

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st ASIA *Psalms 25-26*

The New Year holiday season is a big deal in Asian countries, much like our Christmas. People have time off and families get together. Pray for believers that they can be effective witnesses to extended family during these days.

2nd TAIWAN *Psalms 27-28*

Pray for **Mike** and **Delores Kittelson** as they help two individuals better understand the Christian faith as they prepare for baptism and confirmation. Happy birthday to **Mike** today.

3rd CHAD *Psalms 29-30*

Jeremy and **Sallee** are traveling back to Chad after a visit with their daughters at Hillcrest Lutheran Academy in Fergus Falls, MN. Pray for safe travels and a good re-entry to ministry in Chad.

4th CHINA *Proverbs 16*

Persecution of Christians and religious minorities have escalated since **President Xi Jinping** took office and consolidates his power. Pray for believers to stand firm in their faith and live out the gospel.

5th JAPAN *Proverbs 17*

Praise God that there are two potential pastoral candidates who plan to start seminary this spring! Pray for them and their families as they adjust to seminary life.

6th N. AMERICA *2 Samuel 1*

Danny and **Mandy** and their children will be spending January in the Fargo/Moorhead area, primarily connecting with Triumph LBC. Pray for a good transition to a new place for the family, especially with a newborn.

7th TAIWAN *2 Samuel 2*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** and their children and their new baby as they continue their adjustment to a new life in Taiwan. Pray for good language acquisition, and for the children as they attend school and make new friends.

8th CHAD *2 Samuel 3*

Pray for a project to get the great stories of the Bible told and recorded in four local languages. The project involves many people and lots of work. Pray that it will be an effective tool for sharing the Bible with the unreached people.

9th EAST ASIA *2 Samuel 4*

Pray for **Joel** and **Liz** who still need work permits, work visas and residence permits. Pray that Joel can teach in his specialty: English Literature. Pray for favor and good relationships with university faculty and staff and with the government officials.

10th CHAD 2 Samuel 5

Pray for **Dave** and **Sonja** and their children as they continue to settle into village life. Pray for good spiritual/physical/emotional health and stamina, and for steady growth in language acquisition. Happy birthday to **Sonja** today.

11th CHAD 2 Samuel 6

Nathanael reports that Gethsemane de Meube School has begun in Boudamasa! 52 children from 5 tribes in Boudamasa attend first grade. School director **Terach** teaches children who have never held a pencil to form letters and numbers. Pastor and missionary **Amine** teaches them about God's love!

12th N. AMERICA 2 Samuel 7

Today, International Students Ministry at Arizona State Univ. hosts a Welcome Picnic for new students and scholars. Pray for **Joel** and **Marybeth Nordtvedt** as they build relationships. Pray for fruitful conversations and open hearts.

13th CHAD 2 Samuel 8

Pray for **Paul** and **Teresa** and their son, **Micah**, as they are mentoring and equipping Chadian church workers to be missionaries to unreached peoples. Happy birthday to **Paul** today.

14th CHAD 2 Samuel 9

Kay asks for prayer in developing relationships with Arabic-speaking people while seeking guidance in when to begin her study of the unreached language.

15th JAPAN 2 Samuel 10

Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** at Ishinomaki House of

Hope, as they witness daily to their neighbors. Several of their neighbors seem to have open hearts. Pray that these neighbors will come to know Jesus.

16th TAIWAN 2 Samuel 11

Pray for comfort and salvation for **Mrs. W.**, whose Christian husband passed away last month. Her Christian daughter is staying with her for a time to connect her with the church, and Mrs. W. attends **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson's** small group.

17th EAST ASIA 2 Samuel 12

Several people are working to develop a "toolbox of resources" to help believers welcome and minister to disabled people and their families. Pray that these tools will be truly helpful and effective.

18th CHAD 2 Samuel 13

Pray for a team from Bethesda LBC and Oak Hill LBC (**Nick** and **Barb Mundis**, **Kirk** and **Julie Militzer**, **Brian** and **Kami** (daughter) **Quade**, **Paul Long** and **Dean Hansen**) that **Dan Venberg** is taking to Chad (1/17-31). The goal is to further internalize a vision for ministry among the unreached people.

19th JAPAN 2 Samuel 14

Pray for the Spirit of God to stir among the people of Ishinomaki, that he will raise up a core of believers around which the ministry of House of Hope can be built. Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** as they share the good news of Jesus with their neighbors.

20th TAIWAN 2 Samuel 15

Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson**, **Mike** and **Delores**

Kittelson and members at Zhubei Victory LBC who are helping **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** transition to Taiwan. To help Ben and Sara get a good start, they need lots of wisdom, strength, and especially time during their busy schedules. Happy 8th birthday to **Adelaide** today.

21st JAPAN 2 Samuel 16

Pray for Japan LBC President, **Pastor Takayama**, as he works with churches to be revitalized and to reach out in mission to their neighbors.

22nd N. AMERICA 2 Samuel 17

Pray for two families who are considering a call to mission with LBIM in Chad. Pray for clear direction for them and for LBIM, and that our churches will be ready to send and support them.

23rd EAST ASIA 2 Samuel 18

Liz has been reading a Good Book curriculum study of Luke's gospel with a mom and her son, and they are really enjoying it. A friend of theirs is also interested in her daughter participating. Pray that God would use these opportunities to create faith in their hearts.

24th N. AMERICA 2 Samuel 19

Pray for the finishing work on the video taken in Chad last month for the Glimpse Project. Pray that this will be a tool to share God's mission to unreached peoples with CLB churches in North America.

25th TAIWAN 2 Samuel 20

Praise the Lord that **Mr. Z.** expressed interest in the gospel! Pray that as he meets with **Ethan Christofferson** over the next

several months, he will come to know Christ as his loving Savior.

26th N. AMERICA 2 Samuel 21

Japanese college students that attended Japanese Ministries with **Roger** and **Sue Olson** are returning to Japan to finish school and find jobs. Pray for a good transition back to Japan and that they will remember that Jesus loves them.

27th JAPAN 2 Samuel 22

Pray for the JLBC pastors and elders as they meet January 28-30 to review the past year and plan for the coming year, including their Annual Meeting in March.

28th TAIWAN 2 Samuel 23

Mike and **Delores Kittelson** ask prayer for the Evergreen group at Baoshan Victory Church as they partner together to reach out with the gospel to their neighborhoods and their families and friends.

29th N. AMERICA 2 Samuel 24

Pray for **Heidi Jensen** as she works with 21 UN diplomats who expressed interest in being part of a new Bible study discipleship group.

30th JAPAN Psalms 31-32

Pray for a sweeping revival in Japan's churches, and for God to raise up Japanese workers for a spiritual harvest in Japan.

31st TAIWAN Psalms 33-34

Pray for **Mike** and **Delores Kittelson** as they work with believers in planning of the next Victory Hakka Fellowship music outreach event. Pray that God will anoint his Word and the music to open hearts to the gospel.

Meet (again) Kay

Hi, I am Kay and I graduated from LBS in the CTS program, attended mission training, and was in France for language acquisition before arriving in Chad this past July. I am currently at our Welcome Center language learning as I prepare for ministry with the unreached people.

I have found on this journey that God pulls me out of line...

It happened repeatedly on my flight from France to Africa this past July. When it looked like I would not get through the long baggage check line at the airport in Geneva, an airline official motioned me out of line and led me to the first-class luggage counter, where I was given the royal treatment.

When I would have missed my connecting flight in Casa Blanca due to a security issue that delayed my France flight, an airport official pulled me out of line and led me through security without the usual “shoes off and luggage open” procedure and then told me to run!

Recently, on the way home from language class at the SIL (Wycliffe) Center, I was in a huge traffic jam. Night fell and there didn't seem to be any movement forward. Then, inexplicably, the drivers of the vehicles around me, started waving me to go around them. Hesitantly, I started winding my way between tangled lines of vehicles and reached the roundabout, all the time with waves from friendly drivers of taxis, motorcycles, buses and trucks, urging me on. Just when I neared the bottle neck where most vehicles were attempting to cross the bridge into Cameroon to the right and I wanted to go straight, a policeman worked his way through the solid mass of vehicles towards me. Motioning me to follow, he squeezed through vehicles, blowing his whistle and somehow cleared a way for my big clunky Land Cruiser to squeeze through the crush of vehicles packed in crosswise and I was on my way. WOW. I am never alone, even in an airport far from home or in the unknowns of a dark night, in a country that is becoming more like home every day.

I am so thankful for a God who: answers the prayers of his people, uses people faithful to their everyday calling to assist and protect and is faithful to call us “out of line” and then leads and guides us in all our ways.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go” (John 15:16) “...for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:6) *Kay*

