



“Go Blue Jays!” Fans from afar: Faraja [Jays] and Daniel [Leafs] in Tabora, Tanzania, Africa.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

“...those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah

40:31

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Luke & Yuko Elliot, Aomori Christian Center, Japan. "Please pray for Snow-board Bible Camp for Teens (Jan. 2-5) and Aomori Megumi Baptist Church's Winter Day Camp (Jan. 20). Please pray for safety of people and structures during the snow season in "the world's snowiest city (Aomori)."

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Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel. “On January 2-6, please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Intervarsity's (USA) staff conference. Ask God to refresh, renew, and empower weary staff and hear their prayers as they spend a day fasting and interceding for the evangelization and discipleship of Gen Z, the newest generation.”

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Dave & Rani, Brampton.

“Rani, Deepak, and Devanand are in Guyana right now. They are visiting several churches and are also on live TV. Devanand also conducts seminars on creative ways to reach H1ndus. Deepak's singing and Hindustani music will be the highlight. Please pray for safety! Pray for guidance for Deepak as he contemplates university in the fall of 2024. Thank you for your continued faithful prayers!”

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Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford. “Pray that CanIL staff, faculty and students will have enjoyed a refreshing break over Christmas and New Years. We don't usually have new students join us in Spring Term, but this year there are three of them. For those students who finished their degree programs in December, pray as they tackle next steps in God's plan for their lives.”

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C & K. “Enroute from Pakistan to the UAE, C invites us to praise the Lord for a major answer to prayer with respect to our business in Bangladesh. We've seen a huge breakthrough in moving the company forward, and although there are losses, we've been able to save 300 jobs and continue the possibilities for amazing service to the community in this corner of the world. There remains a lot to be done over

the next 8 weeks and so please pray for the Lord to continue to remove all obstacles and overcome all hindrances, for His great glory.”

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Ann Chow, Event & Project Management. “I’m teaching at Redeemer University again, a project-based learning course. I’d appreciate prayer as I teach and interact with my students. Also pray for the Seoul 2024 program team as we continue to shape the program. I’m co-designing Collaborate, our mass collaboration sessions for 5000+ people in-person and online. We are now recruiting and developing training materials for our expanded team.”

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Laurie Armstrong, P2C. “Pray for students as they finish up and submit mission trip applications to one of nine international and national trips. Pray for my communications department as we continue working on several major initiatives (e.g. website redesign, student communications strategy). Many student outreaches on campuses are taking place in January; pray for Spirit-led interactions and open hearts.”

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Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua. “For three weeks this month, our Skylark centre will see over a hundred Nicaraguan youth join for worship, prayer and to grow as disciples of Jesus. Pray for those leading and that many hearts will be touched. Continue to pray for our staff in this time of uncertainty.”

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Leah Hopp, OPC, Uganda. “Five secondary school boys are now on their long break between grades, back at the mission. Four post-secondary school young men also came home for Christmas. Please pray for me as I help them to enter a new year of schooling. There are many

details to sort out and keep track of.”

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Khevna & Sharon, Knox Missions Hub. “Praise God for wrapping up the end of the year well and for time to rest over the holidays. Please pray for us as we relaunch our prayer gatherings for the new semester and prepare for Relevant Series collaborations!”

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Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan. “Pray for peace between Taiwan and China as Taiwan holds its democratic election for a new president and legislators tomorrow the 13th. May Christians be signs of peace, hope, love and new life as they point people to Jesus.”

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Elizabeth Matthias, Germany. “Besides the expansion of the mentoring group, the Spirit has worked wonderfully in counselees-- and in my relatives during a surprising Christmas celebration together! May we all grow closer to our Lord!” On the 13th, the mentoring group meets again.

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Sylvan Payne, Japan. “Please pray for me as it looks like 2024 will be tough, with added university classes and diminishing energy.”

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Colin & Rachel McCordic, AIM. “We are so thankful for the wonderful commissioning and send-off we had at Knox in December. Thank you, Knox, for being behind us as we start the new chapter in life and ministry! This month we are in Kenya attending AIM's Africa Based Orientation - a three-week training for new missionaries. Pray that we will absorb all the new information we need. Pray for our flight to Chad on February 7.”

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Hanneke Cost Budde. Hanneke gives thanks for all the kids doing so well! Mfaume, Faraja and Jacky are entering their final years in their respective schools. Kiri is doing great and gets excellent marks. School fees are going up, good as teachers need proper salaries but a challenge for many people here. Praise for Mahona getting the chance to become a teacher in a secondary school in Tabora! He can stay with us during his first year as he won't get paid much. He is hired as an intern.

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Palestine/Israel. Each day, more stories of tragedy and chaos coming out of the Holy Land. Lift up Christian leaders to speak and live out God's truth and compassion. Pray that churches, there and here, would respond to Christ's Spirit in love and unity. Apart from Him, who can stand?

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Carluci & Christina Dos Santos. "I am very thankful that I was appointed a missionary leader with United World Missions (uwm.org)". Carluci will continue to work with the Portuguese-Spanish-speaking diaspora in Canada, promoting theological education and mobilization for missions. "I might be involved with other UWM projects in Latin America. I appreciate your prayers for this new phase of my life and ministry with the new organization. The family is all doing well... They will all be here for Christmas. Of course, we are excited about that."

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Refugee Family Sponsorship. Continue to pray for our refugee family of five as they await approvals to continue the process of coming to Canada under our sponsorship. Much needs to happen. Ask for safety, and for peace to rest and move forward confidently under God's guiding and providing hand.

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Gus & Marliese Ketola, London. "We thank God for the successful scalp biopsy that dealt with the potential of Bowen's disease in my scalp. The biopsy was small and superficial. Now it's back to my visits with the Yazidis. Please pray for these with our mall Bible studies and Sunday morning worship services."

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Elaine Esser. Speaking from her many years of experience as a Knox-supported missionary nurse in Thailand, Elaine reminds us, "Let us ask the Lord for His protection and provision for our missionaries as they serve Him in their different countries."

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Sylvia Dresser. "There is a possibility of 2 new couples joining the Ethnos family starting translation in the dialect in which we were the first missionaries back in 1959. Pray there will be no hindrance to a translation being completed. Please remember my son Andrew as his leg heals after removal of a skin cancer and he hopes for a kidney transplant."

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Marg Roth. A new resident always has such a beautiful smile on her face and she told Marg, "It's the joy of The Lord." "How wonderful! With all the wars and terrible things happening around the world and in our own backyard, I am so thankful to know our God knows all about it and loves us and watches over us and is the Victor in the end. Aren't you glad you're His child!"

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I & S. "Thank God we had an amazing time of training! Please pray for Team Brazil as it is established, and for the PSP Brazil workers learning English this month, for a great impact in labourers for the harvest!"

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Rosemary Walker. In the '90s Rosemary was a missionary teacher in Zaire and began a "Cup of Cold Water Project" through Africa Inland Mission Canada, offering practical Christian compassion to people in need. Last year, most of the funds helped four students Rosemary knew in Tanzania (Simon, John, Sarah and Rioba) all working on Bachelor of Theology Degrees. "Please pray that the Lord would help me as I seek to carry on and expand this ministry in 2024."

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Xerggyo & Hil. They continue to await the opportunity to return to ministry and friends they left in the Middle East. Pray for God's timing as to re-entry, and an ongoing harvest from the work done there, seeds that were already sown. God's timing is perfect.

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Jim Mason, Challenge Enterprises, Ghana. To date many African, Latin American and Asian editions have followed since the original English Africa Bible Commentary (ABC). Praise God for this work that Jim was so involved in getting off the ground. Jim moved into a retirement home in Waterloo in the summer. Recently, he began a trial weekly Bible study with some interested residents.

SUNDAY

Chyrl Basa, FFM. They praise God for another year of His faithfulness and provision. For prayer warriors who faithfully attended Days of Prayer; for churches who hosted FFM events; for field workers who testified of God's work in the Muslim world; for trainers who facilitated local prayer walks and outreach. Please continue to pray for financial provision and for God's leading as FFM spurs prayer for the Muslim world and encourages Christian witness among Muslim neighbours.

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Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn. "One task each January is to chart out the list of foundations *Listen to Learn* will seek support from in 2024, and to start writing the Letters of Introduction. It's a part of our annual fundraising that isn't so public but can be very significant. Please pray for wisdom for Todd, Brian & Bill as they develop these plans."

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Barbara Rahn. Barb asks prayer as she continues to settle into her new place at Fairview Mennonite Community, Cambridge (she moved there in June); for her sister Carol and nephew Daniel, to be able to remain in contact with her and that God would provide for them; for God's help, day by day.

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Phase II Workers. John & Debra Bowen, Fern & Glenn Byerly, Eleanor Crabtree, Gladys Linthicum, Norine Love, Patsy McCarthy, Clarence & Cathy McMullen, David & Angela Morris, Pamela Stedman, Diana Wadsworth.