

# Daily Prayer Notes

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## 1<sup>st</sup> CHAD *Revelation 22*

Pray for **David** and **Sonja Narvesen** as the rainy season comes to Doh. Pray that this will be a time of stability and health as travel becomes very difficult by the end of the month. Happy 8th birthday to **Boeden** today!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> JAPAN *Psalms 98-99*

Pray for good rehabilitation and healing for **Dean Bengtson**, as he suffered a stroke on April 28. Pray also for **Linda** as they adjust to this new reality together. Pray for God to work a healing miracle.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> TAIWAN *Psalms 100-101*

Pray for the salvation of the family of **Grandma Shun**, a Christian who recently passed away. Several family members are asking questions and are seeking to know God. Pray for wisdom for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** as they and other believers reach out to this family.

## 4<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Jonah 1-2*

**Joel** and **Liz** have returned from East Asia to MN during the pandemic. Joel's five internet-based university courses end this month. Though unable to meet with his 280 students in person, many will likely attend his courses in the future. Pray for these ongoing redemptive relationships.

## 5<sup>th</sup> FRANCE *Jonah 3-4*

Pray that **Matt** and **Christina Smith** will get opportunities to use French under pandemic restrictions. Due to confinement, they haven't seen their language partners in many weeks now. Pray for Matt as he has started working with a tutor.

## 6<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Micah 1*

June kicks off the rainy season and difficult travel for **Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** and children. Pray that the officials will approve an airstrip in Boudamasa. This will keep them from having to move to Ndjamena during rainy season.

## 7<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Micah 2*

In addition to her service to **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** and children, **Naomi Evans** was also involved in Bible studies and teaching English classes. Pray for God's leading for her future and as she encourages her Taiwan friends online in their daily walk with Christ. (See back page)

## 8<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Micah 3*

**Mike** and **Delores Kittelson** ask prayer for all the missionaries and teachers in Taiwan that have chosen to stay during the pandemic. May they reflect God's light and love to those who are afraid.

## 9<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Micah 4*

Pray for the LB church in Japan regarding their ministries during the

pandemic. Pray that Christians might be a blessing to their family and friends, and have opportunities to speak about the hope and peace they have in the Christ.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Micah 4*

Pray that the streamed services of the Japanese Ministries at Rock of Ages, Seattle will encourage local attendees and others in Japan. Though **Roger** and **Sue Olson** haven't met the new college students in person, they connect with many through Zoom. Pray that they can soon meet in person.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Micah 5*

Pray for **Moussa**, a Muslim friend of **David Narvesen** who works as a mason on the Living Waters well projects. David told him lots of people in America were praying for him. Moussa says that now, when he prays at night and thinks of that, it makes him happy.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Micah 6*

Tomorrow is graduation for China Lutheran Seminary. Pray for graduates as they go out to proclaim the gospel and equip others in the Taiwan churches.

#### 13<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Micah 7*

**Jeremy Stanton** asks for prayer "for the health and safety of our Welcome Center employees, as they are still faithfully working during COVID-19."

#### 14<sup>th</sup> FRANCE *Nahum 1*

Pray for **Matt** and **Christina Smith's children**. They can return to public school, but with new school policies they aren't sure if this is best for the remainder of their time in France. Please pray for

wisdom to know what's best for both children and parents.

#### 15<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Nahum 2*

Pray for **David** and **Sonja Narvesen** as they learn the language and build relationships in Doh. Pray too, for villagers who are willing to hear the gospel. Happy 10th birthday to **Eva** today!

#### 16<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Nahum 3*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** as they continue with language study in the midst of the pandemic. Praise God for answered prayer regarding decisions about their children's schooling for this fall. Continue to pray for good friends for each of their children.

#### 17<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Habakkuk 1*

Pray for the neighbors and friends of **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** in Ishinomaki. May they sense God's peace and comfort in the uncertainties of our day. Pray that this time of Dean's recovery will bring opportunities to share our hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### 18<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Habakkuk 2*

Pray for **Mr. Neng**, a new friend of **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson**. He has joined them and several other Christians on regular Sunday afternoon hikes. He has many questions and seems drawn by the love the Christians show him. Happy birthday to **Sandy** today!

#### 19<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Habakkuk 3*

Pray for the two new teachers for Gethsemane de Meube school in Boudamasa: **Levi** and **Jean-Baptiste**. They recently moved their families to Boudamasa to farm over the summer. Pray that their

transition will be smooth, and that they can integrate well with the ministry team.

### 20<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Psalms 104*

Pray for **Miss Min, Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson's** friend, who is preparing for baptism. She has Jehovah's Witness friends who are pressuring her to join them.

### 21<sup>st</sup> CHAD *Psalms 105*

**Sonja Narvesen** writes, "Since leaving the states my Grandpa, Dave's uncle and now my Aunt have died. It's hard ... not to be able to grieve together. I am so happy to know I will see them all again." Pray for God's comfort and peace.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> TAIWAN *Psalms 106*

The members of Victory Hakka Fellowship have done well to encourage each other during the pandemic. Pray that they will now encourage and reach out to those who have not yet to come to faith.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> N. AMERICA *Ezra 1*

Pray for the **Stanton family** as **Jeremy** is in Chad and **Sallee** is with their daughters in Fergus Falls, MN. Pray for **Olivia** who graduated from Hillcrest in a time of heightened global uncertainty. Pray for peace and guidance. Happy birthday to **Sallee!**

### 24<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Ezra 2*

**Joel** and **Liz** are on home assignment from East Asia during July and August. Pray for many opportunities to reconnect with churches and supporters in the Midwest.

### 25<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Ezra 3*

Pray for **Nathanael Szobody** and others as they are editing the

book of Exodus that was translated last year. Pray God's abundant blessing on his Word in Bagirmi!

### 26<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Ezra 4*

Tomorrow is graduation at Hakka Mission Seminary. Pray that God will use these graduates to bring the gospel to the Hakka people in their own culture.

### 27<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Ezra 5*

**Joel** and **Marybeth Nordtvedt** retired from International Students Inc. in May, but continue as volunteers, and Joel meets with students online due to Covid-19. Pray that God would help these students grasp the gospel.

### 28<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Ezra 6*

Pray for Victory English Fellowship as **John** and **Caristy Olson** and family return later this year after years of ministry at Victory. Pray for the Lord's leading as church leaders search for a new pastor to serve this ministry.

### 29<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Ezra 7*

Pray for **Paul** and **Teresa Szobody** as they plan for the Africa orientation and house construction in Chad for **Matt** and **Christina Smith** and family (currently in language study in France).

### 30<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Ezra 8*

Praise the Lord that **Ben Hosch** is seeing encouragements in his language learning. Pray for the weekly conversations he enjoys with a student from China Lutheran Seminary. Pray for ongoing progress in the language for **Ben** and **Sara** and their children.

*The Scripture readings are on a "read through the Bible in 3 years" schedule!*

## BACK TO TAIWAN!

Almost four decades ago, I returned from Taiwan after serving two years at the ChiaYi Christian Hospital (CYCH) as a missionary nurse... yet I wanted to return again. What a joy and privilege to return last June in a supportive role to Ben and Sara Hosch's family as they studied Mandarin! I helped in the home, cared for the children and drove them home from school, and taught Emery (7) to read English. At Victory English Fellowship (LB), I served on the worship team and helped lead a multi-cultural cell group of young people. By living at the China Lutheran Seminary dorm, I developed dear friendships with church workers and taught English to two adults and five pastors' kids ages 3-7. Even attending Bible Study Fellowship led to ministering to two classmates after class in surprising ways.



My 90-day visas required me to exit Taiwan three times. The Hoschs graciously allowed me to use my two medical missions trips as visa exits: Indonesia in August and Cambodia in February. In November a weekend Philippine trip would suffice. Trials came with two of these trips. Obtaining Indonesia's socio-cultural visa from Chicago while Taiwan was a huge hurdle! Hong Kong with its summer political riots was not an option. I employed a visa service which gave no guarantee! All I could do was to pray and trust God for He is greater! The visa arrived four days before departure! In February with Covid-19 rapidly spreading, my Cambodia trip was canceled nine days before departure. I purchased a ticket to the Philippines, but then, they closed their doors to Taiwan. I bought a third ticket to Japan for the next day all to obtain an ink visa stamp! Six weeks later ticket trials were repeated with the US calling home those on short-term visas. In two exits I had five ticket problems with two of them eight hours before departure! Unusual times lead to unusual circumstances. I could only pray and claim that God's ways and thoughts are higher than mine (Is. 55:9)!

Despite tense traveling trials, the ten months in Taiwan was indeed a JOY101 for me! As I was about to cross the big pond, God's gifts of love in many ways flashed before me—His presence, promises, provisions, affirmations, my mission family, many international friends, CYCH's love, and ministering in ways that were not "my way." His abundant love is humbling! "Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Ps 37:4) has greater meaning after four decades. I was greatly blessed to serve in God's mission and deeply appreciate your prayers and support. God knows!

*~ Naomi Evans*