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PRAYER CALENDAR
July 2020

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“Thank you for praying for us. We moved the freight container load of lumber from the top of the driveway, across the ravine into the old, out-of-commission dining room. It took four days of hard work.” **Luke Elliot, Japan.**



Canada Day. Pray for our country as we emerge from COVID quarantines and resume regular routines while being careful to prevent the continued spread. May we be reminded of God’s sovereignty and be energized by the fragility of our short lives to share the Good News.

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Luke & Yuko Elliot, OMF, Japan. July is a busy month at Aomori Christian Center with two shipping containers arriving needing a forklift and many hands to help unload it safely. Also, there are the final preparations to be made for the Bible camps (the only 2 Camps not to be cancelled this summer), which had to be delayed until August because schools have shortened their summer holidays.

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Ann Chow. “Wonderful news to share! I have recently been hired by Redeemer University to teach a leadership course this fall to their 3-4 year business students. I am excited to be interacting with students on such an important topic. Classes will be once every week, each Tuesday; pray for the prep to teach and for the students, either in-person or online.”

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Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change, Guelph. We’re thankful for a fruitful virtual mission trip (May/June) focussing on two ‘closed’

countries. Pray for student leaders as they continue *online student Alpha* (begun in mid-June). Pray for planning for continued virtual ministry through at least the fall semester.

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Donna Dong, InterVarsity Canada. Pray for Donna and other panellists in the July 8th virtual ESCM meeting (English-Speaking Chinese Ministerial fellowship), which will reflect on “Life in Ministry after Lockdown.” Pray that the discussion would lead to transformative change and confirmation of what it means to be God’s People following closely in discipleship after Jesus. Pray for rest, as Donna takes two weeks of vacation.

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Sheila McKelvie, Interserve. “We are thankful that our family remains well. Pray for wisdom in the coming months as Sheila makes decisions about travel and program possibilities relating to work with Interserve. We continue to pray for Pakistan, particularly for people in Sindh who are experiencing high inflation, attack on crops from locusts, and increasing numbers of COVID infections.”

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Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa. “Our L2L Board here in Canada, along with our leadership team in Kenya, are deep into future strategic planning – since this year has disrupted our services so deeply, how should we reshape our policies and activities to be better suited for 2021 and beyond? Wisdom is needed!”

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Xerggyo & Hil. “Time goes so fast, and our residential permit expires in three months; I need a miracle to find another job as I lost my other job due to COVID. We have three local friends who want to follow the good news through waters.”

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Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel, Arizona. “God is using the stresses of social turmoil and COVID to open hearts and lives in our world and yours. May He equip us to help seekers (like Adele & Yvonne) come to the assurance of salvation; help us to pray effectively for healing for those (like Marty & Deborah) who are freshly aware of their need of it, and fill us all with His Spirit and wisdom as we lead others in Bible Study and discipleship on Zoom. Praise God for online streaming!”

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Dominique Goold, IVCF, Ryerson U. Pray as she prepares to shift focus from UTSC to Ryerson, and for students at Ryerson as they learn about InterVarsity and look to join in the mission on their campus this fall. Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit to know how He will lead to seeing the ministry grow in a digital space due to the pandemic and all classes moving online.

11 Gus & Marliese. Pray for the right time as they seek to contact their Middle-Eastern friends again. Gus has volunteered to distribute food packages to international students in their city, to develop ongoing friendships with the students they help.

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David & Susan Jeffery, Abbotsford, BC. Remember the minority language communities—the forgotten peoples of the world—as they struggle through this time of the pandemic. Pray that money raised by CanIL in May to fund translations of COVID-related health materials for these people groups will be put to good use and prove a real blessing to the recipients.

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C & K request prayer for their global board and management team meeting this month held virtually. Pray for encouragement and wisdom. The team’s COVID Relief Fund has been of extraordinary blessing to several companies by providing payroll and operational

support during the pandemic. Pray for the reopening of companies and countries across North Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

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Missions Hub. As Chez steps away from the Hub, she is excited about a mobilization role in Brazil. Please pray for Chez and 'I' as they hope to wed in August. Also, pray for Chez's mom as she battles cancer, and for Chez and 'I' in the support raising process during such a stressful time. They now have 10%, thank God! Also, pray for Khevna as she steps into the role of director, and a new mobilization coordinator comes on board.

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Geri Rodman, IVCF. "Pray for rest for some of my coaches during July, especially those ministering in West Asia. They can take a break from everyday ministry, but there are few places they can go. Those teaching English online are very tired from being on Zoom for teaching and ministry. Pray for the clients in South American countries. COVID is just now hitting them in cruel ways, more like what happened in New York. They do not have sufficient medical facilities. It is a blessing to serve these staff as they lead their teams in uncharted waters."

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Chyrl Basa, FFM, Toronto. Our FFM Prayer News Bulletin goes out to thousands of faithful prayer warriors from different parts of the world. It's translated into Chinese, French and Spanish. Pray for God's anointing on our bulletin writer and translators that they may be filled with God's wisdom, encouragement and energy as they do this important work.

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Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan. "May God guide the Bunun and Tayal teams which are trying to finalize their translations of the complete Bible by the end of this year. May God help Paul to communicate effectively with all his teams over the internet."

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Elizabeth Matthias, Germany. “Counselling, mentoring and academic work keep me busier than ever. Covid-19 has seriously challenged the growth of our church plant. I’m expecting the administrative snag regarding Canadian donations might work out this month—restarting my apartment search!”

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Carluci & Christina Dos Santos, LAM, Central and South America. LAM is supporting the ministry of Pastor Mauricio on the border between Colombia and Venezuela, where many Venezuelan refugees are trapped in this militarized zone, near the river. Pray for these desperate people and those serving them, God’s people, and for extra resources. Carluci and his family are finding it more challenging to coordinate more projects, fundraise, report on daily activities and also keep up with the community at Celebration Church, Toronto.

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Rosemary Walker, AIM, Montreal. Nassa Theological College, Tanzania, has resumed classes, the exams have completed and the third term is now underway. However, international health organizations are concerned that underreporting there could adversely impact the wider region. Let’s pray for the governments in Tanzania, here in Canada and worldwide, to act wisely and effectively to control the pandemic within their borders.

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Jim Mason, SIM, Ghana. Pray that the use of TV and other online tools for the National Pastors and Christian Leaders conference will produce a far-reaching positive impact, and for speakers as they deliver their messages.

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Barbara Rahn, Thailand. Pray for the Thai staff and students coming to Bangkok Bible Seminary, Phayao and other seminaries preparing to welcome students in July and early August. Where crossing borders is involved, pray for permissions.

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Hanneke Cost Budde, AIM, Tanzania. Praise that all the kids are doing well. However, schools opened the end of June. Pray for the safety of the kids. Pray that Hanneke will be able to return to Tanzania via Amsterdam for a short family visit this month.

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Dave & Rani, are spending more time with individuals and engaging them with spiritual conversations more openly in Brampton. Pray for T, an international student who gave his life to Christ, and is now back in India.

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“Neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female.” Might we be at the forefront of confronting racism, inequality and hatred through the power of the Gospel of Christ.

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Let's respond well to the dramatic impact of COVID on missions, and Christian organizations large and small. How to move with the Lord into this changing world and see the opportunities He is creating...just as Bill Fitch points out on Day 7, and others in this bulletin are also noting.

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Leah Hopp, OPC, Uganda. Pray that one mission family will get the rest they need during furlough (starting in August?) and take advantage of counselling opportunities to heal from a trying first term. Pray for stamina for others of us on the mission as we try to work through the issues.

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Phase 2: David & Angela Morris, Patsy McCarthy, Diane Dadian, John & Deborah Bowen, Pam Stedman, Sylvia Dresser, Norine Love, Margaret Roth, Clarence & Cathy McMullen, Barbara Hanna, Elaine Esser, Eleanor Crabtree, Gladys Linthicum and Glen & Fern Byerly.

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Sylvia Dresser, Papua. “The Bible school in Merauke has been able to continue despite general lockdown because the students and most teachers live on campus. There are now over 1000 Hatam people receiving regular devotionals Walter Kennedy sends out. One hundred four have come to faith as a result.”

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City Missions: Evangel Hall, Scott Mission, Urban Promise, Toronto City Mission, various food banks, individuals who minister to help homeless and hungry people.

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S. Payne, Japan. “I’m very thankful these days. First of all, after a month of a new medication, my quality of life has improved exponentially. More physical comfort, plus my ability to type, has improved, plus handwriting is more legible, plus many other improvements. I’m also thankful that the first quarter of the academic year of teaching online went better than I expected. Please pray for me in teaching that I can return to the classroom soon. The university is still debating whether to open the campus in the fall term. My fall courses demand more face to face interaction. Also, pray for our family as Juli finishes high school this year and decides what to do with her life. There’s a bit of stress now as we work through this along with all the other future uncertainties.”