

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st TAIWAN *2 Kings 24*

Pray for five seniors in **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson's** Bible study as they prepare for the tech school entrance exam on May 4. Pray that in this high-pressure situation, they will learn to trust God more.

2nd CHAD *2 Kings 25*

David and **Sonja** write, "We will be taking some vacation time in May to visit family and refresh a bit. Pray for it to be a relaxing time that re-energizes us for the summer!"

3rd TAIWAN *Psalms 48-49*

Victory Hakka Fellowship hosts a Mother's Day outreach tomorrow. May their time together strengthen relationships as they show appreciation for mothers and gratitude for families that the Lord has blessed us with.

4th CHAD *Psalms 50-51*

Nathanael asks prayer for **Assan**, a young orphan boy who is their neighbor. He is eager to hear God's Word, but his grandparents keep him from coming to their church meetings.

5th N. AMERICA *Psalms 52-53*

Joel and **Marybeth Nordtvedt** serve with Intl. Students Inc. at Arizona State University. Pray for them as they develop relationships

with international students through hospitality and classes in English conversation. Pray for Joel as he accepted responsibilities as director of grad/scholars groups at ASU.

6th WORLD *Proverbs 24*

The fasting month of Ramadan begins today. Pray that the Spirit of God, his Word and his Church will be powerfully used to draw many unreached people to faith in Jesus during this month of heightened spiritual hunger.

7th CHAD *Proverbs 25*

Pray for **Potifar**, the newly elected president of the Chadian LB Church. Pray for the former president, as he transitions out of the office to his next calling.

8th TAIWAN *Isaiah 1*

Ben and **Sara Hosch** ask prayer for good health for their family. "We've been battling all kinds of sickness the last couple of months."

9th E. ASIA *Isaiah 2*

Joel is teaching, and he and **Liz** are thankful that all the logistics, have finally all come into place after over a year of waiting. Pray for developing relationships with students, and for connections and relationships with other faculty members.

10th CHAD *Isaiah 3-4*

May is likely the hottest month of the year in Chad. Pray for physical endurance and health for our missionaries there.

11th TAIWAN *Isaiah 5*

Mike Kittelson asks prayer for **Yuan**, who had a serious stroke. This has created an opportunity for the love of God to be expressed to him through visits by the Bau Shan Evergreen Group. May he see his need for Jesus.

12th CHAD *Isaiah 6*

Kay asks prayer for God's presence over everything concerning her house construction (plumbing, electrical, etc.). Pray for safety and health for the workers as well.

13th JAPAN *Isaiah 7*

Praise the Lord for two new seminary students – **Haruya** and **Nobukazu** – who began their studies in April. Pray that others too might sense God's call to pastoral ministry.

14th CHAD *Isaiah 8*

Nathanael and **Carrie** ask prayer for the children at Gethsemane de Meube, the school that they started this year. The children are learning about God's love, confessing sin and receiving forgiveness in Jesus' name. Happy 8th birthday to **Cyril** today!

15th TAIWAN *Isaiah 9*

Pray for **Ethan Christofferson** as he lays the groundwork for a new research project. Pray that he will be able to move forward without being needlessly distracted.

16th CHAD *Isaiah 10*

Kay praises God for friends and fellowship in the expatriate community and growing relationships with her Chadian friends. Pray for good health.

17th N. AMERICA *Isaiah 11*

The disastrous effects of flooding in the Plains and Midwest remain at a level seldom have seen in the modern era. Pray especially for farm families who lost much in livestock, crops and stored grains due to the flooding.

18th TAIWAN *Isaiah 12-13*

Victory LB Church is having an evening of music around the theme of God's grace. Pray that **Mike Kittelson** can effectively and clearly share the message about God's undeserving grace given to all in Christ Jesus.

19th E. ASIA *Isaiah 14*

Liz recently had an encouraging visit with some individuals doing ministry with people who have disabilities. Pray for fruitfulness from this time together and for connections they made with others who are doing similar things.

20th CHAD *Isaiah 15-16*

Nathanael asks prayer for 30 participants of the Story Project: recording and distributing Bible stories on cell phones. "They are eager to continue learning Bible stories and telling them in their own language." Pray for these 30 helpers and many others to come to know Christ through this ministry.

21st JAPAN *Isaiah 17-18*

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** ask for pray for **Pastor Zeniya's** Bible message at House of Hope

tomorrow. May people come with open hearts to hear and understand more.

22nd TAIWAN *Isaiah 19*

Ethan and **Sandy Christofferson** are praising God for a new openness in **Mrs. W.'s** heart (DPN Jan. 2). She is now attending church activities regularly! Pray for her salvation.

23rd WORLD *Isaiah 20-21*

One of the people groups that LBIM works with in Chad is considered the largest nomadic group in the world today, spanning much of central and western Africa. There have been some churches and even a Bible school started among this group in regions of West Africa. Pray that this awakening would grow and spread across the land, including the area where LBIM is working.

24th NIGERIA *Isaiah 22*

A report by World Watch on the sustained attack on Christian communities by Fulani herdsmen in Nigeria's central state of Benue concludes that the number and ferocity of incidents is evidence of ethnic cleansing. Pray for responsive action from the Nigerian and international governments, and for protection for the churches.

25th TAIWAN *Isaiah 23*

Ben and **Sara Hosch** ask prayer for more opportunities to get to know their neighbors and practice Chinese. (Chinese practice can be a challenge. For example, when they go out shopping and try to use Chinese, the clerk responds in English.)

26th JAPAN *Isaiah 24*

Pray for the Japan LB leadership, as they seek revitalization of congregations and faithfulness to God's mission in Japan. Pray for **Pastor Takayama** who serves as synodical president.

27th TAIWAN *Isaiah 25*

Ben and **Sara Hosch** write, "Our friends at church pray each week for their unsaved family members. Pray for strength for them and opportunities to share the gospel."

28th N. AMERICA *Isaiah 26*

Pray for a Conversational English Bible study that **Heidi Jensen** hosts for UN diplomats. Pray that more will come, and that those who attend will come to know Jesus better.

29th E. ASIA *Isaiah 27*

Joel and **Liz** write that their son **Tim** graduates from high school on June 5. Pray for a good finish to his last month of school and for his transition to life in the US. Happy 18th birthday to **Tim**!

30th JAPAN *Isaiah 28*

Pray for **Mika Takana** as she teaches a cooking class at House of Hope tomorrow, and for **Yumiko** as she sings and shares her faith story.

31st CAMEROON *Isaiah 29*

Civil unrest is growing as the English-speaking minority feel marginalized by the French-speaking majority, and there's a long history of political fraud. Pray for the Cameroonian LB Church, that they would be ambassadors of peace during this time, pointing people to Jesus.

THE UNREACHED AND BOAZ

It was a map on the wall of the LB World Mission office that caught my attention, as they often do. A map of Chad. I looked at it for a few moments and then started asking questions. Where did LB missions in Chad first start? Where are the current missionaries working? This was in the early 2000s as the work of our church was shifting north to unreached people groups. Having grown up outside the US, I started thinking that God was calling me to this new area for the gospel.

The idea grew as I finished my undergraduate work until I was fairly convinced I would one day end up in Chad. As Mandy and I talked about marriage and whether God had a plan for us together, we saw that we both felt led to missions in Chad. Through seminary and a few years after, we continued moving in that direction until we were finally on the way to help bring the gospel to the unreached people of Chad. Even with a medical detour a few years ago for our fourth son, we were still able to eventually move to an unreached town. 15 years of preparation and planning for me and 11 for both of us together, and we were living and learning among these people.



Our plan was to return to Chad after our home assignment ended this March and get back to the village to continue in ministry there. However, we have medical concerns again. Our sixth son, Boaz, was diagnosed with Biliary Atresia in January, meaning that his liver was not able to function properly due to problems with the bile ducts. A surgery to attempt to correct the problem seemed to be working at first, and then just wasn't. So, we have relocated to the Twin Cities area to be closer to his medical care, and the outlook is that he will need a liver transplant within the next year, probably much sooner.

After so much time preparing and planning and working on getting to these unreached people, why is God allowing this to happen now? We don't know. Is this an attack by Satan, or just the effect of living in a fallen world? We don't know. What will the next year(s) look like? We don't know. So much unknown, but we know that God is with us. We have a heart for the unreached, and we know that God does too, so much more than we do.

And they are not left without someone who can bring the gospel to them. Our partners in the Chadian church are still there, working to share the gospel. We pray that the work will bear fruit. We are also praying that God would work in Boaz's body, giving him health, even a miraculous healing if that's his will. Please pray with us that God would be glorified through Boaz, and that many people will hear and believe the gospel.

Danny and Mandy Bronson