisdom for workers helping, one of whom writes: "Above everything else in this precarious/sin-filled world, pray that the Gospel of the resurrected Lord Jesus is proclaimed. His salvation is eternal, in contrast to ancient Antioch's fleeting heritage."

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Eleanor Crabtree. "The diagnosis is Mantle Cell N.H. Lymphoma, an aggressive one. I see Dr. Abbo on March 2nd when we will decide what treatment is needed. He should have all the various test results by then. Pray for wisdom for the doctor and endurance on my part. Thanks to all who pray."

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Ann Chow, Event & Project Management. "I've been invited to speak to the Redeemer University Women's Conference on Saturday, March 4. Please pray that I hear from the Lord on what to say to these women of God." A student organizer wrote that she hoped Ann would speak on re-encountering Jesus in the midst of change. "The crazy thing, is that this is exactly what God has put on my heart to speak to them about."

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S & H. A., A Syrian pastor in T, lost his home, father, brothers and sisters in the earthquake in Antakya. There has been violence towards Syrians in this chaotic time, with false accusations that they are looting peoples' belongings. A. was arrested. Pray for him to experience Jesus' nearness, love, and intervention. Also pray for peace in this area, that this suffering would bring them together instead of dividing them more.

SUNDAY

Dave & Rani, Brampton. Dave thanks God for His grace that enabled him to have an enriching experience of lecturing in 3 seminaries and meeting workers in India and Nepal. He returns tomorrow. "Please pray for Deepak as he struggles to keep up with schoolwork. Rani needs prayer as she feels very weak because she is unable to digest food. She is feeling frustrated, weak, and vulnerable."

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Luke & Yuko Elliot, Aomori Christian Center, Japan. “After a blessed and fruitful home assignment in Toronto, we will return to Japan and our ministry at the Aomori Christian Center in early March. Please pray for us as we dig the buildings out of the snow (about 2 m) and begin preparations for the last push to complete construction on our first new building.”

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Carluci & Christina Dos Santos, LAM. “I appreciate your prayers for me as I prepare to bring a biblical reflection at the plenary session of the COMIBAM consultation on Unreached Peoples Groups, Panama City, March 7-10. Please pray also for the 150+ delegates expected to attend the consultation. Following that, I’ll be visiting with Dione Santos, Ruth Thomson’s former missionary colleague in Brazil, and the ministry to two indigenous groups, including a UPG group.”

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Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford. “CanIL and OneBook are hosting a Bible Translation Computer Tools Expo at CanIL on Friday, March 10. Various software programs will be presented at this information and recruitment event. Pray for a good turnout, inspiring presentations, and God’s call on the hearts of those attending.”

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Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan. “We praise God for the publication of the complete Tayal Bible on Feb 9, 2023. May God bless pastors and members of the 120 Tayal Presbyterian churches and others as they read and apply the Word of Utux Kayal in their daily lives.”

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Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel. “Asbury College held a chapel service that didn't end. Most stayed on 24/7, to seek the Lord.

Pray for a Spirit led revival in this generation.”

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I & S. Perspectivas, Brasil. “Thank God that our co-worker could come [to Toronto] to learn English! These next few months will be crazy for us. We just learned that for S to have the same passport for the next field, she needs to pass a language test. It is scheduled for 2 weeks before her due date in May and is an 8-hour drive from our city. Please pray for strong study habits, peace, and safety in pregnancy.”

SUNDAY

Colin & Rachel McCordic, AIM. “We are very thankful that in the first two months of being back in Canada we have had several opportunities to share about our ministry with our Knox family. We now need to expand our network and begin to connect with new supporters to share how God is calling us to Chad long term. Pray the Lord will open new doors.”

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Chyrl Basa, FFM. “We praise God for a wonderful Day of Prayer for the Muslim World gathering at Knox Presbyterian Church last Saturday, February 18th. We are now meeting with another church in Scarborough for the next Day of Prayer coming up in May. Please pray for us as we encourage more churches in the Greater Toronto Area to participate and be equipped to reach out to the Muslims God is sending to our doorsteps.”

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Khevna & Sharon, Knox Missions Hub. Praise God for 'Missions on the Menu' over reading week plans which included an Urbana watch party, group discussions and team building activities. “Please pray that we would continue to make spaces and resource students well as they learn and engage in missions.”

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Gus & Marliese, London. “My prayer request is for recovery from a pacemaker implant I had done [Feb. 18th]. I’m back home now and recovering. I’ve also picked up rheumatoid arthritis months ago with fatigue as its side-effect. Thank you for your prayers.”

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Gord & Brenda Nickerson, Josiah Venture. “Pray for the many sports, English, and performing arts camps that are being planned across Eastern Europe for this coming summer. This next month is a key time for preparation and beginning to invite young people who might be hearing the Gospel for the first time. Pray for our JV staff who are walking closely with the churches that will be hosting these camps this summer.”

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Leah Hopp, OPC, Uganda. The OPC Karamoja mission pastor will finish his term of service and leave in May. The mission clinic chaplain, Pastor Julius, a Ugandan, will continue the work of leading the mission church, too. They are excited about the potential of this opportunity of helping the local church govern itself. Please pray for good conversations and guidance in the transition.

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Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua. “Join us in praying for those who have teaching responsibilities at Skylark. For the teachers in our Christian preschool which has just resumed after the long “summer” break. Pray too for the new students joining our Christian Leadership Training Program starting this month and for Mauricio as he teaches on faithful Biblical interpretation.”

SUNDAY

Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa. “Please pray for our newest Regional

Leader, Fred, who is shepherding several new Local Bible Institutes in south-eastern Uganda. We're a bit timid about another move into Uganda because twice in the past we got excited over new initiatives that turned out not to have the right leadership. So, we're hoping that Fred demonstrates a personal love of learning and that he can share it with others.”

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Mary Jane Fandrich. “Thank God for His continued drawing of people to hear and receive His love and blessing. Recently, some who had withdrawn have reconnected, and children prevented from continuing to learn to read from the Arch Story Books greet me warmly on the lawn and parking lot. Pray that the Word that has been hidden in hearts will bear fruit for the Kingdom.”

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Scott & Beth Hurd, OMF Canada. 2022 income was \$6 million compared to a budget of \$5.3 million. The \$700 thousand of gifts above budget is a clear expression of Christian friends' faithfulness towards our Lord's desire to see East Asians everywhere coming to faith in Him. “Our budget for 2023 is \$5.5 million. Please pray for God's ongoing provision in 2023.”

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Sylvia Dresser. “My son Andrew's catheter placement for dialysis was unsuccessful and the second attempt failed. He hasn't heard from his doctor what was next. In Saman [Papua], the village has 3 feet of water on the ground. Pray for safety for all and that the nurses and teachers who have come from other islands will not be discouraged as they move about the village on boardwalks. The fishing is good off the boardwalks!”

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Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change. “Planning for the fall semester is in full

swing - pray for direction, courage, creativity. Pray for students continuing to take steps towards Jesus (and for my conversations with M&R, Iranian int'l student friends). The Meaning Makers cohort continues to meet - pray that these students would find encouragement and practical help in exploring faith in/through their passion for writing.

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Hanneke Cost Budde, Tanzania. Pray for complete healing for Faraja from Pylori so he can attend school again full time, and that Baraka will be accepted into a good school. (He would like to become an immigration officer.) Praise that Kiri, Jacky, Mfaume are all doing well in their studies and that there's a positive change in Ngassa who is doing a course in repairing office equipment. Little Daniel is thriving and loves the new puppy, a Maltese Terrier. The two together are adorable!"

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Barbara Rahn and Pam Stedman. "Please continue to pray for Pamela Stedman who is now enjoying living in a Seniors Complex just outside Cambridge. A good friend took me to visit her. Initially she did not know me but with a few helps we had a good visit for 15 minutes."

SUNDAY

Elizabeth Matthias, MTW, Germany. Last month brought three health issues which consumed strength but clarified vision. Elizabeth would appreciate prayers for renewed strength to catch up and move forward on all the good things God has planned for her to do.

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Jim Mason. Challenge Enterprises Ghana. Each Cinevan is expected to have two evangelists onboard for long missionary trips. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to choose the right people with hearts for missions. There are a lot of

requests from churches for community cinema shows as we approach Easter. Pray for Cinevans and that God will strengthen the churches and grant them grace to effectively follow up on all who come to Christ through these outreaches.

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Rosemary Walker, Montreal. Rosemary is teaching English weekly to Su Jing, birth mother of Feng (who disappeared in October without a trace) and her younger son, Long Fei. Long Fei doesn't put his heart into studying, isn't doing well in school and needs to understand the importance of learning English and French in his totally new world. Please pray for wisdom for Emily, adoptive mother of Feng, helping Su Jing and Long Fei. "May salvation come to this house."

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Elaine Esser, Owen Sound. "I would like to give thanks to the Lord for His healing hand on Kathleen Dadian [Diane's daughter]. She has now started to walk again after being told she would be a quadriplegic. The last time I called Diane she said that Kathleen was having physio and that she was walking. At Christmas she was still in a wheelchair."

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Refugee Sponsorship. Ask the Lord for His guiding hand as to who Knox should sponsor. Ask Him to bring on board those who can contribute in prayer, finances, joining a committee, helping in practical ways.

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Phase II Workers. John & Debra Bowen, Glenn & Fern Byerly (her Women's Missionary Fellowship is making new efforts to get more in their congregation to pray for missionaries), Gladys Linthicum, Norine Love, Patsy McCarthy, Clarence & Cathy McMullen, David & Angela Morris, Marg Roth and Diana Wadsworth.