

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st JAPAN *Deuteronomy 5*

Dean and Linda Bengtson ask prayer, August 2-4 and 7, for the House of Hope English Day Camp for children. John Olson and a 13-member team from Victory LBC, Taiwan, will lead the camp.

2nd CHAD *Deuteronomy 6*

August is a critical month for rain in Chad. There has been increasing drought and food shortages over the past several years. Pray for regular rainfall and good harvests.

3rd N. AMERICA *Deuteronomy 7*

Danny and Mandy are on home assignment and are visiting family and churches. Pray for safe travels, good health and a time of rest and recuperation. Happy 8th birthday to Theo today!

4th JAPAN *Deuteronomy 8*

Pray for the 13-member team from Victory LBC, Taiwan, that is helping at House of Hope in Ishinomaki (8/1-9). They will offer classes in English conversation, Chinese cooking and crafts. Pray for the team as they build relationships and share their faith.

5th CHAD *Deuteronomy 9*

Pray for Sonja's continued healing for her broken wrist. Pray for Dave and their children that they will stay healthy and well.

6th N. AMERICA *Deuteronomy 10*

Pray for Joel and Liz C. who are in the U.S. to renew their visas and to attend their son Nate and Britta's wedding the end of August. Their son Tim will be two weeks late for school at that time. They are still awaiting news if Joel will get a teaching job or not. Pray that all will work out so that they can keep working in China.

7th TAIWAN *Deuteronomy 11*

Pray for synodical and local church ministries to children and youth. Pray that the Christian children/youth will be grounded in biblical faith and that non-Christian children/youth will know the gift of new life. Pray for God's anointing for those who lead these ministries.

8th CHAD *Deuteronomy 12*

Pray for Olivia and Abigail as they prepare to travel back to Fergus Falls, MN and begin their second year at Hillcrest Lutheran Academy. Pray for them and for Jeremy and Sallee during this time of separation.

9th N. AMERICA *Deuteronomy 13*

Pray for Mike and Delores Kittelson who are in the States for a reunion with Delores' family. Pray for a good family celebration and for rest and refreshment.

10th TAIWAN *Deuteronomy 14*

Pray for **Mrs. Z** who has been having serious pain issues. She is learning to know God and needs help to trust him to be with her in the midst of her suffering.

11th CHAD *Deuteronomy 15*

It is now the the rainy season and **Danny** asks prayer for the work of assisting Women's Cooperatives to learn new agriculture methods that can increase the food supply and assist those in need.

12th N. AMERICA *Deuteronomy 16*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** and their children as they await legal papers and prepare for moving to Taiwan this fall. Pray for God to raise up many who will pray for them and provide financial support.

13th CHAD *Deuteronomy 17*

Pray for a good teacher to help **Carrie** learn Chadian Arabic. Pray for continued good health and stamina for her during her pregnancy.

14th N. AMERICA *Deuteronomy 18*

Roger and **Sue Olson** host and lead Bilingual Bible Study BBQ's at their home with ten Japanese students in attendance. Pray for a softening of the students' hearts and for God's Word to produce faith.

15th TAIWAN *Deuteronomy 19*

Pray for the Victory Hakka Fellowship as the church members lead the worship times. May they also be encouraged as guest speakers proclaim the gospel.

16th CHAD *Deuteronomy 20*

Kay asks for prayer that she will find a life rhythm for daily tasks, for shopping and for acquiring Arabic along with her continued studies in French.

17th N. AMERICA *Deuteronomy 21*

Pray for **Joel** and **Marybeth Nordtvedt** and the International Student, Inc. team as they lead their first Friday night meeting of the new school year. Pray that the new grad students and scholars will feel welcome and that they will be brought to faith through the weekly Bible discussions.

18th JAPAN *Deuteronomy 22*

Pray for Japan LB church leaders as they work and pray together to more effectively proclaim the saving gospel to all people. Pray for renewed passion for God's mission, locally and globally.

19th TAIWAN *Deuteronomy 23*

Pray for an English Bible discussion group for non-Christian youth that **Sandy Christofferson** is leading this summer. Pray for wisdom for **Ethan** and **Sandy** as they befriend these youth and engage them in spiritual conversations.

20th CHAD *Deuteronomy 24*

Nathanael writes, "Pray for Adam, a new believer who built a hut outside our yard in order to study the Bible with me. Pray for his witness as he farms with his family over the summer."

21st WORLD *Deuteronomy 25*

Today is "Eid as Adha," the holiest Islamic holiday of the year. This day celebrates the willingness

of Abraham to sacrifice his son in obedience to God's command. Families butcher a goat or sheep in commemoration of God's provision of a sacrifice in the place of Abraham's son. Pray that they will hear and respond to the news of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God slain in their place as God's only provision for their salvation.

22nd TAIWAN *Deuteronomy 26*

Victory Hakka Fellowship meets twice a month for Bible study in the home of **Zheng** with her parents. May these times provide opportunities to share the gospel in their neighborhood.

23rd CHAD *Deuteronomy 27*

Pray for **Jeremy** and **Sallee** as they manage the Welcome Center. Pray that Jeremy's relationships with various tradesmen will grow and provide conversations to speak of Jesus.

24th N. AMERICA *Deuteronomy 28*

Pray for **Heidi Jensen** as she works at the UN sharing Scripture and teaching conversational English. Pray that the hearts of many diplomats would be receptive to the Word of God.

25th WORLD *Deuteronomy 29*

Pray for more laborers among unreached people groups, where Jesus is not known. Pray for trusting faith and a strong sense of calling for our missionaries.

26th TAIWAN *Deuteronomy 30*

August 27-29 is the Chinese LB church family retreat. May this be a time of spiritual fellowship and getting to know better their fellow co-workers. Pray for safety as they travel.

27th CHAD *Deuteronomy 31*

Pray for **Paul** and **Teresa** as they live and work in their small village. Praise God for good working and learning relationships with co-workers. Pray for villager's hearts to be open and receptive to the gospel.

28th N. AMERICA *Deuteronomy 32*

Pray for **Randy** and **Betsy Mortenson** as they plan with our Asia missionaries for a visit there January 2019, and for plans to provide for their family and the church in Mayville while they're gone. Pray for God's guidance, provision and blessing for all involved, and for God to be glorified.

29th JAPAN *Deuteronomy 33*

Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** at House of Hope, as they regularly host gospel events for the community of Ishinomaki. Pray that their presence would be a blessing to their neighbors and that House of Hope will indeed be a place of spiritual hope for all.

30th CHINA *Deuteronomy 34*

Liz C. asks prayer for a friend (whom we've prayed for in the past) who because of pressure to marry is seriously considering marrying an unbeliever, even though she has held out for many years in hope of find a believing husband. Pray that Liz would know how to support her during this time.

31st CHAD *John 1*

Pray for last minute preparations for **Nathanael** and **Carrie** and their family as they leave for France on Sept. 2 for the birth of their baby. Pray for safety and good health for all.

Meet (again) Michael and Delores

Greetings to all. We are Michael and Delores Kittelson. We have been serving with LBIM in Taiwan for the past 31 years. Our children grew up in Taiwan but returned to the States for college. Our daughter, Anna, lives in Mankato, MN. Our son, Trygve, his wife and three daughters live in Lake Geneva, WI. We are thankful they are active in their communities, belong to encouraging and supportive church congregations and are granted opportunities to share Jesus with others.

We have always lived and worked in areas where the Hakka language is used. Our goals have been to assist churches in outreach and discipleship to the Hakka people. Currently, we are assisting believers at Victory Lutheran Brethren Church in Hsinchu. Victory Hakka Fellowship provides a variety of opportunities to minister to their Hakka family and friends. We also assist a more rural congregation, Baushan Victory Church, with their desire to be an integral part of their community reaching out through their Evergreen Group and its contacts.

Throughout our years in Taiwan, we have been mentored by local workers to be able to use methods that would interest the more traditional Hakka person. This has resulted in a ministry that uses poetry, music and songs with traditional melodies and instruments.

We use our musical talents in our current locations and to assist other Chinese Lutheran Brethren churches in outreach programs as well. We are blessed that God has used us in many ways from community social gatherings to radio and television. We desire to be faithful in sharing the gospel in both secular and church settings.

We are praying for the Lord's wisdom and guidance. Our desire is that we make the best use of our time in these remaining years to teach and train others who want this type of ministry to continue. Pray with us that the Holy Spirit will use the church to bring about an awakening among the traditional Hakka to the glory of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Michael and Delores Kittelson