

# Daily Prayer Notes

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## 1<sup>st</sup> TAIWAN *2 Chronicles 35*

**Ethan Christofferson** will speak at the Hakka Mission Seminary today. Pray for the ministry of this institution, that God will provide quality students and that good learning will happen.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> JAPAN *2 Chronicles 36*

Pray for "Mika's Cooking and My Story" time tomorrow at Ishinomaki House of Hope. The menu theme is autumn. May God soften people's hearts as Mika talks about Jesus.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> N. AMERICA *Psalms 60-61*

Praise the Lord, **Matt** and **Christina** are completing their month-long pre-field training course in Colorado. Pray for the processing of their visas and their upcoming commissioning on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## 4<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Psalms 62-63*

**Dave** asks us to pray that crops will be good, as it can be some people's income for the entire year. Pray that the Narvesens can use the harvest season to assist others and proclaim the message of Jesus.

## 5<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Psalms 64-65*

Please pray for the Saturday evening Bible discussion group at **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson's** home. Pray for spiritual awakening

and the salvation of the non-Christian youth who attend.

## 6<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Proverbs 28*

**Kay** asks prayer for safety, good health and guidance in travel while in the US for home assignment.

## 7<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Proverbs 29*

Let us praise the Lord with **Nathanael** for the translation of the entire book of Exodus into Bagirmi! He says, "We are particularly grateful for our translator Phate, a widow with ten children, who is very grateful to support her family by translating God's Word into her language."

## 8<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Colossians 1*

**Isaiah Bai**, a senior at LBS in Fergus Falls, is in Taiwan these days to visit with seminary and synodical leaders about possibilities for future ministry there. Pray for guidance and wisdom for Isaiah and for his wife **Kaitlin** and their children **Hannah** and **Samantha**.

## 9<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Colossians 2*

**Nathanael** and **Carrie** ask us to pray for a good harvest that will give their school teachers and missionary partners a secure footing on which to engage in ministry for the coming year.

**10<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA** *Colossians 3*

**Roger** and **Sue Olson** ask prayer for student “N.” who has been led to new life in Christ. Pray for her to grow in faith as she has just three months here before she returns to Japan as a new believer.

**11<sup>th</sup> JAPAN** *Colossians 4*

Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson**, as they host a visit from **Gaylan** and **Joy Mathiesen** and four LB seminarians (Oct 11-21). The team will spend time with Dean and Linda in Ishinomaki and visit churches in Sendai, Morioka and Chiba.

**12<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA** *Philemon*

Continue to pray for **Boaz** who is home after many weeks in the hospital after receiving a liver transplant. Pray for **Danny** and **Mandy** as they continue to adjust to life with Boaz and his brothers, while learning about many new medications, CPAP, etc. Pray also for guidance as to future ministry.

**13<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN** *Jeremiah 1*

**Michael** and **Delores Kittelson** regularly speak in ministry settings about their evangelistic work among the Hakka. Pray that God will inspire and raise up workers with a burden for reaching the Hakka. Happy birthday to **Delores**.

**14<sup>th</sup> CHAD** *Jeremiah 2*

**Jeremy** and **Sallee** travel back to Chad this month. Pray for their daughters as they adjust again to life at Hillcrest Lutheran Academy without parents in the country. Pray for good flights for Sallee and Jeremy, and for good reunions with Chadian friends.

**15<sup>th</sup> JAPAN** *Jeremiah 3*

Pray for the LB seminary team visiting Japan this week: **Justin Carlson**, **Paul Fraser**, **Roger Larson** and **Matt Rieniets**. Pray for God’s leading, for good learning experiences and for mutual encouragement between the team and the churches.

**16<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA** *Jeremiah 4*

As new people come to Japanese Ministries in Seattle, pray for **Roger** and **Sue Olson** to be sensitive and open to their needs, and to how God wants to use them to help those he brings to them.

**17<sup>th</sup> JAPAN** *Jeremiah 5*

**Pastor Zeniya** and several church members will come to Ishinomaki House of Hope today to speak “Words of Hope” to neighbors who attend. Pray that God will remove barriers and open their hearts to the gospel.

**18<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN** *Jeremiah 6*

Pray for the monthly outreach in You-tian village today. Also, the Hakka choir will sing at a music festival in San Yi Oct. 19-20. May the gospel reach many through these evangelistic encounters.

**19<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA** *Jeremiah 7*

Pray for **Paul** and **Teresa** as they visit family and report in churches about God’s ministry in Chad. Pray for good times of rest and refreshment as well.

**20<sup>th</sup> CHAD** *Jeremiah 8*

Pray for **Nathanael** as he begins a course in translating from Hebrew, starting tomorrow. Happy 1<sup>st</sup> birthday to **Clement!**

## 21<sup>st</sup> JAPAN *Jeremiah 9*

Today, the LB seminary team returns to the States, and **Gaylan** and **Joy Mathiesen** fly to Taiwan to visit with our missionaries there this next week. Pray for safe travel.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> CHAD *Jeremiah 10*

Pray for **Dave** and **Sonja** and their children, living in the village. Pray for stamina and resistance to illness, and insights into how to best serve their neighbors in the love of Jesus.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> TAIWAN *Jeremiah 11*

Pray for the start of a new semester of language school for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch**, and for school for their children. Pray also that they would be intentional with free time in their community to build friendships and share the gospel in Chinese.

## 24<sup>th</sup> MYANMAR *Jeremiah 12*

Most Christians belong to persecuted minority groups. Recently, God has raised up prayer movements to unite believers across ethnic lines. Pray for reconciliation and unity among Christians, and for churches to take hold and grow among the unreached.

## 25<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Jeremiah 13*

Pray for the Bible studies and English conversation classes that **Heidi Jensen** does with members of the international community at the U.N. Pray that diplomats will come to know and receive the gospel during their time here.

## 26<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Jeremiah 14*

The Gospel Church in Miaoli will have a Hakka Blessings outreach. **Michael** and **Delores**

**Kittelson** will help with music. May those from the community who attend experience God's love for them.

## 27<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Jeremiah 15*

**Matt** and **Christina** are being commissioned today at Good Shepherd LBC in Fergus Falls. Pray for them as they continue to prepare for their departure for French language study in December.

## 28<sup>th</sup> E. ASIA *Jeremiah 16*

Pray for **Joel** and **Liz**, that they will enjoy favor with their co-workers and with government officials. Pray for opportunities to share hope in Christ with those they come in regular contact with.

## 29<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Jeremiah 17*

Please continue to pray for the ministry to the unreached people. (Read the back page for more information)

## 30<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Jeremiah 18*

Praise God for **Naomi Evans** who is in Taiwan to help with **Ben** and **Sara Hosch's** children while they are in language school. Pray that she would be encouraged during her time in Taiwan.

## 31<sup>st</sup> CAMEROON *Jeremiah 19*

Reports of atrocities committed by herdsmen against Christian farming villages continue. Separatists in the English-speaking region fight for independence, and youth are encouraged by government actors to carry out attacks against farming villages that support separatist rebels. Pray for peaceful solutions to the tensions.

## PARTNERS IN MISSION

LBIM intentionally partners with sister church missionaries in God's mission to the nations. The following story highlights one of these partner missionaries.

Missionary Abel was animated and passionate as he spoke. We were sitting together on a mat, under a shade tree that provided us a measure of relief from the intense heat of the African sun. Around us was gathered a crowd of unreached men, listening intently to what Abel was saying.

Off to the side was a group of women and children, gathered around a new water well that LBIM's Living Waters ministry had installed in this remote unreached community. Abel had identified this community as one in desperate need of a well. He had made multiple visits here on his motorbike, developing a relationship with them and earning their trust and friendship. And that had resulted in not only a well successfully installed providing clean water to the community, but



the opportunity to share the gospel, the “living water” that is the Word of God. And Abel was bringing it! He started with Genesis and original sin, and went on through salvation history, bringing in the stories of Abraham, Noah, Moses, the sacrificial system and need of blood sacrifice to atone for sin, culminating with the story of Jesus Christ, the ultimate sacrificial lamb whose shed blood serves to take away the sins of the world. Abel went on to boldly proclaim to these unreached men that it is only through faith in this finished work of Christ that one can be saved.

Their response? One of expressed appreciation. They invited us to stay for a meal and served us tea. They thanked us for our words. The local imam (religious leader) shared that they knew of Jesus, but that they had never heard about the Jesus we talked about that day. They asked us to come back and visit again so that they could hear more. And Abel is doing just that.

Friends, this is the power of the gospel advancing among the unreached peoples of Chad. And this is the power of the partnership that we have with our Chadian sister church and missionary colleagues. Abel and his wife Louis have answered the missionary call to serve as partners in mission among the unreached people of Chad. They have left their tribal home and have settled their family in a region where they are considered outsiders and foreigners. Their resolve, patience and fortitude have resulted in trusting relationships and even great respect in the whole region. Sister LB church partners like Abel and Louis are invaluable to the mission of LBIM in Chad. Thank you for your prayers and support of LBIM that makes these partnerships possible! *Dan Venberg*