

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st TAIWAN *1 Chronicles 20*

Mrs. **Chang** was recently baptized and her prayer is that her daughter **Emily** would join her in understanding and embracing God's love for sinners. Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** and others as they befriend Emily and share the gospel with her.

2nd CHAD *1 Chronicles 21*

Kay asks prayer for safe travels from Ndjamena via Paris to the US for some vacation time. Pray for rest and refreshment and for wisdom on how to best represent the mission in Chad to her friends and family.

3rd N. AMERICA *1 Chronicles 22*

Let us continue to pray for **Danny** and **Mandy's** infant son, **Boaz**, who had a liver transplant in June. Pray for health and strength for Bo and for his parents and siblings, as these recent months have been very stressful. Happy 9th birthday today to **Theo**!

4th CHAD *1 Chronicles 23*

Dave and **Sonja** ask for prayer as they are in their first rainy season in the village. Pray that they will be able to focus on building relationships with their neighbors and friends in the community. Pray for openings to share God's Word.

5th TAIWAN *1 Chronicles 24*

Pray for comfort for the Hosch family, as **Ben's** grandfather, **Pastor Harold Hosch**, passed away in June. Praise God for the vibrant Christian testimony of Harold's life, and his impact on many for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

6th CHAD *1 Chronicles 25*

Pray for the new schoolteacher **Abel**, his wife **Respa**, and their children as they prepare for their first year of teaching at the new school in Chad. Pray that the children entering their 2nd year will grow in knowledge of Christ.

7th JAPAN *1 Chronicles 26*

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer for an English Day Camp for children in their neighborhood led by **John Olson** and a team from Victory LBC, Taiwan. Saturday morning there will be a program by the children and a family hot dog roast. Pray for open hearts and good connections with the families.

8th TAIWAN *1 Chronicles 27*

Naomi Evans arrived in Taiwan in June to help the **Hosch** family with their daily activities so **Ben** and **Sara** can focus on learning Chinese language and culture. May this be a time of blessing for Naomi and the Hosch family.

9th N. AMERICA *1 Chronicles 28*

Pray for **Joel** and **Liz**, now on a short home assignment, connecting with people and enjoying family time. **Tim** will start college the end of the month; Joel will return to Asia the 28th; Liz on Sept. 16th.

10th CHAD *1 Chronicles 29*

Pray for **Carrie** as she takes language lessons in the capital during this rainy season. Pray for good understanding and fluency.

11th E. ASIA *Psalms 54-55*

Pray for God's leading regarding **Joel's** university class schedule and his students for the fall. Also pray for favor and good rapport with the dean of the department.

12th TAIWAN *Psalms 56-57*

Mike and **Delores Kittelson** ask prayer for some Victory Hakka Fellowship believers who cannot attend a worship service. May they be encouraged in their faith by those who do visitations and send cards to them.

13th JAPAN *Psalms 58-59*

Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** and their ministry in Ishinomaki. Pray that God will send a full-time Japanese co-worker to join with them in ministry to their neighborhood.

14th CHAD *Proverbs 26*

Nathanael asks prayer for their Chadian ministry partners as they work the fields this summer to provide for their families. Pray for good health for them and their children.

15th N. AMERICA *Proverbs 27*

Pray for **Jeremy** and **Sallee** as they spend time with their

daughters, **Olivia** (18) and **Abigail** (16), while they are on home assignment.

16th N. AMERICA *James 1*

Pray for **Matt** and **Christina Smith** who came on staff August 1st. They are continuing their preparations for training and French language study beginning January 2020. (see back page)

17th TAIWAN *James 2*

Ben and **Sara Hosch** ask prayer for their children's adjustment to life in Taiwan. Pray for wisdom and discernment for Ben and Sara as they seek to help their children respond in healthy ways to the stresses of living abroad.

18th N. AMERICA *James 3*

Joel and **Marybeth Nordtvedt** are part of a big gathering today to welcome new international students at Arizona State University. Pray for them and for other Christian student ministries reaching out to engage international students.

19th TAIWAN *James 4*

Please pray for **Pei** who wants her husband and family to be at church for her baptism. May the Lord provide the perfect timing.

20th E. ASIA *James 5*

Liz writes that the university where **Joel** teaches is in need of teachers of English conversation. Pray for qualified Christian teachers to be recruited and placed in this spiritually needy setting.

21st N. AMERICA *1 Peter 1*

Pray for **Paul** and **Teresa** as they start their home assignment. Pray for time with family as well as good times sharing about their

ministry in congregations. Pray for good health during this time of transition and travel.

22nd TAIWAN *1 Peter 2*

Ben Hosch asks prayer for their church in Zhubei as they continue to plan and prepare for building a new church facility. Pray for wisdom and for a contractor who is willing to work with them. Many contractors are unwilling to work with churches because churches tend to look for ways to save money.

23rd JAPAN *1 Peter 3*

Pray for the church in Japan as they seek to share the gospel with family and friends. May they be bold in proclaiming the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that God bring spiritual awakening to Japan.

24th CHAD *1 Peter 4*

Pray for **Jeremy** and **Sallee** as they manage the Welcome Center. Praise God for their vital work in providing a place for rest and recuperation for those working out in the villages.

25th TAIWAN *1 Peter 5*

China LBC leaders and their families are taking a 3-day trip for fellowship and sightseeing. Pray that they will be re-energized for ministry. Pray that our missionaries who will join them can encourage these national church workers.

26th CHAD *2 Peter 1*

Jeremy asks prayer for his mechanic friend's father, **Pastor Matthieu**, as he battles cancer. Pray for opportunities to share the

gospel of Jesus Christ.

27th JAPAN *2 Peter 2*

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer for **Pastor Koki Zeniya** as he leads a Bible study at House of Hope this morning. Pray for open hearts and good fellowship with their neighbors and some members from Minami Yoshinari Church who will accompany Pastor Zeniya.

28th TAIWAN *2 Peter 3*

Pray for strength, stamina, and good memory as **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** continue to learn Chinese. They are at the point where they can better understand people, but responding is a challenge.

29th CHAD *2 Chronicles 1*

Pray for those Christians living and working in their village while **Paul** and **Teresa** are on home assignment. May God use what they've been learning as they witness to their unreached neighbors.

30th TAIWAN *2 Chronicles 2*

Pray for the Hakka believers of the Baushan Evergreen Group as they seek to organize an evangelistic opportunity at a nearby temple courtyard.

31st N. AMERICA *2 Chronicles 3*

Pray for **Heidi Jensen** as she is doing outreach ministry at the UN. Pray that God will continue to use her as she seeks to make disciples among diplomats in the UN community.

THE SMITH FAMILY TO CHAD

Meet the Smith family, LBIM's newest missionaries to Chad! Matt and Christina have five children (McClellan, Verity, Noam, Bastion and Evangeline). Their connection to the CLB goes back to Christina's childhood when her family attended Desert Rose LB Church in Tempe, AZ. While there, she played with Paul and Teresa's children while Paul was serving as pastor.

Fast forward a few years. Christina grows up and marries Matt, an electrical engineer. They settle into life, work and family. Increasingly, they feel God calling them into cross-cultural mission service. They pursue a mission opportunity in Haiti, but due to varied circumstances feel that God is directing them elsewhere. Matt and Christina attend a "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" course, and through this, start to feel a conviction and calling to engage in mission among unreached peoples. Meanwhile, Christina has re-connected with Teresa, seeking her counsel on the logistics of



moving a large family to the mission field. During this conversation, Teresa encourages Christina and Matt to consider LBIM. Connections and conversations continue with Matthew Rogness (LBIM Director) and Dan Venberg (LBIM Mobilizer and Recruiter). Matt joins Dan on a trip to Chad and gets a good glimpse of the mission work of LBIM among unreached people groups. While there, he uses his electrical and building skills to assist missionary Dave in the installation of a home solar system. Upon returning from the trip, Matt and Christina feel affirmed in their calling to not only to pursue mission work among unreached people groups, but also compelled to pursue a vocation with LBIM.

The calling and sending of the Smith family is moving forward with some unique and special circumstance. Normally, our missionary candidates to Chad entering into unreached people group ministry would be required to complete at least a CTS (Certificate of Theological Studies) in Missions. In the case of the Smiths, we will be postponing that training until their first home assignment. We will send the Smiths to the field for their first term in a unique capacity, that of a supporting and leveraging role for the training ministry of Paul and Teresa. This ministry is specifically focused on training Chadian LB missionaries for partnership with our LBIM missionary teams. This training center, which can house multiple families and is located in a rural setting, depends on basic infrastructure including housing, a solar electrical system, a well and plumbing. Matt and Christina will be assisting in the management and maintenance of the infrastructure. They will also start the process of language learning and cultural integration, and will be prayerfully exploring the long-term ministry context that they will transition into after this initial phase.

Thank you for giving thanks with us and praying for these next months and years of transition as the Smith family take these steps of faith in service to the Lord.

Dan Venberg