

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st CHAD *Isa 61*

Pray that **David** and **Sonja Narvesen** will be given good opportunities to communicate the gospel in Doh and the surrounding area. Happy 14th Birthday, **Nate!**

2nd JAPAN *Isa 62*

Next week, volunteers from southern Japan who came to help with recovery after the tsunami are returning to pray for Ishinomaki and reconnect with people they met back in 2011. May God open people's hearts to the gospel. Happy Birthday **Linda Bengtson**.

3rd N. AMERICA *Isa 63*

Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** while they are on home assignment this summer. Pray for safe travels, meaningful presentations, and good interactions with family, friends, and supporters.

4th TAIWAN *Isa 64*

Pray for Taiwan as COVID cases continue to rise, and for wisdom for our CLBC pastors as they minister under this added stress.

5th CHAD *Isa 65*

There have been violent protests in Ndjamena against the current government and against the French support of it. Pray for peace!

6th TAIWAN *Isa 66*

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

7th CHAD *Eph 1*

Prayer for **Sallee** and **Jeremy Stanton** as they orient newly arriving LBIM missionary families in Ndjamena. A smooth transition for these new families can be an immense help to them.

8th JAPAN *Eph 2*

Pray as the Japan LB synod considers the possibility of new LBIM missionaries partnering with them in God's mission. Pray also for a fresh vision for sharing Jesus' love with their neighbors.

9th CHAD *Eph 3*

Dan and **Claire Rose** ask for prayer as they and their children transition from France to Chad. Pray that they will make the best decisions regarding how to begin acquiring Chadian Arabic.

10th N. AMERICA *Eph 4*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** and their children, that they will enjoy good times with family and friends. Pray especially for rest and

rejuvenation on their first home assignment. Happy Birthday, **Sara**.

11th N. AMERICA *Eph 5*

Joel and **Liz** are in Colorado Springs this week reuniting with missionary colleagues who have partnered with them over their 24 years of service in East Asia. May God bless this special week of fellowship and worship as they say good-bye to many mission friends. Happy Birthday tomorrow, **Joel**.

12th N. AMERICA *Eph 6*

McClellan Smith (15 yrs.), is attending a week-long aviation camp with Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF). He will accumulate flying hours, learn about aviation ministry and its history, and enjoy some time in discipleship with MAF missionaries. Happy Birthday **Christina Smith**.

13th JAPAN *Phil 1*

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** are rejoicing that the JLBC has helped them to acquire the empty lot adjacent to House of Hope that recently went up for sale. This space is valuable for parking when people gather. Praise God for this provision!

14th TAIWAN *Phil 2*

Pray for Taichung Victory Church as they plan for outreach in the coming school year. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry that **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** began at Taichung, and for the friends they made in their neighborhood. Happy Birthday, **Ben**.

15th TAIWAN *Phil 3*

Michael Kittelson will be singing with the Hakka Choir at Guan Xin Victory church on July

17. May the message brought through song bring peace, hope and the assurance of salvation in Jesus.

16th N. AMERICA *Phil 4*

Matt and **Christina Smith** and family are in Nampa, ID visiting the LB church there. After this, they'll visit churches in the Los Angeles and Phoenix areas. Pray for safe travel and good fellowship. Happy 7th Birthday **Evangeline!**

17th N. AMERICA *1 Chron 1-2*

Pray for Japanese Ministries interns **Paul** and **Alexa Fraser**, and their boys **Arthur** and **Oswald**, as they attend the Missionary Training Institute in Colorado Springs from July 18 through August 13th. Pray for safe travel and a sense of God's direction and provision for them.

18th CHAD *1 Chron 3-4*

Nathanael Szobody writes, "Our permit to get an airstrip in Boudamasa is slowly moving through government agencies. Pray that the Lord's will be done. We would love to have an airstrip in our village so we can live there through the rainy season."

19th TAIWAN *1 Chron 5-6*

Pray for the salvation of **Grandma Shing**, who shows increasing receptivity to the gospel. Pray for wisdom for **Ethan Christofferson** as he and others converse with her in a Bible study with her son on Friday evenings.

20th CHAD *1 Chron 7-8*

Pray for the many people who are hearing Bible stories in their own language through the Story Project recordings. May many listeners come to know and love Christ.

21st TAIWAN *1 Chron 9*

Pray for 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 are living.

22nd JAPAN *1 Chron 10*

House of Hope is planning an outdoor concert and special event to celebrate the completion of the playground next door with additions funded by CLB Women's Ministries. Pray for good weather and a good turnout.

23rd N. AMERICA *1 Chron 11*

Joel and **Liz** are visiting congregations in Toronto, SD and Hendricks, MN to speak about their ministries in East Asia. Pray that God will continue to raise up a new generation of church-planting missionaries for Asia and Africa.

24th CHAD *1 Chron 12*

Pray for **Paul Szobody** as he translates the Lutheran Confessions into Africanized French. Pray for the printing and binding of this work in a way that it withstands the extremes of the dry and rainy seasons but is also still affordable to Chadian pastors.

25th N. AMERICA *1 Chron 13*

The Hosch family returns to Taiwan tomorrow. Pray for them as they finish up packing and travel back to Taiwan. Pray for a good return to their home in Taichung and a nice time reconnecting with their friends in their neighborhood.

26th CHAD *1 Chron 14*

Pray for **Nathanael** and **Carrie Szobody** and children as they

readapt to Chad after on a one-year home assignment. Pray for quick adjustments and good health.

27th TAIWAN *1 Chron 15*

Victory Hakka Fellowship has two ladies, Mrs. **Fam** and Mrs. **Peng**, who are undecided about becoming Christians. May the Holy Spirit soften their hearts and help them understand the gospel.

28th CHAD *1 Chron 16*

David Narvesen asks for prayer for good health, as this is the season when malaria and other diseases are on the rise. Pray for all our missionaries in Chad that God would protect them during this difficult time of year.

29th TAIWAN *1 Chron 17*

Pray for **Michael Kittelson's** music students that are learning to play the Chinese Mountain Piano. May they continue to develop in skills and have many opportunities to use music to share the gospel.

30th CHAD *1 Chron 18*

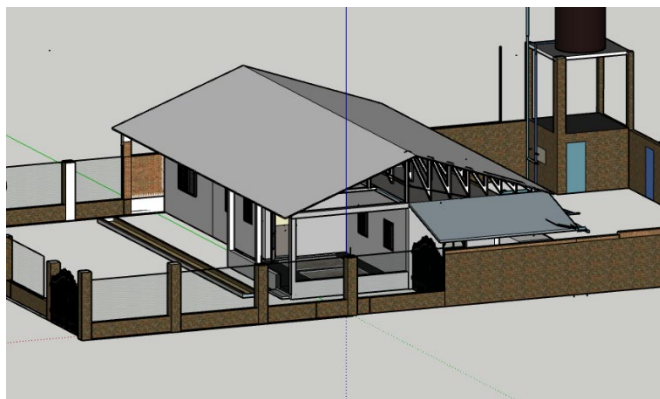
Pray for safety for **Jeremy** and **Sallee Stanton** as they return for home assignment and spend a lot of time on the road. Happy Birthday to **Jeremy** today.

31st N. AMERICA *1 Chron 19*

As their time of service with LBIM in East Asia officially draws to a close this month, **Joel** and **Liz** want to give thanks to all who have partnered with them through prayer, financial gifts, personal visits, and words of encouragement. May God continue to establish, grow and bless His church in East Asia.

BUILDING AMONG THE BILALA

When responding to the call of missionary in Chad, I never thought that I would need to go through the "buy land and build it myself", which should be the challenge faced by local pastors when building churches. I did not expect that the drawing courses – when I was majoring in the Department of Mechanical Engineering 15 years ago – would come in handy at this time.



I didn't even think that when I was the supervisor of a sanitary equipment factory in Vietnam 10 years ago, the experience of executing many water and electricity installation projects would help me!

In the past year, I had the opportunity to visit the homes of different missionary families in their villages, which allowed me to observe and learn, and to imagine a living model that would suit our family. We have an open front yard that looks through the wire fence to the street and neighbors (and to be seen by them), which helps us be more involved in the culture. The other end is a closed backyard surrounded by walls, giving our home a breathing space, and if we really want privacy, we can find a safe corner (see picture above).

The structure of the house is mainly to reduce the indoor temperature, so a double-layered roof is adopted, and a large amount of airflow can pass through the two-layered roof to achieve the effect of heat dissipation. At the same time, the brick wall is shaded by the extended eaves around it to reduce the heat absorption of the wall. The interior space of the house has windows on at least three sides.



And yet, the design drawing is only on paper. How will it be completed in the end? Even I am looking forward to it!

Our prayer is that the Lord will make this place a launch pad for missions, so that more people can step on this brick and continue to go to the scattered villages of Bilala in the north. Ask the Lord to make this place a resting place for missionaries, so that missionaries on the front line have a place to rest.

~ Daniel Wen

Pray for the Wen family as they prepare to move to their new home this summer!