

# Daily Prayer Notes

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## 1<sup>st</sup> CHAD *Judges 13*

**Dan Venberg** is in Chad through November 8, along with **Dean** and **Matt**. Dean, from Eau Claire, is a supporter of LBIM and has done micro-finance community development work. Pray for the Spirit to guide conversations, for safety in travel, and that all will work out for the glory of God

## 2<sup>nd</sup> N. AMERICA *Judges 14*

**Lily**, a member of Victory Hakka Fellowship, is in the US visiting her daughter. Pray that her son-in-law will be drawn to faith in Jesus and that her daughter may be strengthened in her faith.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> CHAD *Judges 15*

Pray for **Matt** and **Christina** as they are considering a call to cross-cultural mission with LBIM in Chad. Pray for Matt as he travels with Dan Venberg (Nov. 1) visiting missionaries and their ministries.

## 4<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Judges 16*

Pray for the LB church in Japan, that they would be filled with a passion to share the gospel with neighbors and friends. Pray that God would soften Japanese hearts to make them receptive to his love and grace.

## 5<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Judges 17*

**Kay** is praising God for the opportunity to take the language

reading/writing class at the Wycliffe SIL Center in Chad. Pray for safety as she drives home after class at dusk in rush hour traffic.

## 6<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Judges 18*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** and their children as they attend mission training in Colorado in preparation for ministry in Taiwan. Pray for resolution to health issues for Ben. Pray for Sara as they await the birth of their 4<sup>th</sup> child in December.

## 7<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Judges 19*

Pray for the salvation of **Mrs. W.** Her Christian husband died recently, and she insisted on having a Buddhist funeral for him. Her Christian daughter, who lives in the US, is back home in Taiwan for an extended visit.

## 8<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Judges 20*

**Jeremy** asks for prayers for a healthy month for their employees at the Welcome Center. September was a difficult time as employees' families were hit hard with multiple bouts of malaria and typhoid.

## 9<sup>th</sup> CHINA *Judges 21*

Pray for **Joel** and **Liz C.**, as Joel is anticipating teaching at a university. Praise God for this provision! Pray for their son, **Tim**, as he is in his last year of high school in China.

## 10<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Psalms 20-21*

**Migiwa** will give a concert at House of Hope tomorrow. Migiya is known and loved in Ishinomaki, having visited many times in the past five years. Pray for hearts to be receptive as Migiya shares the gospel in testimony and in song.

## 11<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Psalms 22*

Pray for the school as it enters its second month. Pray for **Terach** who is directing and teaching there. Pray that the gospel will have many opportunities to be proclaimed as well.

## 12<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Psalms 23-24*

Pray for **Sallee** as she travels to visit her daughters, **Olivia** and **Abigail**, at Hillcrest for Thanksgiving. Pray for a productive and reassuring time together. Happy 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to Olivia today!

## 13<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Proverbs 14*

Pray for **Danny** and **Mandy** and their boys as they visit churches to share about their work in Chad. Pray for a good time of fellowship with friends and family. Pray for good health and safety for all of them.

## 14<sup>th</sup> INDONESIA *Proverbs 15*

Pray for those affected by an earthquake and tsunami that has killed over 1,400 people. Pray for relief agencies and for those who have lost family members. Pray for caring love to be demonstrated through God's people.

## 15<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Romans 1*

Pray for **Mike Kittelson** as he would like to begin meeting with some men to disciple them in their faith so that they might be more

effective in reaching their family members for Christ.

## 16<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Romans 2*

**Roger** and **Sue Olson** from Japanese Ministries at Rock of Ages, Seattle, ask for prayer for **Kaho** as she prepares for baptism. Pray also for other students who are coming under the hearing of God's Word regularly.

## 17<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Romans 3*

Pray for **Nathanael** and **Carrie** and their children and new baby as they return to Chad. Pray for good health for all the family. Praise God for a good visit with family members in France.

## 18<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Romans 4*

**Heidi Jensen**, who serves in ministry at the UN, praises God for his blessing on the prayer breakfast for UN diplomats. Continue to pray for her as she teaches English and Bible classes for diplomats and that their hearts would be receptive to the Word of God.

## 19<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Romans 5*

CLBA President **Paul Larson** is spending time in Japan this week, visiting **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** at House of Hope and meeting Japanese pastors. Pray for good fellowship and that the time will be mutually encouraging.

## 20<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Romans 6*

Tomorrow **Mike** and **Delores Kittelson** will be sharing in chapel at the Hakka Mission Seminary. May the presentation encourage the students and faculty in their quest to bring the gospel to the Hakka.

## 21<sup>st</sup> CHAD *Romans 7*

LBIM director **Matthew Rogness** is visiting all our missionaries in Chad. Pray as he meets together with each of our missionaries. Pray especially for wisdom on the discussions of how to effectively deploy our team.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> JAPAN *Romans 8*

The Japanese LBC leadership committee meets at House of Hope tomorrow. CLBA President **Paul Larson** and Japan LB President **Takayama** will also get to meet. Pray for God's leading in all the various discussions.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> CHAD *Romans 9*

**David** and **Sonja** and their children moved to their village earlier this month. Pray for smooth transitions and a good start at building relationships in the village that will lead to proclaiming Christ. Pray for God's protection for the health of all the family.

## 24<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Romans 10*

CLBA President **Paul Larson** begins his visit to Taiwan today. Pray for good understanding of Taiwan ministries and good connections with missionaries and national church leaders.

## 25<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Romans 11*

Pray for the installation of 13 new Living Water wells going in this fall, as well as the community ministry and proclamation of the gospel that happens through this work. Pray that people would be blessed not only by the physical water through the wells but also the

life-giving spiritual water that only Jesus provides.

## 26<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Romans 12*

Pray for God's peace for the Japanese as they are situated so close to the volatile situation in North Korea. Pray for churches to effectively proclaim the peace of Christ to their neighbors in this uncertain time.

## 27<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Romans 13*

**Kay** asks for prayer that she would continue to improve her ability to communicate the biblical narrative all the different languages with the aid of flannel graphs. May God use these stories to open hearts to him.

## 28<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Romans 14*

Pray for **Marcos Holzner** in his ongoing Bible translation work and other literacy work he is doing for the unreached people. Pray for God to bless his Word to open hearts to his saving grace.

## 29<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Romans 15*

Pray for **Paul** and **Teresa** as they mentor Chadians for mission work among Chad's unreached people groups. Pray that God will use them all as they live out their faith among the village people.

## 30<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Romans 16*

Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** as they build friendships with their neighbors. Pray also for the young adults who attend meetings in their home, and for three high school seniors who recently have expressed faith.

## Meet (again) Dean and Linda

Our beginnings in Japan took place LONG ago (!! ) when Dean went to Japan for several months to help with a church renovation project. God has a wonderful way of weaving things together and, as it turns out, the pastor he worked with is now the president of the Japan LB synod! Linda first arrived in Japan after graduating from college and taught English conversation classes to students of all ages. It was very much a “learn as you go” experience, but she fell in love with Japan immediately. (And soon with Dean, too! We met for the first time in Japan. ☺)



After marriage and seminary (for Dean), we spent nearly 20 years leading the Japan LBC English teaching outreach program. During that time, our family life... expanded (!! ) with two awesome sons. At each stage of our family life, we learned more (a LOT more!) about Japan.

10 years ago, through a series of God-arranged circumstances, we moved from Akita to Sendai. In our minds, the move was mostly so our sons could begin their English education at Tohoku International School. We soon realized, however, that God had a lot of other plans for us as well!

March 11, 2011 was a huge turning point. For nearly everyone who lived in northern Japan on that terrible day (9.0 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster) life would never be the same. God in his wisdom knew EXACTLY what we should do next and had already relocated us to the perfect spot to begin.

For nearly 2 years, Dean commuted from Sendai to Ishinomaki daily. Relief work for the disaster victims went through many stages—delivering emergency supplies, cleaning and rebuilding homes, and making lots of relationships. We began holding Christian concerts and events in the area regularly.

In 2013, when some people were moving as far away from the coast as they could, we moved TO Ishinomaki, into a house located 500 meters from the ocean. We continued sponsoring Christian events and coordinating volunteers from many different places. 2 years later, we were able to rent a ministry house, which we named “House of Hope.” Again, God’s timing and provision were SPOT ON. The house is less than a block from where we live, and volunteers donated all the money for furnishings and sound equipment.

It has been 7 years since the disasters and we continue moving ahead. We live in an area that has never had a church and practices a unique combination of Buddhism and local folk religion. This is not easily given up, but God has been constantly at work. We have many good relationships and have been the door through which 1000+ volunteers have entered our community. Please pray these efforts will bear fruit and that we can leave a church firmly planted in our favorite Ishinomaki neighborhood. Our God is always faithful.

*Dean and Linda Bengtson*