GobaDALY MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR of Central Heights Church Global Workers APRIL 2019

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APRIL 1 Amanda Doerksen SIM - Niger doerksen.a@gmail.com

I'm thanking God for the promise of spring that is slowly starting to appear in Paris because that means I'm coming closer and closer to Niger. When I first came to Paris in September one of my milestones was Christmas. I wasn't really thinking of anything beyond making it through the first half of the year in language school. Now, Christmas has come and gone and I'm finding myself starting to imagine life in Niger and teaching at Sahel. A lot of this stage of imagining and wondering has been difficult because we didn't know what grades would be open next year at Sahel. I knew that I would be teaching but I couldn't really prepare or begin to gather supplies because I didn't know what grade I would be in. However, this is the time of year when short-term teachers at international schools decide if they are coming back for another year and, as of right now, there is a spot for me in grade 4. I can finally say that I am going to be teaching grade 4 at Sahel Academy next year! Due to the nature of international schools this grade placement may change but, for now, I'm a grade four teacher and I'm delighted.

I'm also thanking God for those people who have come alongside me in prayer and financial support. I have greatly appreciated the commitments that people have made to support me and the many emails and notes of encouragement that I have received so far this year in France. I would appreciate it if you would continue to pray for my financial support. I'm currently at 66% and

need to be at 100% before I can go to Niger.

l've attached a picture of myself and some of the girls that l've become



good friends with at language school. We took a Saturday and explored the city of Reims in France. It was cold as you can see by our scarves and coats but it was a wonderful time of just exploring together, trying to tell jokes and stories in French, and enjoying France.

> APRIL 2 Kent and Inga Friesen TeachBeyond - Uzhgorod, Ukraine <u>kdfkentryc@yahoo.com</u>

I (Kent) think this is a good time to share with you a ministry project that has been on my heart for the past year and a half. This project focuses on equipping teachers, and it combines professional development with an opportunity to visit an English-speaking country they actually teach about in their classrooms.

Many international programs and opportunities exist for <u>students</u> to work on development and to gain valuable practical experience. Students from virtually any field of study have access to tools and resources that are beneficial both short term and long term. There are even grants available to help students in covering related financial costs of such opportunities.

It seems, however, that <u>teachers</u> are very limited with regard to opportunities for growth and development. One of my aims in this project is to provide them with an experience that has potential to significantly help them professionally and personally.

I am embarking on an effort to raise funds for Inga and myself and 10 of the English teachers I work with here in Uzhhorod, Ukraine to travel and attend a linguistics conference in Perth, Australia in November, 2019. These are not all of the teachers I work with, but they are the ones I have worked with the longest (most of them for several years). They are Ukrainian nationals, teaching English in Uzhhorod secondary schools, private English schools, and universities.

The primary purpose for teachers to attend is their professional development. The fit with Australia is that it is an English-speaking country, and I believe this experience would really help them teach with new and better perspective.

My main reason for joining the teachers is to establish long term partnerships with Australian schools and institutions, with focus on creating student and teacher exchange programs as well as grant/scholarship openings for Ukrainian English teachers to do their graduate work in Australia.

The goal is to raise CAD \$45,000 (USD \$34,000) for Inga and myself and the 10 teachers to go. I haven't had success in the past with raising funds through crowd platform (eg. Go Fund Me). I have also tried looking for grants available, but this seems to be a unique initiative and none of the grants I have researched are appropriate.

This project has been approved by TeachBeyond and has been set up separately, as it is not in any way connected to our personal support income. Donations made to this project through TeachBeyond in the US and Canada will be receipted for tax purposes.

November may seem like the distant future, but there is much to do, and raising funds is the largest, most urgent step in preparation. There are conference registration deadlines to take into account, visa costs to consider, and airfare specials to begin watching for.

If you have questions or if you want to know how to donate to this project, or if you know of anyone who might be interested in donating, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us directly by email at mailto:kdfkentyc@yahoo.com or contact Bill & Louise Tait at 604-859-7926 and they will connect us.

This project is an ambitious one, and I look forward to seeing how it all comes together. Thank you for your continuing prayers, gifts, and encouragement.

APRIL 3 Rob and Judy Griffioen

Good News International Ministries – Canada <u>robandjudy2thai@gmail.com</u>

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying and supporting our ministry! In December, during the House of Blessing's outreach in a village, some 20 boys and girls prayed to receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. They were challenged to do so only if they are serious about following Jesus. Praise God that the Good News is going to the poor and oppressed. We want to see generational change there. There is so much to share with you.

Healing is Happening

One year ago (March 6, 2018), our lives took a major turn. Judy was walking around Ponderosa Pond with our grandson Cyrus, just behind our home, when she reached out to keep the two-year-old from going in the pond. Somehow in this process Judy stumbled and fell, tearing two tendons in her right shoulder, fracturing her right wrist and knocking herself out. In the weeks and months that followed, we were relieved that the doctors confirmed nothing was wrong with her heart. However, her condition developed into full-blown Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS).

The day I met all my little prayer warriors at the House of Blessing who were also persevering in prayer, I pleaded with God to do a miracle just for them to see his power. But nothing happened for weeks. Then one

night when it seemed like just another prayer, God showed up. The pain totally left my hand and I was able to feel things with normal sensations. I could touch the children's faces with both



hands, it was so exciting. Then my arm began to move, and I was able to begin to swimming a few weeks later when we went down south. I was so excited, I could feel my muscles aching as they grew, and each day I added few more minutes to my swim until I gained enough strength to swim an hour a day. Now I have much more mobility and can turn my hand over. I know that this journey with CRPS isn't over, but I praise God for the healing that is happening!

APRIL 4 Wendy Eros Multiply – Toyota, Japan wendyeros@gmail.com

I'm thanking God that I've been able to serve him in Japan for 11 years. He's been my rock and my comforter, and he has been guiding me every day in reaching out to the Japanese people. My time with Multiply (formerly MB Mission) will come to an end on August 31, but my time with the Lord will never end - and I'm so thankful for that!

Thank you to all of you for your prayers, support and encouragement over the past 13 years! It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve here knowing that all of you have been a huge part of my journey. I'm looking forward to connecting with you when I get back this summer so please keep an eye out for me in Sunday service throughout the summer.

Blessings as always, Wendy.

APRIL 5 Gene and Grace Fox International Messengers – Abbotsford, BC <u>gene@im.canada.ca</u> <u>grace@gracefox.com</u>

Gene and I recently spent two weeks in Lebanon and

Egypt. In Beirut, we taught ten classes to a team of Syrian believers who sense God's call to career ministry in their homeland. Then we took the same material to Alexandria and shared it with our staff working



there. We'd helped to train these folks in 2015, so it was sheer pleasure to reconnect with them and see the incredible personal and spiritual growth in their lives.

One young man, Mina, is 22 years old. His father's sudden death 13 years ago left him responsible for his mother and sisters' well-being. Fulfilling this role is

impossible on a missionary's salary there, but Mina is willing to pursue God's call on his life, trusting him to provide sufficient financial and physical resources. Mina ministers to Coptic pre-teen and teenage boys through sports. As they respond to the Gospel, he spends time discipling them in the faith. He currently disciples nearly three dozen young men. His heart's desire is to minister in Syria someday.

How can you pray for us? Ask God to supply sufficient summer volunteers so we can host the camps our overseas staff are planning. We could use at least three dozen volunteers for the evangelistic English-learning camps in Eastern Europe, Lebanon, and Egypt. For the first time ever, we need people with video production, photography, and script-writing skills to volunteer at a Media Camp in Egypt.

Ask God to give us the physical energy needed to fulfill our roles with International Messengers this spring. Our youngest daughter is pregnant with her first child, due May 8. She was recently diagnosed with gestational diabetes and is now on insulin. Pray for good health for both her and the baby (a girl).

Grace's 86-year-old mother in Alberta wants to sell her home and move into a senior's lodge. The sale depends on the prospective buyer's ability to sell his home first. When the sale happens, Grace will need to go to her mom's to help pack and move her. Please pray for God's timing so Grace will be available when needed.

> APRIL 6 Brent and Jody Nesbitt Power to Change – Langley, BC brent.nesbitt@powertochange.org

Praise the Lord that Joseph got his first job, and on the first day he (ever) handed out resumes! He is feeling encouraged, but tired.

We are also thankful that Jody's recent surgery went well, and she is recovering at home.

Pray for me (Brent) also, as I have a double-hernia surgery coming up near the end of April.

APRIL 7

Please pray for our Missionaries in Limited Access Countries



APRIL 8 Warren and Dorothy Janzen SEND International – Abbotsford, BC wjanzen@send.org

Please pray for one of our teams in southeast Asia working among a tribal Muslim group. They are following up now on multiple medical clinics held earlier this year. Praise God for the hundreds of people they were able to minister to, the decisions to follow Jesus, and the new relationships developed. Pray that these new relationships would turn into bridges of trust into villages by which our team could be the presence of Jesus and bring the message of Jesus to those who are beyond the reach of any local church.

Pray also for me (Warren) as I continue to research and write on how best to utilize technology among our teams.

APRIL 9 Art and Eleanore Klassen Pioneers International - Abbotsford, BC art.klassen@telus.net

First of all, thank you for your prayers. Every time we go to Trinity Western University we feel that there is a divine appointment waiting for us there. We had a very good visit a few weeks ago when we chatted with 25 people; some were former guests but many were new people. Here are a few details:

A lady hesitantly walked up to our table. I moved toward her and asked her if she spoke Mandarin. She said: "No English" but agreed to take a Mandarin Bible. When she looked at the map on our board, we gave her a blue dot to place on the name of her home town and then gave her a booklet written in Mandarin and English. She took it willingly and then we asked her if we could pray with her, and when she understood she folded her hands and placed them just below her chin in a prayer. After the prayer she expressed gratitude - all of this without either of us knowing the other's language. We have since sent her an email with a short explanation of a few verses from the book of John. We don't know why she was on campus, but she may have been a mother to one of the many Chinese students.

A Japanese student came, so we gave her a Bible and booklet - she could read the English and we shared John 3:16 with her. Another student told us that her mother was a believer but she was not. We gave her a Bible and showed her the booklet and placed her on our mailing list. Three more students came as a group - two accepted a Bible but the third said he had one and that he was a Christian. When I asked his friend if he was a Christian he answered "Not yet". At one time seven students came and we gave them Bibles and the booklets clearly showing the way of salvation using the Mandarin language.

We usually spend five hours on campus every three weeks, and frequently our actual time spent with an individual student is less than three minutes. Pray that the Lord would open our mouths to say words that impact these lives.

APRIL 10 Amber Griffioen Good News International Ministries - Chiang Rai, Thailand

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It's so great to have Jen and Terry Janzen visiting us right now. They are so loved here and such a big encouragement.

God's been moving. We've been asking him for a person of peace to be our bridge into this vulnerable village we

regularly go into. We believe God is giving us a family. God's moving in their hearts and drawing them to himself. Please pray that God will wholeheartedly draw



this whole family to himself. Pray that God will give them and us wisdom how to help one of their relatives who is only 7 and in a very vulnerable situation. Pray that God will give us wisdom how to help other children and women who are in really dangerous situations in this neighbourhood. Ultimately pray that God will transform this community. We praise God for how more doors are opening here. We are asking God to show up in more power and encounter these people more and more.

Thanks for praying!

APRIL 11 Colin and Karen Ashton Compassion Canada – Abbotsford, BC <u>cashton@compassion.ca</u>

I believe in the ministry of Compassion Canada: to care for children and families living in poverty. I have travelled to many of the 25 countries we are working in, spent time with the pastors, centre directors, tutors, volunteers, children, youth, and families. I've been in homes of sponsor children, visited churches, walked through communities, and heard countless stories of lives changed, leaders making a significant difference and people coming to Christ.

When something means so much to you personally, and your family and friends get to be involved in what you do, it is a special moment! On Sunday, April 28, Compassion Canada will be all around Central Heights and we will have Shaun Groves from Nashville, TN speaking in both services. I'm so, so, so looking forward to being with you on behalf of Compassion Canada later this month. For more

APRIL 12 Doug and Cindy Rintoul Wycliffe Int./CanIL – Langley, BC doug-cindy rintoul@sil.org

information check out www.compassion.ca.

Doug is thankful for positive feedback he received recently from a student who wrote the following on her comprehension exam for her Master's degree:

My linguistics courses have helped me see that there are many parts to the body of Christ and that those who do the Bible translation are not better than those who help with IT, literacy, or training. I did not realize how important all the different parts of a language project are until coming here and seeing how Doug in IT contributes so integrally to the training here, how literacy is such a need so that people can read and understand the Bible, and how so much training is needed to assist mother tongue translators and those wanting to serve in Bible translation. My classes here have helped me see the value in the fact that we are all gifted in many and often different ways.

We are so thankful for the gift you bring in praying for us, and supporting us, so that training is possible, the scriptures can be translated, and people are able to know God in a more intimate way!

> APRIL 13 Tamara Rudyk Multiply (TREK) - Lithuania

Each week my team has been helping facilitate a children's program. My team is involved in helping lead different classes for the kids. I help lead an English class for an after-school kids program. The children are around age 9-13 years old. We do fun activities and games to teach English. I also help lead an Art Therapy class on a different day but at the same kids' program. The kids learn to focus on their strengths and character traits and apply it to art. The main ministry we do is children's ministry. My team also helps take care of babies a couple of days during the week. On Sundays, we go to church in the evening. As a team, we usually lead a short Bible story for the kids. We also help with the Sunday school or sit in with the adults or young adults group. We are blessed with an amazing community of people we get to work with and serve. We have had many opportunities to invite families from church to our apartment. We've hosted parties with our friends from work as well several times a month.

We recently had our midterm retreat. We went to Moldova for four days and had a time of rest, reflection, and fun! During this time, God taught me and is still showing me



how he is in control. He is paving the way before me, and I need to trust in him more. I need to keep moving forward and trust in his perfect plan for me. "Be strong and courageous" is the word that God has spoken to me this month. I know there will always be challenges and times where fear will try and get in the way, but I know that the Lord is bigger and I need to remind myself that he is always with me! (Joshua 1:9)

I praise God for the ministry work in which we have the privilege of serving in, for our friends we've met here and the relationships we've been building, for the opportunity to learn three musical instruments while here, for our missionaries that we serve alongside and learning from them.

There is so much to be thankful for!

Please pray

- That I will have deeper trust in God and allow him to be in control of my life every day.
- For my team's unity and that we will lean on each other more.
- For boldness for me to reach out to the people in our community and help draw them closer to Jesus.

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