

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st N. AMERICA *2 Chronicles 4*

Pray for **Kay** as she begins her four month home assignment. She plans to spend time with her family and friends. Pray for her teammates back in Chad as they continue ministry to the unreached people.

2nd JAPAN *2 Chronicles 5*

Today and tomorrow, pastors and elders hold their annual fall conference. Pray for much encouragement from God's Word, and that his Word will guide the churches of Japan in his mission.

3rd TAIWAN *2 Chronicles 6*

Pray for health and stamina for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** and their children as they continue with language study. Pray for good school friends for **Adelaide** and **Emery** as they adjust to Taiwan.

4th CHAD *2 Chronicles 7*

September is a critical month in the growing season in Chad, as crops mature. Pray for adequate rainfall for a good harvest.

5th EAST ASIA *2 Chronicles 8*

Pray for **Joel** as he is back to teaching after their summer in the US. It is the start of a new school year with new students. Pray for the work of the Spirit in the hearts of these students.

6th CHAD *2 Chronicles 9*

According to the Joshua Project, over 110 million people (1,559 languages) have none of the Bible in their language. About 1.5 billion do not have a full Bible. LBIM has a strong history of Bible translation. Pray for the current Bible translations being done by LBIM missionaries.

7th N. AMERICA *2 Chronicles 10*

Joel and **Marybeth Nordtvedt** work with International Students, Inc. Pray that ISI staff will make fruitful connections with the international students and scholars at Arizona State University.

8th CHAD *2 Chronicles 11*

Dave writes, "pray for **Adoum**, a man in our village who recently asked for audio of the gospels. Pray we would continue to be able to witness to him."

9th TAIWAN *2 Chronicles 12*

Over the next 2½ years, pastors of the CLBC in Taiwan are studying the Bible on the topic of women's ordination. Tomorrow is the first of five meetings, and the CLBA's 2014 exegetical study on this topic is on the agenda. Pray for God's leading on this issue.

10th N. AMERICA *2 Chronicles 13*

Pray for **Matt** and **Christina Smith** and their five children as

they start a month-long course called COMPASS, in Colorado. This is a pre-field training that will give them tools for cross-cultural adaptation and language learning. Happy 11th birthday **Verity!**

11th JAPAN *2 Chronicles 14*

Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** as they minister in Ishinomaki to their neighbors. Pray that God will use the seeds of the gospel that have been sown to bring many to faith.

12th N. AMERICA *2 Chronicles 15*

Pray for **Paul** and **Teresa** as they start their home assignment. Pray as they spend time with family and celebrate their son's wedding this month. Pray for **Micah** as he makes decisions for his future schooling. Happy 16th birthday to **Micah**.

13th N. AMERICA *2 Chronicles 16*

Several Japanese students who attend worship at Japanese Ministries (Rock of Ages, Seattle) will attend a retreat today and tomorrow. Pray that this may be a turning point leading them to Christ. Praise God that Japanese Ministries can provide scholarships for them to attend the retreat.

14th CHAD *2 Chronicles 17*

Nathanael asks prayer for the Story Project: 24 people from four unreached tribes are learning Bible stories and recording them in their own particular languages for distribution. Praise God for great collaboration so far! Pray that their hearts will open to the gospel in the process. Happy 3rd birthday to **Talitha!**

15th TAIWAN *2 Chronicles 18*

Praise God for the recent baptism of **Mrs. C**, one of **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson's** good friends. Pray for the salvation of her daughter, her mom, and several other family members who attended her baptism and reacted rather positively to the experience.

16th N. AMERICA *2 Chronicles 19*

Praise God for the ministry of **Marcos Holzner** with his translation work. Pray that God will use it to bring understanding and deep spiritual hunger for his Word.

17th EAST ASIA *2 Chronicles 20*

Pray for **Liz** as she returns to their work after helping their son Tim get settled into college, and visiting with her mom. She continues with tutoring children and connecting with their families. Pray that God will bless **Joel** and **Liz** as they enter a new season with all 3 of their sons away from home.

18th CHAD *2 Chronicles 21*

Pray for **Rachel**, a new employee at the Welcome Center. She is having difficulty healing from an appendectomy. Pray for a total, infection-free healing.

19th TAIWAN *2 Chronicles 22*

On September 21, Victory Hakka Fellowship will gather together for the Mid-Autumn festival around the topic of "family." May this time with friends and family soften hearts toward the gospel.

20th JAPAN *2 Chronicles 23*

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer for **David Kazama**, who will bring a gospel message tomorrow at House of Hope. Pray

for God's Spirit to prepare the hearts of all those who attend.

21st N. AMERICA *2 Chronicles 24*

Pray that God would show us opportunities wherever we live, to befriend and engage our neighbors with the gospel. We may be the only one they will hear it from.

22nd CHAD *2 Chronicles 25*

Pray for **Sonja** as she relates to the women and children in their village regarding health concerns. May God use her medical skills to deepen relationships with these families.

23rd TAIWAN *2 Chronicles 26-27*

Mike Kittelson will be teaching a 'Chinese mountain piano' class at the Hakka seminary fall semester. May all those who attend learn the benefits of using music in Hakka ministry.

24th CHAD *2 Chronicles 28*

Nathanael continues translating the book of Exodus, hoping to finish by the end of October. **Carrie** is continuing her language learning while they are at the Welcome Center. Pray for them both during this time. Happy birthday today to **Nathanael**.

25th N. AMERICA *2 Chronicles 29*

Pray for **Roger** and **Sue Olson** and their work with Japanese in Seattle. Pray for four young career men and three young women students who faithfully attend Japanese Ministries Worship and Bible Studies. Pray for the Word and the Holy Spirit to bring them to believing faith.

26th JAPAN *2 Chronicles 30*

Pray for **Pastor Koki** and **Keiko Zeniya** in their work at a church in Sendai. Pray that God would use them to grow a passion for mission in their congregation.

27th TAIWAN *2 Chronicles 31*

Ethan Christofferson will give a lecture tomorrow at a China Lutheran Seminary conference designed to help attendees see the need to and learn how to minister to new immigrants in globalized Taiwan. Pray for good interactions.

28th N. AMERICA *2 Chronicles 32*

Pray for **Jeremy** and **Sallee** as they are on home assignment and spending time with their daughters who are at Hillcrest in Fergus Falls, MN. Pray as they share their work and their vision with churches during this time.

29th WORLD *2 Chronicles 33*

About 90% of all cross-cultural missionaries are among nominally Christian people groups; only about 10% are among the unreached. Praise God that LBIM intentionally focuses on proclaiming the gospel among the unreached 10%. Pray for our missionaries as they serve sacrificially that these might hear.

30th TAIWAN *2 Chronicles 34*

Pray for **Naomi Evans** who is living near **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** in order to help with their children as Ben and Sara focus on learning Mandarin Chinese. Praise God for her ministry and pray for her as she serves in other ministries in the area as well.

Disciple-making in Taiwan

A year and a half ago, God gave Sandy and me the privilege of becoming friends with three high school juniors living in Qionglin (Q=Ch), the town where we now live and minister. Like most of the other people in town, they grew up learning habits, values, and ways of thinking about the world that were largely incompatible with the Bible.

Their elementary school music teacher, the pastor's wife at Enlin LBC (the little church next to their school), was the first to speak to them about God. Curious about what she said and did, they attended VBS and Sunday School sporadically. After a while, they lost interest, finding church activities "not fun."

A year and a half ago, while Sandy and I were paying an evangelistic visit to the dad of one of these guys, he mentioned that his son and daughter were both interested in practicing their English. One thing led to another, and soon we were holding an English Bible discussion group in our home on Saturday evenings. That son started inviting his friends, and before long we had a group of ten or so mostly non-Christian high school guys discussing the Bible together with us weekly and exploring God's perspective on life.

We started doing a lot of things together with this group of guys. Silly things. Serious things. For example, on several evenings after finishing our lesson, we found ourselves judging singing contests between them, deciding which rendition of a particular love song would be most likely to capture a girl's heart. Once we went camping during a Perseid meteor shower and lay on the grass together late into the night, scanning the sky for meteors and talking about life. It was that evening that the three of them asked to be baptized.

So... we added a baptism preparation class to our weekly schedule. Sitting around our kitchen table, these three bubbled with so many questions that we ended up taking almost a year to get through the pre-baptism curriculum we use. I loved being able to help them understand the horrible accusations of the Law and then watch their responses when the good news of the Gospel rolled over their ears. I can still hear one of them respond to the gospel with a long and stretched out, "Woah..." In early June, I had the privilege of baptizing them.

We are grateful to be a small part of the team of Christians bringing God's Word closer to guys like these and others in Qionglin. As our three newly baptized friends leave home for college this fall, pray that they will continue to grow and will get connected deeply with other Christians in their new locations. Pray for the salvation of the others who still attend on Saturday evenings. *Ethan Christofferson*