

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st JAPAN *Job 29*

Linda and Dean Bengtson praise God for Dean's ongoing recovery from his stroke. He passed the 6-month point on Oct. 28 and is doing amazingly well. They are thankful for your prayers. May God grant full recovery and mobility.

2nd E. ASIA *Job 30*

Joel and Liz write that **C**, an Asian teenager, has attended an online Christian school for several years. Pray that his Christian teachers, classmates and courses will be instrumental in guiding both C and his parents to faith in Christ.

3rd CHAD *Job 31*

Pray for two new missionary families in training under **Paul Szobody**. Since they come from two different tribes, cultural tensions can arise, so part of their training is in how to overcome ethnic prejudices. Pray for a peaceful and edifying two years together!

4th JAPAN *Job 32*

Dean and Linda Bengtson ask prayer for their ongoing friendship with Dean's main physical therapist and his wife. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel as Dean and Linda spend time with them.

5th TAIWAN *Job 33*

Mike and Delores Kittelson ask prayer for **Ms. Fam** and her son as

they prepare for baptism. Pray that their faith will be strengthened and that they will experience deep fellowship with other believers.

6th CHAD *Job 34*

Pray for Chadian missionaries **Jean Alona** and his wife **Jacqueline**. They are in the process of transition from missionary training to field service. A house is being built for them in a town called Ndjamena-Bouso, where they will live and minister as part of our LBIM Fulbe team.

7th FRANCE *Job 35*

Pray for **Matt Smith** as he continues with inpatient rehab following his accident. Pray for complete healing. Pray for **Christina** and their children as they do life for now without Matt and continue with their French studies.

8th TAIWAN *Job 36*

Pray for **Daniel Wen** and his wife **Nancy Wu**, from the LB church of Taiwan, now in their final stages of preparation for their departure to Chad to serve alongside our LBIM team there. Pray for the Spirit to continue to guide their steps. Praise the Lord for this partnership!

9th CHAD *Job 37*

Paul Szobody reports that while he was on home assignment, his Chadian ministry partner made great inroads into the local community and was able to share the gospel discretely with some Arab and Fulbe people. Pray for spiritual fruit.

10th N. AMERICA *Job 38*

Give thanks that **Joel** has been able to use online platforms to teach university courses in East Asia while based in the US. Pray for open borders and God's timing so that Joel and **Liz** might be able to return to their place of ministry in 2021.

11th CHAD *Job 39*

Paul Szobody writes: "After being largely spared outside the capital, we're getting reports of a Corona outbreak in Gounou Gaya, where the LB seminary is located. The medical situation here is disastrous for the common, poor villagers--pray for the people of Chad!"

12th TAIWAN *Job 40*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** as they continue language studies of Mandarin and also start looking at where God will be using them in Taiwan. Pray for the Spirit to guide their steps toward future ministry.

13th N. AMERICA *Job 41*

Roger and **Sue Olson** of Japanese Ministries in Seattle ask us to pray that God will use the live streaming of former Japan missionary **Evie Olson's** memorial service on Nov. 13 (in Japanese) and Nov. 14 (in English) for His glory and to encourage Japanese believers and unbelievers alike.

14th CHAD *Job 42*

Chadian missionary **Amine** is teaching French language to men in Boudamasa. Pray that these men will see Christ's love in Amine's servant heart.

15th N. AMERICA *Psalms 138-139*

Pray for **Heidi Jensen** as she conducts English and Bible classes for UN diplomats and their families. Pray that God will use these diplomats to bring peace to their countries and our world.

16th CHAD *Psalms 140-141*

Nathanael Szobody reports that they are constructing buildings, and adding teachers and students at the Gethsemane school in Boudamasa. Pray for Nathanael's relationship with the builders, for his teaching at the school and for his training sessions with the school staff.

17th N. AMERICA *Psalms 142-143*

Pray for **Jeremy** and **Sallee Stanton** as they spend 2 months in the US. Pray that they will have good times with their daughters and other extended family while here.

18th TAIWAN *1 Thess 1*

Last May, **Ethan** & **Sandy Christofferson** and their outreach team met **Ms. Min** on a Sunday afternoon hike that took them past her home. She has since attended church as her schedule permits. Pray for wisdom in discipling her.

19th CHAD *1 Thess 2*

Pray for new water wells being installed this month in Chad through LBIM's Living Waters ministry. This is not only a great physical and social blessing to the recipient communities but also a ministry platform that opens the door to

gospel witness. Pray especially for **Abel Nissoh** and **Eloi Malloum**, our two Chadian partners who do most of the work.

20th JAPAN *1 Thess 3*

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** ask us to pray for their long-time Ishinomaki friends, the **N family**. Pray for wisdom as they share the gospel, and that God will reveal Himself to the N family in a way they can understand.

21st TAIWAN *1 Thess 4*

Victory English Fellowship will host a Thanksgiving Potluck on Sunday. Pray that church members will invite their non-Christian friends and neighbors. There will also be a Thanksgiving service for the new Victory LB church plant. Pray that the activities will draw many from the community.

22nd N. AMERICA *1 Thess 5*

Thanksgiving and Christmas provide natural opportunities for **Joel** to converse with his online university students in Asia about Jesus. Pray for the Holy Spirit to spark curiosity in his students.

23rd TAIWAN *2 Thess 1*

Pray for **Ben and Sara Hosch's** children as they attend school and kindergarten. Pray for good health for the entire family and especially for Sara during her pregnancy.

24th JAPAN *2 Thess 2*

Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** this month, as they plan for December. It will be their first COVID-style Christmas at House of Hope. Pray for the Spirit's leading as they relate the birth of Christ to our salvation.

25th CHAD *2 Thess 3*

Pray for **David** and **Sonja Narvesen** who arrive back in the US on November 2 for home assignment after their first 4-year term. Pray for a good year of rest, renewal and reconnecting with family, friends, and supporters.

26th TAIWAN *Eccles 1*

Pray for the many activities that Taiwan's churches will be hosting for the Christmas season. May Jesus shine through all that is done.

27th N. AMERICA *Eccles 2*

Pray for two families here in N. America who desire to do mission work cross-culturally. Pray for their education and other preparations that will help them in following God's call on their lives.

28th CHAD *Eccles 3*

Nathanael Szobody's neighbor is curious about Jesus and is studying the Bible with Nathanael. Pray that the Spirit will create faith in him as he reads God's Word.

29th FRANCE *Eccles 4*

Today, **Matt Smith** has a 4-month follow up meeting scheduled with his neurosurgeon. Pray for Matt and **Christina** and the children as Matt continues with PT and OT therapy. Praise God, he's come a long way since his July motorcycle accident!

30th TAIWAN *Eccles 5*

John Olson reports that **Pastor Tom** and **Rhonda Curry** arrive in Taiwan next month as the new directors for English ministries at Victory Church. Pray that the visa process goes smoothly and that they will have a good transition to life and ministry in Taiwan.

WHEN YOU REAP THE HARVEST...

One of the Levitical laws that the Lord gave to his people Israel speaks of helping those that are suffering: *“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and foreigner. I am the Lord your God.”* (Leviticus 19:9)

Our LBIM missionaries serving in Chad are living and ministering among the poorest of the poor. According to the United Nations World Food Program, a staggering 66% of the population live in severe poverty. According to the World Bank, Chad is ranked last on the World Bank’s Human Capital Index, which measures the anticipated productivity of its citizens based on health, education, and economic opportunity. Life expectancy in Chad is 55 years of age. One in five children won’t survive to their 5th birthday. The adult literacy rate is 38%. You get the picture. The people of Chad are in great need.



Central Region Team 2020 helping with Grain Distribution

Your LBIM missionaries in Chad are not only proclaiming the gospel to people who have not heard it but are also living in community with the least of these. Because of this, mercy ministries such as famine and refugee relief, health care, education and community development are all important elements of LBIM’s ministry in Chad.

In 2020, Chad has experienced record rainfall and flooding, damaging homes and crops. A month-long dry spell in the south during the middle of the crucial summer rainy season has resulted in significant crop failure. Roving bands of elephants and swarms of locusts are devastating the fields of subsistence farmers. An ongoing influx of refugees pouring into Chad, from neighboring war-ravaged countries such as Nigeria and Central African Republic has resulted in sparsely available resources stretched even more thinly.

LBIM is committed to sharing food with the hungry, clean water for the thirsty and shelter for the homeless. We are so thankful for the yearly Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings we receive from our churches that go towards famine and refugee relief in Chad. These funds are managed and distributed according to regional need. LBIM and EFLT (Chadian) leadership and field missionaries work together towards the responsible and efficient use of funds to meet the need where it is most felt. Thank you for helping us to share the spiritual and physical blessings of God.

~ Dan Venberg