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PRAYER CALENDAR
April 2020



COVER PHOTO

Ann Chow with a friend in Thailand. "About 100 people from the church planting conference I was running went to a ride elephants in northern Thailand. It was awesome!"

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No KWM worker has tested positive for the coronavirus. Pray for those among whom they work with during this traumatic time, that they may have unique opportunities to reach out in practical ways to help and share the Gospel.

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Leah Hopp, Uganda. "Pray that I will be able to renew my work permit by the end of April. I can envision the process becoming even more difficult due to health and safety measures closing government services. As a mission and clinic, we are discussing strategies for protecting neighbours in the villages."


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Hanneke Cost Budde, Tanzania. "Pray that many will realize they need a Saviour and seek God's face. Pray for my family in the uncertainty of when I can return. Pray that my worker, Naomi, be given strength and wisdom as she deals with all the kids at home now for an unknown time. Thanks too that Jacky is again walking."

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Devanand & Rani. Please pray for Devanand and Rani as they minister via phone and other social media for their local work with Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims in Brampton. They have a ministry of encouragement to Workers in India and Nepal.

Palm Sunday

Sylvia Dresser, Papua. “As the government and Luther Village [my retirement residence] try to put a cocoon around us, my concerns for those in places like Papua where there are no masks, gloves or  respirators available. Pray that God Himself will be their protector. Our times are in His hands!”

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Paul & Mary Beth McLean, Taiwan. All ten Bible translation teams which Paul supports are pressing on with their work of translation, checking and revision. May God bless them in Taiwan and Paul in Toronto as he checks their work remotely via the internet.

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Chyrl, FFM Toronto. During this difficult time when we need to keep our distance from one another to show neighbourly love, one thing we can do: PRAY. Praise God that April-July prayer bulletins are now in the hands of the people. Pray that we will also get the 30 Days Ramadan prayer guides on time so Christians will have this helpful resource while we are in quarantine.

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Carluci & Christina Dos Santos, LAM. “My prayer is that we join together as the people of God across this great continent in humility and with a spirit of genuine repentance as in 2 Chronicles 7:14: ‘If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.’”

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Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change. Pray for wisdom and creativity in how we serve students during this season, pray for the good news of Jesus to shine brightly among students, and for God’s continued care and provision.

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Elizabeth Matthias, Germany. “Corona changes everything—and nothing: trust and obey! Since March 22nd, church services are live-streamed. Counselling and mentoring intensify! Funding and housing arrangements have yet to be settled. Very grateful for your prayers.”

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Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa. Listen to Learn staff and friends in Kenya are dealing with the Covid-19 virus as well. They are a bit behind us but it is developing quickly and they are scared.

Easter Sunday

Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel, Arizona. “In these days of being “sheltered in place”, we are praying Scripture for Knox and others. He says to us, “Do not be terrified; do not be afraid, the Lord your God who is going before you will fight for you ---The Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your journey...These (200) years the Lord your God has been with you and you have not lacked anything!” (Deuteronomy 1:29; 2:7) Let us thank Him and praise Him and trust Him!”

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Jim Mason, Ghana Presbyterian Churches. “On Resurrection Sunday, Christians all over the world celebrated the victory Christ won over sin and Satan. Pray Christians in Ghana will live victorious lives and find new power in the resurrection account in the Holy Scriptures.”

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Luke & Yuko Elliot, OMF, Japan. “We will indeed be praying for our brothers, sisters, and all people in the world as fear and disruption continues to build. 2020 was supposed to be a special year, both for Japan and for the Aomori Christian Center. Now, both the Olympics and ACC’s building will likely be delayed by months or years. But the Centre holds: Have faith in GOD!”

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C & K. Their work has been significantly impacted particularly by the COVID-19 pandemic. It has touched virtually every business in the portfolio, from impacting supply chains, to preventing workers from getting to their jobs and in some cases into the country. Similar issues to those of us in Canada, but in this case often in contexts which are even harsher. Pray for C & K as they help shepherd these companies with patience, grace, and creativity. The CEO of one company was killed in an accident in Thailand, and the COO of a company in Pakistan died in his sleep of a massive heart attack. It is a time of testing.

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S. Payne, **Japan**. Pray for my 2nd-year students who are studying in other countries this year. Many are trying to leave cancelled programs and make it home. My program has many international exchange students who are trying to get back to Japan from winter break, often facing quarantines or restrictions. Pray for wisdom and extra energy for me at this time. I'm losing strength lately.



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Sheila McKelvie, **Interserve**. Due to the virus concerns, *Jesus to the Nations* was cancelled in Halifax. Pray for wisdom for Sheila whether she should cancel the E2S program scheduled for Malaysia in July.

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David & Susan Jeffery, **CanIL, BC**. "For the remainder of Spring Term, all classes at CanIL are being taught online to curb the spread of COVID-19. Pray that the technology will work well and for quick adjustment by everyone to the whole new way of teaching and learning. Many students have returned home. Pray that others trying to do so will be successful."

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Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua. Pray for the staff at Skylark Centre in San Marcos as they face a significant loss of income and work due to International travel bans and cancellations or postponement of most local groups using the centre. There is no EI available so many go without income during this time and full-time staff relies on the generosity of supporters in Canada. Pray for protection for staff  and wisdom for Wayne and the team as they lead trusting that God is sovereign. 

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Gus & Marliese. Last month Gus was to attend a Christian conference on Discipleship. After he had reached Chicago the meetings were cancelled. They will continue to pursue the theme of discipleship. Pray they will soon be able to return to their teaching.

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Khevna & Chez, Mission Hub, Knox. “Pray for the many students who are processing sudden cancellations and changes to their summer mission plans. As we come to the end of the school year, we are thankful for the tools we have to continue gathering online in our regular times of prayer and discipleship.”

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Ann Chow. “The BAM Congress was postponed for a year till April 2021 in Bangkok. Thankfully 2-3 other projects have approached her to fill the employment gap till late fall. She is now the project coordinator for Indigitous, Cru International’s digital ministry, recruiting and training the leads from 40-50 cities around the world as they host ‘hackathons’ in October. [A hackathon is when people from the tech industry come together over a weekend to develop new solutions to issues faced by the church and missions around the world.]”

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Mary Jane Fandrich. What a difference having faith in the Lord Jesus makes! The panic all around, amongst the ex-pat community in Beirut is palpable, even for some church members. Pray for safekeeping especially for the elderly with health issues. My cousins: Grace, aged 90, and Jacqueline, with severe respiratory problems, age 78. Grace is unhappy at not receiving visitors. Otherwise, it has been a good, fruitful time of serving and visiting in Beirut.

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Xerggyo and Hil. They are not currently able to work and are taking advantage of this time to meet with friends online and on the phone and continue to share the good news.

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Knox Dinner and Food Bank. Remember the volunteers and workers as they are not together for this season. Pray that the closeness of sharing will have a lasting impact on the participants throughout the warmer months.

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Rosemary Walker, AIM.

She was asked to leave Tanzania on March 19, after receiving sudden orders by the mission. Pray for her isolation in Montreal and settling in after a weary flight.

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Phase 2: John & Deborah Bowen, Marg Roth, Barbara Rahn, Gladys Linthicum, Clarence  Cathy McMullen, Elaine Esser, and Barbara Hanna.

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John and Deborah Bowen. In retirement, John and Deborah continue to teach, write, and mentor (and enjoy their four grandchildren!). Please pray as they help teach and train the next generation of leaders.

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Dom Goold, Donna Dong and Geri Rodman. Remember the stressful times for university workers dealing with a very unusual university year. There are numerous opportunities to come along side confused and seeking student and share the love of Jesus.

“Stay safe. And remember: love like Jesus but wash your hands like Pontius Pilate.” –John Bowen

