

# Daily Prayer Notes

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## 1<sup>st</sup> E. ASIA *Joshua 11*

Joel's online university students in East Asia are on a week-long national holiday this week. Pray for safe journeys for those that are traveling during the holiday period.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> TAIWAN *Joshua 12*

Ben and Sara Hosch ask prayer for balance between family life, language learning, and ministry. Pray too that they can bring God's peace and comfort to neighbors who are worried as COVID restrictions are being lifted in Taiwan.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> FRANCE *Joshua 13*

Pray for Ashley (8 yrs.) and Austin (6 yrs.), children of Dan and Claire Rose, as they adapt to French public school. May they find and make good friends quickly and not be discouraged when unable to communicate freely right away.

## 4<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Joshua 14*

October is when much of the harvest is brought in. Pray for a good result from the rainy season, so that the 85% of Chadians who rely on subsistence farming will be blessed with a good harvest.

## 5<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Joshua 15*

Pray for Matt and Christina Smith, as they've just moved to Fergus Falls, MN. Matt is starting classes at LB Seminary, and the children will begin homeschooling.

## 6<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Joshua 16*

Pray for God's leading for David and Janice, a young Taiwanese couple who are sensing a call to serve as missionaries and join LBIM-Chad. David has graduated from seminary and they are now in a missionary training program.

## 7<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Joshua 17*

Pray for Dean and Linda Bengtson as they navigate the COVID situation in Japan. Much of their prefecture is under a state of emergency, making it difficult to plan ahead or gather indoors. Pray for creativity in ministry, and for the Spirit to bring awakening to Japan.

## 8<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Joshua 18*

Paul Szobody asks prayer for Angel (a female Chadian student) and her husband. She has had difficulty reading because of painful eye problems, and recently had eye surgery on both eyes. Pray for full healing so she can resume her mission training.

## 9<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Joshua 19*

Pray for two Japan LB seminary students, Haruya and Chikara, as they intern each weekend with Dean and Linda Bengtson at House of Hope, starting today! Pray that God will use their ministry to share the gospel with neighbors. Pray too for God's leading following their graduation next March.

**10<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN** *Joshua 20*

Pray that the COVID situation would improve so that restrictions on ministry can be lifted. Pray for wisdom for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** as they seek new opportunities to interact with non-Christians in this environment.

**11<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA** *Joshua 21*

Pray for **David** and **Sonja Narvesen** and children to be rested and refreshed as they enter the last months of their home assignment. Pray for Sonja as she takes a two-week tropical medicine class in North Carolina, starting today.

**12<sup>th</sup> CHAD** *Joshua 22*

Pray for **Daniel Wen**, his wife **Nancy Wu** and their children as they continue language learning. Pray for Chadian friends who can help them adapt to the culture. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> birthday to **Joy!**

**13<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN** *Joshua 23*

Pray for **Mike** and **Delores Kittelson** as they work with and encourage Hakka believers to reach out to their families and neighbors. Happy birthday to **Delores** today.

**14<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA** *Joshua 24*

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, all channels for **Liz** to receive a visa to re-enter their host country in East Asia are closed for now. Pray for wisdom for **Joel** and **Liz** as they consider future ministry options.

**15<sup>th</sup> JAPAN** *Psalms 16-17*

**Dean** and **Linda Bengtson's** neighbor, **Mrs. S**, (DPN 5/6) who had her stomach removed last spring due to cancer, continues to improve. Pray that she and her friends will come to know Christ, the Great Physician.

**16<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN** *Psalms 18*

As restrictions ease up in Taiwan, **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** plan to explore a couple potential ministry locations. Pray for discernment as they ask God where he would want them to be.

**17<sup>th</sup> CHAD** *Psalms 19*

The Gethsemane school in Boudamasa dedicated their new buildings last month and are thankful for the CLB churches that supported this work. Pray that the teachers and Chadian missionaries will effectively proclaim the gospel.

**18<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN** *Prov 11*

Pray for three college students **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** are discipling. Pray that they will be hungry to grow spiritually and will get involved in a church in the city where they are attending college.

**19<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA** *Prov 12-13*

Praise the Lord that **Paul** and **Alexa Fraser** have found an apartment in Seattle and have moved in. Pray for them as they serve with **Roger** and **Sue Olson** in Japanese ministry at Rock of Ages. Pray too for Japanese language acquisition and for eternal fruit through their ministry.

**20<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA** *Judges 1*

**Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** are expecting the birth of their new baby this month. "We are so grateful and pray that this child's life would glorify Christ." Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday to **Clement!**

**21<sup>st</sup> CHAD** *Judges 2*

As the Taliban rises to power, pray for all who are vulnerable to their extremism. Pray for believers and church leaders, for the Lord to

strengthen them in their faith—that they would stay strong in the Lord.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> TAIWAN *Judges 3*

**Ethan & Sandy Christofferson** are joining Enlin LBC's large camping outreach this weekend. Pray for all the activities and for good spiritual conversations around the campfire.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> N. AMERICA *Judges 4*

**Roger and Sue Olson** are at the halfway mark with the Japanese students before they return to Japan and are just now able to start Bible studies with them. Pray that God's Word will draw them to Jesus.

### 24<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Judges 5*

**Jeremy and Sally Stanton** do a fair amount of paperwork, negotiations, and meetings with Chadian officials on behalf of the missionary community. Pray that they will always show proper respect and use these opportunities to serve as Christ's ambassadors.

### 25<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Judges 6*

Pray for **Joel** as he teaches a full load online since COVID restrictions prevent a return to their host country. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with his students. Pray too as Joel audits classes at LB Seminary while he and **Liz** are in Fergus Falls, MN.

### 26<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Judges 7*

Pray for the Bible time meeting with **Pastor Zeniya** tomorrow. At the last meeting, two new people attended. **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** give out a Christian newsletter each month to everyone who attends or is invited. Pray for God's Word to reach people in this way as well.

### 27<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Judges 8*

Pray for **Paul and Alexa Fraser** and family as they settle into life in Seattle and help with Japanese Ministries. May God use this time for growth, learning, future guidance, and direction.

### 28<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Judges 9*

**Nathanael and Carrie Szobody** praise God for His protection during their travels to LB churches in the Eastern Region. They are encouraged by the relationship between LBIM and our CLBA churches. Pray for God's blessing on this ongoing partnership.

### 29<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Judges 10*

Pray for **Makiko**, a young woman who recently came back to faith and the fellowship of the church and has been preparing for baptism. Pray for **Pastor Satoh** and others who are ministering to her.

### 30<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Judges 11*

Pray for **Daniel Wen** and wife **Nancy Wu**, for daily stamina and for emotional and spiritual health as they adapt to Chad. Happy birthday to **Nancy**.

### 31<sup>st</sup> FRANCE *Judges 12*

Pray that God would give patient endurance to **Dan and Claire Rose** as they continue with language learning. Praise God for Claire's sister, **Cathy Barlow** who lives nearby and especially helps the children with their transitions and adjustments. Happy 7<sup>th</sup> birthday to **Austin** today!

## CONTEXTUAL MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Every missionary, or missionary couple, have their own specific mix of gifts and abilities which are used to develop equally specific ministries where they live. One of our gifts is music. Ever since Michael learned to play the trumpet in third grade, music has been a source of joy in his life. The Holy Spirit has used this for outreach here in Taiwan.

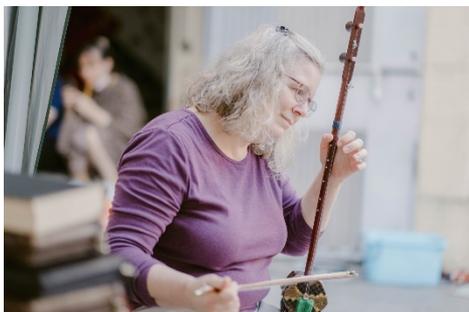
Thirty-four years ago, when we arrived in Taiwan, the paradigm for missions involved a heavy dose of contextualization. We were encouraged to go and become like the people we were seeking to reach with the gospel. For our ministry to the traditional Hakka people, that included using traditional Hakka music. As we learned traditional Hakka music, we discovered that this was a great tool for use in both worship and evangelism.



Over these past 34 years, we have gathered a wide variety of Hakka songs, both sacred and secular. This diverse repertoire allows lots of flexibility when in a Hakka ministry context. The variety also provides many opportunities to reach out to those yet to believe in Jesus. You might find us in an outreach setting or just visiting with new friends where we start with a traditional Hakka song and then transition to Christian words to share the gospel. You might find us in church or in a home. We might be at a large gathering or a small group. We might be a part of a festive gathering in a park or even at a graveside to mourn. Many doors have been opened through this casual form of sharing Jesus and His love.

Recently a secular TV crew was taping us for a program. After we were done, they commented that the way we were using music and sharing the gospel was not what they expected for a church group. Similarly, many years ago, a different TV show host likened our music to a large tree where the traditional Hakka person could come, comfortably sit and be refreshed. Amen to that! We desire to create an atmosphere where people can draw near to the gospel with minimal barriers that might hinder them. We desire to gently share Jesus with friends, old and new. May God always receive the glory when people open their hearts to Jesus.

Traditional Hakka songs accompanied by a piano are okay, but not truly traditional. Through the years Michael learned to play the Chinese Mountain Piano (left). This instrument looks like a piano keyboard but plays like an autoharp, only one note at a time. Delores learned to play the “two-string” (below). This is like a violin but played up and down and with only two strings. Together they make a good combination to lead singing in a Hakka context.



~ Michael & Delores Kittelson