

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st JAPAN *Jer 51*

Pray for **Dan Venberg** as he is in Japan through Dec. 9 to visit with JLBC **President Wakamatsu** and other pastors and leaders to discuss future partnerships and to explore a mutual calling to send more missionaries to Japan.

2nd CHAD *Jer 52*

Please pray for **Roland**, the newest teacher at the Gethsemane school, his wife **Colette**, and their six children, who just moved to Boudamasa. Pray that their children would settle in well to a new town, school, and friends. Pray too that the Lord would provide a chaplain for the Gethsemane school.

3rd TAIWAN *Lam 1*

Praise God that tomorrow one of **Miss Ming's** brothers and her 100-year old mother will be baptized. Another brother also expresses interest. Pray for wisdom for **Ethan & Sandy Christofferson** and their ministry partners as they nurture this family.

4th JAPAN *Lam 2*

Pray for the pastors' meeting with **Dan Venberg**. For the first time in 2 ½ years the pastors can meet in person! Pray for renewed fellowship and clear vision as they discuss future mission and outreach.

5th CHAD *Lam 3*

Pray for Chadians displaced by extreme flooding. It destroyed homes and crops are of major concern. Pray for safety for all and that the Church would be an instrument of God's care during this crisis.

6th N. AMERICA *Lam 4*

Roger and **Sue Olson** and Japanese Ministries staff are thankful that spiritual seekers are attending worship. Pray that their hearts will be receptive to the gospel. Pray for new opportunities to connect with Japanese university students in the Seattle area.

7th CHAD *Lam 5*

Paul Szobody had two great weeks teaching Biblical theology of mission at Gounou Gaya seminary. Some students expressed a desire to serve as missionaries. Pray for the Spirit to lead those who are truly called.

8th TAIWAN *Psalms 66-67*

On a recent Sunday afternoon outreach hike, **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** and others met the **Shins**, a non-Christian family living near the hiking trail. They had a good visit and are praying for more opportunities to share the gospel with the family.

9th CHAD *Psalm 68*

Pray for **Libby**, the family helper for **Matt & Christina Smith** as she works in their home. Pray for safe travel as she visits friends in Uganda during the Christmas holidays.

10th TAIWAN *Psalm 69*

Tomorrow **Victory Hakka Fellowship** celebrates Christmas together. May those who attend see the saving gift of Jesus through God's Word, music, and testimony.

11th CHAD *Prov 30*

Pray for **Matt & Christina Smith** as they get established with a French and/or Arabic language program. Pray also for **McClellan** and **Verity** who will begin learning Arabic.

12th N. AMERICA *Prov 31*

Pray for those who are in the process of preparing and studying for cross-cultural ministries. May God continue to call and guide new workers, and those who will support through prayer and financial giving.

13th CHAD *Acts 1*

Pray for **Nathanael & Carrie Szobody** and children as they settle back into life and ministry in Boudamasa after being gone for 1 ½ years. Pray for a quick adjustment and renewed friendships for the children as well as parents.

14th TAIWAN *Acts 2*

Tomorrow **Mike & Delores Kittelson** leave Taiwan for the U.S. Pray for smooth and safe travel. They are praising the Lord for providing temporary housing. Pray for them as they search for a home and purchase a car. Pray for their adjustments to life in America.

15th CHAD *Acts 3*

Nathanael Szobody is praising God that Bible story audio players have arrived! They contain 50 stories from the Bible in four languages, including Bagirmi and Fulbe. Pray for wise distribution, and that many would hear the stories and believe the gospel.

16th JAPAN *Acts 4*

Haruya Ito, Church Planting Pastor at House of Hope, and Morioka-san will give a Christmas Concert tomorrow. Pray especially for Haruya as he sings and shares the Good News!

17th N. AMERICA *Acts 5*

Pray for clear guidance and provision for Japanese Ministries Interns **Paul & Alexa Fraser** preparing to be sent to Japan as missionaries. Pray for the details to be worked out and for churches to support them in prayer and financially.

18th CHAD *Acts 6*

David Narvesen writes “We plan to spend Christmas in Doh for the first time. We look forward to sharing with Doh the story of the birth of Jesus. It's something they are quite interested in. Pray for a fruitful time of sharing and celebrating.”

19th TAIWAN *Acts 7*

PTL! China Lutheran Seminary has chosen **Dr. Erwin Chen** to be their new president. Dr. Chen is currently teaching systematic theology at CLS. Thanks be to God for His provision

20th CHAD *Acts 8*

Pray for **Matt & Christina Smith's** children as they learn their

roles within the family's mission. Pray that they make friends inside and outside the Welcome Center's walls. Pray for safety and sensitivity as they navigate shopping and traffic and continue to learn how to fit in with Chadian culture.

21st TAIWAN Acts 9

Ben & Sara Hosh ask for prayer as they plan Christmas outreach opportunities for Feng Jia University students and the neighboring community. Pray also for them and other CLB missionaries who are far from family during this Christmas season.

22nd JAPAN Acts 10

Pray for **Dean & Linda Bengtson** as they spend this Advent season in the US, that they would be refreshed and renewed, in spirit, body, and mind.

23rd CHAD Acts 11

Daniel Wen and **Nancy Wu** ask for discernment in balancing their time with the small, local Christian community & larger unreached Muslim population. Happy 7th birthday to **Chi Wen** today and happy 12th to **Noam Smith** tomorrow!

24th JAPAN Acts 12

Pray for the two "Live Harp Christmas Concerts" at House of Hope tomorrow, Christmas Day! Pray for **Cat (Catherine) Porter**, a very gifted harpist, as she plays and shares her faith.

25th CHAD Acts 13

Jeremy and **Sallee Stanton** praise God for our new solar energy system at the Welcome Center. Pray for continued health and safety for them.

26th TAIWAN Acts 14

Grandma Guo wants to become a Christian but is "stuck." She doesn't dare give up the worship of her ancestors. Pray for **Sandy Christofferson** as she continues to reach out to this dear friend.

27th JAPAN Acts 15

New Years is an important holiday in Japan for families and for visiting temples. Pray that the churches would see this time as outreach and are able to share God's love and hope with family and friends.

28th CHAD Acts 16

Pray for safety for all our Chadian missionaries in this time of political unrest. Pray for good decisions to be made in the government. Happy 7th birthday to **Ivan Narvesen!**

29th TAIWAN Acts 17

Pray for the direction of Taichung Victory Church as they reach out to their community with the message of the gospel.

30th CHAD Acts 18

Pray for **Dan & Claire Rose** and children as they continue in their language study and adjustment to Chadian life. Praise God for a good school situation for the children.

31st TAIWAN Acts 19

The first Tuesday of every month, the LBIM-Taiwan missionary team gathers for a business meeting and for fellowship. Pray for this team as they seek to encourage and challenge each other in their ministries and personal lives. Happy 4th birthday to **Etta Hosh!**

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM LBIM!

Chad:

Dave & Sonja Narvesen
Claire & Dan Rose
Matt & Christina Smith
Jeremy & Sallee Stanton
Nathanael & Carrie Szobody
Paul & Teresa Szobody
Daniel & Nancy Wen

Taiwan:

Ethan & Sandy Christofferson
Ben & Sara Hosch
Mike & Delores Kittelson

Pastoral Care Support:

Chris & Suzy Priestaf (Africa)
Joel & Liz Christenson (Asia)

Japan:

Dean & Linda Bengtson
Paul & Alexa Fraser (in training)

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The first “Noel” the angels did say was to certain poor
shepherds in fields where they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter’s
night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!

Born is the king of Israel!

