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PRAYER CALENDAR
May 2020

COVER PHOTO

“Dave Jeffery and Bear, our much loved pet for 15½ years, enjoy a ride round the neighbourhood together. Bear became part of our family when we were serving in Thailand. Daily walks with him were key in restoring Susan to good health following our time in West Asia.”

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Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel, Arizona. “We have loved “attending” the wonderful services at Knox each Sunday. The day before Easter, we distributed daffodils and a letter of love and witness to 19 individuals or couples in our neighbourhood. Several expressed how much the words and flowers touched them. Pray that many who don’t yet know Jesus would open their hearts to Him.”

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Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, East Africa. “Pray for our new Leadership Team in Kenya: Isaac Makali and Susan Tela – both of whom have visited Knox! They need wisdom as they strike out on some new paths.”

Mission Sunday

Today we want to get to know our KWM workers by name, where they work or have worked, and how we can help them in prayer or other ways. We invite you all to attend the special mission session this afternoon after the morning worship at 1 pm.

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Ann Chow, Event & Projects Management. “Thank you for your prayers. Now pray as I begin 2-3 new events with International Justice Mission and Indigitous, plus another potential project that is being solidified. We need wisdom and energy amid Covid-19 and all of the massive changes.”

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Mary Jane Fandrich. “Praise for a very good time of service to the expat and seminary communities in Beirut during this unusual time. Now I am back in Toronto. Pray that the virus will not find me! Pray for me as I share what God is doing with folks here and at church.”

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Deve & Rani, Brampton. Pray for the family as they have an active ministry of encouragement during these lockdown days, with the telephone, social media, and internet. They are preparing to do a live Satsang from home, as soon as things open up, to Hindus and Sikhs.

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Hanneke Cost Budde, Tanzania. Pray that the virus in Tanzania and all the poor countries will be contained. People with TB and HIV/AIDS stand little chance of surviving the virus. I give thanks for God’s provisions for me and the kids (especially rambunctious Baraka) and for all who pray for me and my family, and praise God: all are doing well!”

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Wayne & Helen Hancock, Threefold Ministries, Nicaragua. “As in the crisis of 2018, we have again had to cancel all mission trips and local center users are also cancelling or postponing events. Pray for the staff at the Skylark Center led by Mauricio, that they will be safe and that our event staff who normally rely on events for income will know God’s provision for their families.”

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Leah Hopp, OPC, Uganda. “Pray for the mission here as we consider our response to COVID-19. We are not all on the same page which is creating some tension. I would like to see the mission take more precautions than they currently are. Praise God that my community health team is still willing to come to the villages with me to teach our neighbours how to protect themselves.”

Sunday

David & Susan Jeffery, Abbotsford, BC. “Pray for Spirit-led creativity as those planning the summer program at CanIL think through everything from an online perspective. So far, we have 89 applicants for Summer School at CanIL. IT issues remain a needy area for prayer. How will ‘community’ be fostered in an environment dominated by physical and social distancing?”

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Sylvia Dresser, retired from Papua, Indonesia. “Covid-19 has reached Merauke on the south coast of Papua. Neither of the Ethnos families studying the language in Saman is there now, so whether it has reached Saman, we don’t know. Pray for the Lord’s protection as there is no medical help for the jungle tribes. Walter Kennedy reports that after years of accepting ‘friends requests’ on Facebook, he has now formed a ‘group’ and is posting Bible teaching in the Hatam language. Pray many more will join.”

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Elizabeth Matthias, Germany. “Counselling continues under the intensifying effects of Covid-19 –for what are we each living? May it be more of the Lord for us all! I am so thankful for my temporary housing, full funding still has to be confirmed, so that my next home office may materialize. May the Lord provide. I’m so grateful that Knox continues to pray and send me!”

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Gord & Brenda Nickerson, Josiah Venture, Eastern Europe. “We’ve been hearing encouraging stories from our JV countries about how God is using this pandemic to reach young people in new ways, on the ‘digital highway’. As He’s already using the English highway, the sports highway, the school’s highway, and the music highway in our youth ministries. In **Slovenia**, a youth group decided to meet and study the Bible together on Zoom every night. They began inviting friends, and the group has grown from just a few students to over 50 each night.

They are using the 'breakout room' feature on Zoom to divide into the bigger digital group just to hang out. Even parents are joining them to study the Bible. Pretty amazing in a country where there are so few Christians!"

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Chyrl Loyce Basa, FFM, Toronto. "From April 24 – May 23, 1.8 billion Muslims will observe Ramadan with global concerns about health and the future on their minds. God is at work so let us not cease praying for the Muslim world. May God encourage those who are praying for Muslims during Ramadan and give opportunities to share His hope and love with our neighbours."

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Chez & Khevna, The Mission Hub, Knox. "Pray for us as we continue transitioning future discipleship gatherings online, and for wisdom as we continue to plan for growth. As many changes are happening in our community, pray for good welcomes and goodbyes, even during a time of the pandemic."

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Paul & Mary Beth McLean, Taiwan.

"May God help Paul communicate well with his Bible translation teams as he works remotely from home during the pandemic. In Taiwan, the teams can still meet safely in person. May God grant them safety and good progress."

Sunday

Donna Dong, IVCF, Multi-ethnic/Multi-cultural Ministry Director, Pray for Donna's energy as she adapts to social media (esp. Zoom, WhatsApp) for resourcing, encouraging, & journeying with other disciple-makers, Scripture teachers and leaders. Donna may be preaching by Zoom in two churches. Pray for a daily posture of intentionally being in God's presence and following His lead in loving Him and loving local & global neighbours as well as self.

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C & K. “Pray for 25 companies in the portfolio. Every one of them is impacted in one way or another by the Covid-19 pandemic. It’s all made worse by the contexts in which they serve, without government supports, the capacity for ‘social distancing’, and high levels of fear and often violent enforcement of restrictions. Pray our Christian brothers and sisters would be a refreshing light in the darkness as they serve. Pray for us and our global team going flat out at this time of crisis.”

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Sheila McKelvie, Interserve. “Praise God for technology to connect with people locally and around the world, and for wisdom regarding planning conferences and meetings for this year.”

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Rosemary Walker, AIM, Montreal. Since my return from Africa, the Lord provided a lovely vacant home for a few months. AIM has appointed me to help with translations for our new French website. God willing, I will retire on December 31st of this year. Pray for my former students of Nassa Theological College, Tanzania, who were sent home when the school closed because of the virus. Most have no books, or computers, and had to miss 2nd term exams.

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Jim Mason, Ghana. “For the first time in 40 years of Cinevan operations of the Challenge Enterprises, the vans have been grounded due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Cinevan evangelists are all at home. Pray they may have good quality time with their families. Daytime activities will resume as soon as CEG can open shops again.”

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Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change, Guelph. “Our entire ministry has pivoted to virtual format, and despite many cancellations (events, mission trips), God is powerfully at work! Pray for wisdom, love, and

creativity as we continue to minister to students, Christian and non-Christian, both locally and as far as the internet can reach.”

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Luke and Yuko, OMF, Japan. “Aomori Christian Center’s building project has been postponed for a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for us as we figure out how to unload and store the shipping containers full of building materials that are arriving on schedule without the building teams.”

Sunday

Geri Rodman IVCF. “Pray for numbers of General Secretaries in IFES who are doing coaching with me at this time. All of these people are dealing with similar challenges as we are but circumstances are dire. Pray for donors to be able to support these ministries, and for creativity in outreach to students.”

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Phase 2 workers:, Eleanor Crabtree, Norine Love, Barbara Rahn, David & Angela Morris, Gladys Linthicum, Margaret Roth, Pam Stedman, Clarence & Catherine McMullen, Elaine Esser, Glenn & Fern Byerly, and Barbara Hanna.

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John & 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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Gus & Marliese Ketola, London. “Pray for the refugee families we know. We teach them English. One family has five children and another has seven. It must be very difficult for them now.”

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Xerggyo & Hil. Their country remains under lockdown so 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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Carluci & Christina Dos Santos, LAM. “Please pray for safety of our missionaries as they assist poorer and more vulnerable people in their various communities across Latin America. Dione Lima and the Kayapo people along whom she serves are very vulnerable. There is shortage of food. We are thankful for an agricultural project we started last year in a church community in Venezuela. This is proving to be a great blessing right now. Please pray we find wisdom and resources in responding to these situations.”

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Dominique Goold, IVCF. “Please pray for students at Ryerson and across Ontario, BC, and Quebec as we move Mark Central online... *MarkNest* starts from April 30 to May 6! All from the safety and comfort of our homes. We will be in all of Mark together. Pray for a move of the Spirit amongst us as we endeavor to be in the Word for 7 days together!”

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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.”