

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st CHAD *Isa 30*

David and Sonja Narvesen ask prayer for their neighbors as they plant their fields. Planting season brings good opportunities to talk about Jesus' parables and other passages in the Bible. Pray for the seed of God's Word to take root. Happy 10th Birthday to **Boeden!**

2nd JAPAN *Isa 31*

Dean and Linda Bengtson ask prayer that God will bless the Sunday Chapel Times at House of Hope at 10:30 am and 3:00 pm. Pray that God will open minds and hearts to understand the gospel.

3rd N. AMERICA *Isa 32*

Pray for **Matt and Christina Smith** and family as they are packing and getting ready to leave Fergus Falls this month. Pray for their shipment as it makes its way to Chad. Pray for **McClellan** as he takes driver education classes.

4th TAIWAN *Isa 33*

Tomorrow is a night of music at Hsinchu Victory LB Church. May those who attend come to understand and receive the Peace and Hope that is found in Jesus. Pray for guest singer, **Grace Huang**, as she sings.

5th CHAD *Isa 34*

The Chadian church is presently searching for two new families as

missionary candidates. Pray for couples of good character and humility to contribute to the spirit of community in Aderé and serve as good team players with our own LBIM missionaries.

6th TAIWAN *Isa 35*

Pray for **Fran**, a teenager who has recently joined **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson's** weekly English Bible discussion group. She is very engaged as Sandy leads a discussion based on a Bible story each week. Pray for her salvation.

7th N. AMERICA *Isa 36*

Pray for **Ben and Sara Hosch** and children as they are on home assignment. The pandemic has been hard on all of us, but it has been particularly hard on missionaries. Pray for quality time for rest and spending time with their families.

8th CHAD *Isa 37*

Paul and Teresa Szobody ask prayer for wisdom as they work with Chadian missionaries in training, that they can wisely discern how best to mentor these couples with spiritual and cultural insight.

9th N. AMERICA *Isa 38-39*

Pray for **Paul and Alexa Fraser**, ministry interns at Japanese Ministries in Seattle. Pray for their Japanese language studies and their ministry to Japanese students. May God bless their witness to these

students as He prepares them for future ministry in Japan. Pray also for LBIM discussions with the Japanese church leadership on future missionary partnership.

10th TAIWAN *Isa 40*

Tomorrow is graduation at China Lutheran Seminary. June 18 is graduation at the Hakka Mission Seminary. Pray for the graduates as they go out to serve the Lord in their new callings.

11th N. AMERICA *Isa 41*

June 11-14 is the CLB biennial convention in Fergus Falls, MN (see back). Pray for a spirit of unity, discernment and courage to press forward as God's missionary people in these challenging times. Pray for **Joel** as he leads a workshop on 120 years of LBIM ministry in East Asia.

12th TAIWAN *Isa 42*

Pray for the salvation of **Mr. Shing. Ethan Christofferson** is meeting with him weekly to study the Bible. Recently, two other Christian men have joined their study and have a burden to help bring the Word closer to Mr. Shing.

13th FRANCE *Isa 43*

Pray for **Dan and Claire Rose** and children as they are prayerfully awaiting a favorable response to their request for visas to travel to Chad. Pray for a safe and smooth journey on June 15th, when they are scheduled to fly from Paris. Pray that God will protect their hearts and minds during this time of transition.

14th N. AMERICA *Isa 44*

Today, Lord willing, **Nathanael and Carrie Szobody** travel with their family to Chad. Pray for safe

travels, and for a healthy transition back into life and ministry in Chad.

15th CHAD *Isa 45*

June and July are months of hunger in Chad, as many run out of food. June also brings the rainy season, a key time for planting new crops. Pray for a good growing season, since last year's crops were poor. Happy 12th Birthday **Eva Narvesen!**

16th JAPAN *Isa 46*

Dean and Linda Bengtson have a friendly relationship with their neighbors, **the T's**, who haven't shown much interest in the gospel to this point. Pray that God's Spirit will work in their hearts, that they might become open to His Word.

17th N. AMERICA *Isa 47*

Joel and Liz are traveling in California to share with supporters about the work of God in East Asia over the past 25 years. Pray for safe travels and many fruitful opportunities to share insights about God's global mission.

18th TAIWAN *Isa 48*

Sandy Christofferson's friend, **Grandma Guo**, is starting to pray. Pray that she will see God working in her life and desire to know Him more. Pray for wisdom for Sandy as she continues to tell Mrs. Guo Bible stories. Happy Birthday **Sandy**.

19th CHAD *Isa 49*

Jeremy and Sallee Stanton ask for prayer regarding the diesel fuel shortage to be effectively handled in Chad. The shortage has begun to encourage even more corruption. Pray also for electric power in Ndjamena to stabilize; it is now available about 30% of the time.

20th UKRAINE *Isa 50*

Pray that God will soon bring a just and peaceful end to the war in Ukraine. Pray for those who have lost loved ones or been separated from their families. Pray for protection for aid workers, and for the ministry of churches there, to bring hope in Christ through every available means.

21st JAPAN *Isa 51*

Pray for the monthly ‘Words of Hope’ Bible time at House of Hope today. Pray for new attenders to come, and for **Pastor Zeniya** and **Pastor Haruya** as they take turns leading the meeting. This month’s leader is Pastor Zeniya.

22nd N. AMERICA *Isa 52*

Paul and **Teresa Szobody** ask prayer for spiritual guidance and safety as they travel for healthcare appointments and for ministry in churches. Pray for stamina and times of refreshment.

23rd CHAD *Isa 53*

Pray for **Sallee** and **Jeremy Stanton** at the Welcome Center as they welcome many families back into Chad along with those newly arriving. May they provide for them in ways that bless their arrival. Happy Birthday today to **Sallee**.

24th TAIWAN *Isa 54*

Mike and **Delores Kittelson** ask prayer for a night of music at Guanxin Victory LB Church. This a special event with a Hakka singer, **A-Kim**. May his musical message be used of God to open the hearts of those who attend.

25th JAPAN *Isa 55*

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer for concerts at House of

Hope this weekend by singer songwriter **Shizu Takeshita**. Pray for good weather, good attendance, and open and receptive hearts.

26th CHAD *Isa 56*

Nathanael and **Carrie Szobody** praise God for the completion of the Bible Story Project in May. Fifty Bible stories have been learned and recorded in four tribal languages, including Bagirmi. Pray now that God’s Word will spread and bring many to salvation.

27th TAIWAN *Isa 57*

Victory Hakka Fellowship has a new person attending. **Mike** and **Delores Kittelson** ask prayer for Teresa’s mother who is making friends in the group and growing in God’s Word each week, leading her to trust Jesus and be baptized.

28th N. AMERICA *Isa 58*

Ethan and **Sandy Christofferson** will be sharing at Warm Beach Bible Camp this week. Pray for safe travels, meaningful presentations, and good interactions with family, friends, and supporters.

29th CHAD *Isa 59*

Pray for **Daniel Wen**, **Nancy Wu** and their children, as they wait for a house to be finished in Bokoro, and as they prepare for launching into new ministry among the Bilala people.

30th TAIWAN *Isa 60*

Pray for the three college students that **Ethan Christofferson** is discipling via Zoom. Pray that they would be hungry to grow spiritually and that they would be able to find a good church in the university town where they live.

2022 CLB BIENNIAL CONVENTION

June 11-14, 2022 marks the biennial convention of the CLB, a time when the Church gathers to enjoy our unity in the gospel, to cast vision, to conduct business, to fellowship, to celebrate our heritage, to rejoice in our sure hope in Jesus Christ, and to respond to our Great Commissioner who calls us to make disciples.

We will gather around the theme of “Disciple-Making Church”. And as we gather, we will be reflecting on four initiatives that serve to advance our calling to make disciples: Call, Partner, Unleash, and Multiply.

Call. We are a people and Church called to follow Christ, shaped, and sent under the Word. We are called to love, serve, reconcile, and connect our neighbors with Jesus, his community, and his mission.

Partner. We are a people and Church that endeavors to foster the interdependence of individuals, congregations, regions, and synod in disciple-making to serve the Great Commission of our Lord.

Unleash. We are a people and Church engaged in the calling, empowering, and supporting of young men and women to lead in making disciples and in forming disciple making communities.

Multiply. We are a people and a Church passionate about mobilizing our people and congregations to disciple neighbors, near and among the nations, so that new churches are planted, and established congregations are revitalized.

As LBIM looks to the future, we are full of anticipation of how God will continue to work in and through the global CLB to bring the message of Christ to the nations, through which faith comes.

We ask you to pray for us as we not only sustain the support of our current field missionaries, but seek to recruit, equip, and send four new missionary units in the next five years, two to Africa and two to Asia.

We ask you to pray for us as we seek to develop and expand our holistic ministry platforms in both our African and Asian fields, to foster increased disciple-making opportunities.

We ask you to pray for us as we seek to grow our interdependence with our international sister synods in disciple-making partnerships.

Thank you for your prayers as we continue to take steps of faith in this process, trusting in our Lord to lead and direct.



~ Dan Venberg