

Daily Prayer Notes

Lutheran Brethren International Mission
P.O. Box 655
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0655
lbim@clba.org

September 2022

*Daniel Venberg, Director
Gaylan & Joy Mathiesen, Editors*

1st TAIWAN *2 Chron 4*

Pray for **Ben** and **Sara Hosch** and children as they adjust back into ministry and school after a summer home assignment. Pray for Fengjia University campus to open to the public so Ben and Sara can make connections with the students.

2nd CHAD *2 Chron 5*

Pray for **Dan** and **Claire**, that they will lean into the Lord as they tackle language learning and cultural adaptation in the capital. Pray for good health for the family during their ongoing transition.

3rd JAPAN *2 Chron 6*

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** report that two neighbors are now regularly attending the Sunday morning chapel time at House of Hope! Pray for **W-san** and **S-san**, that the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts to help them understand God's Word and to respond in faith.

4th TAIWAN *2 Chron 7*

Pray for **Michael** and **Delores Kittelson** as they prepare for their retirement, and "pass the baton" to others who will carry on the ministry they have had at the LB churches in Hsinchu and Baushan. They are thankful for those they worked with who also had a willing heart to serve.

5th N. AMERICA *2 Chron 8*

Roger and **Sue Olson** reach out to Japanese college students in the Seattle area. The Japanese Ministries program at Rock of Ages LB Church has been an effective way to bring the gospel to these students and other Japanese living in the area. Pray that the Holy Spirit will do a work of awakening.

6th CHAD *2 Chron 9*

Nathanael and **Carrie** ask prayer for **Jean-Baptiste**, a teacher at the mission school, who is in a long recovery from gout complications that make it hard for him to walk. Pray for his wife **Marceline**, who is cultivating their peanut fields while five months pregnant.

7th JAPAN *2 Chron 10*

Pray for **Pastor Haruya Itoh**, the Japanese pastor at House of Hope who has joined **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** in reaching out to their neighborhood. Pray that he will find favor with those in the community as he shares the gospel.

8th TAIWAN *2 Chron 11*

Pray for **Ethan Christofferson** as he prepares to teach a class at the Hakka Mission Seminary this fall. Pray that he would have wisdom as he works with students.

9th CHAD *2 Chron 12*

Paul asks prayer for wise choices for the next families that come to their community for missionary training this fall. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring those He calls.

10th N. AMERICA *2 Chron 13*

Matt and **Christina** and family will soon be departing for Chad. They've visited many churches (both within and outside the CLB) over the summer and are encouraged by the level of interest and commitment they have seen. Happy 14th Birthday to **Verity!**

11th TAIWAN *2 Chron 14*

Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** as they return to Taiwan and reconnect with church and neighborhood friends after a home assignment. While Ethan was in the US, two other Christians continued the weekly Bible study he led with **Grandma Shing** and her son. Pray for their salvation.

12th CHAD *2 Chron 15*

Pray for courage and boldness for **Dan** and **Claire** to use the language they have learned so far to interact with others in their new community.

13th CHAD *2 Chron 16*

Jeremy and **Sallee** ask prayer for opportunities of good team building at the Welcome Center. With many arriving in Chad for the first time as well as those returning from home assignment, pray that all will learn to live and work well together in God's mission.

14th CHAD *2 Chron 17*

Nathanael and **Carrie** ask prayer that the Lord would grant

them wisdom in discipleship and planning regarding the mission school, as the school continues to grow larger every year. Happy 6th Birthday to **Talitha!**

15th TAIWAN *2 Chron 18*

Michael and **Delores Kittleson** are visiting churches to say thank you for the opportunity to partner in proclaiming the Gospel. May seeds that have been planted grow into faith and eternal life for many.

16th CHAD *2 Chron 19*

Jeremy asks prayer for the electricity situation in Chad to stabilize, and for the fuel crisis in Chad to improve.

17th JAPAN *2 Chron 20*

Roger and **Sue Olson** are in Japan from August 14 – October 12, visiting family members, as well as Japanese students they ministered to in Seattle. Pray that they will be an encouraging presence to everyone they visit during the trip.

18th CHAD *2 Chron 21*

Pray for an uneventful return to Chad for **Jeremy** and **Sallee** after a short home assignment. Pray as they prepare an apartment for **Matt** and **Christina** and children who arrive a week after them. May there be no big surprises or major repairs needed as they get the apartment ready.

19th TAIWAN *2 Chron 22*

Pray for **Mrs. Liu** who has recently attended the Victory Hakka Fellowship. Her daughter, **Grace**, wants her to hear more about Christ. Pray that Mrs. Liu will attend often, that friendships will develop so she will experience the blessings of knowing and following Jesus Christ.

20th CHAD 2 Chron 23

A few teenage boys like to read Bible stories that **David** writes in the local dialect. Another friend of David and **Sonja** also comes regularly and likes to help correct new stories as David writes them. Pray that these stories will lead to more spiritual conversations.

21st N. AMERICA 2 Chron 24

Continue to pray for guidance and provision for Japanese Ministry interns **Paul** and **Alexa Fraser** as they pursue God's call to serve God's mission in Japan.

22nd CHAD 2 Chron 25

David and **Sonja** ask prayer for good health, as malaria has been increasing with the rains. This is also peanut harvest season. Largely a cash crop for the farmers, a good peanut harvest is important for sustaining their families.

23rd TAIWAN 2 Chron 26-27

Grandma Guo, a friend of **Sandy Christofferson**, goes back and forth about becoming a Christian. Pray for wisdom for Sandy as she reaches out to her. Pray for Grandma Guo's salvation.

24th CHAD 2 Chron 28

Paul and **Teresa** ask prayer for **Nicholas** and **Olympa**, their students who now transition into ministry in another village among unreached peoples. They join **Abel** and **Daniel** and **Nancy** (our Taiwanese LBIM partners). Pray for grace and guidance to adjust to one another and to find their places in teamwork. Happy Birthday to **Nathanael**.

25th JAPAN 2 Chron 29

Pray for encouragement and God's leading as the Japan LB Church pastors and elders meet online. It has been over 2 1/2 years since they have been able to gather in person for discussion and fellowship.

26th TAIWAN 2 Chron 30

Ben and **Sara Hosch** ask prayer for more relationship building within the community surrounding their home, church, and school.

27th JAPAN 2 Chron 31

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** ask continued prayer for the monthly Words of Hope gatherings. Pray especially for four women who attend regularly, and that others will soon join them.

28th N. AMERICA 2 Chron 32

Pray for LBIM director **Dan Venberg** as he attends a mission leaders' conference on themes of suffering, loss, bold witness, and sacrifice as we share the love of Christ with others.

29th CHAD 2 Chron 33

Pray for **Matt** and **Christina** and their children as they settle into the Welcome Center in the capital, and transition into their new life in Chad! Pray for rest and health after their long journey.

30th JAPAN 2 Chron 34

Pray for two musicians, **Kaori Mukahi** and **Kanata-san** who are at House of Hope to do an afternoon concert. Pray for a good turnout and for hearts open to hearing the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU RANDY AND BETSY!

Pastor Randy and Betsy Mortenson have been serving LBIM for the past four years in a missionary care capacity, providing spiritual and emotional care to our field missionaries in Asia. Randy and Betsy are resigning from this role for various reasons, and we will miss them. But we thank God for their time served, and for their ongoing ministry that God has called them too. Following is what our missionaries have to say about Randy and Betsy's ministry:

"Thank you, Pastor Randy and Betsy, for praying for us and cheering us on. Thank you for emails of encouragement, and all the hard work and prayer put into the times you were able to travel to Japan and Taiwan to meet us. Thank you so much." ~ Dean & Linda Bengtson

"I appreciate how LBIM provides help to me by sending pastoral couples to encourage my soul. Recently this was done by Pastor Randy and Betsy Mortenson. Their friendship during these final years in Taiwan richly blessed my heart and ministry. Thank you." ~ Michael Kittelson

"Randy and Betsy have been a great encouragement to me. I am thankful for their willingness to serve in so many ways; from spending time in the Word, playing the piano so we can sing together and taking time to pray with us and for us. Thank you, Randy and Betsy. You have truly been a blessing!" ~ Delores Kittelson

"Randy and Betsy Mortenson have invested so much heart and time in us. They used Bible studies and music to nourish us and emails and encounters (and sometimes even Skype calls) to encourage us. They looked forward to seeing us and treated us like family when we were together. We are grateful to God for their ministry to us and will miss them. Thanks Randy and Betsy!" ~ Ethan Christofferson

"I first met Betsy when we were preparing to go to Taiwan, and right away she blessed me with her heart for loving others. Not long after we met up with Betsy and Randy again. It was evident that they had a gift for service and connection. We are so thankful for their years of service in pastoral care and how they have loved on our family." ~ Sara Hosch



Representing the entire International Mission and CLB family, I want to express a debt of gratitude to Randy and Betsy, for their faithful, tireless, and representative pastoral care to our missionaries on behalf of the sending church in North America. May the Lord of the harvest richly bless you and your continuing ministry in our Lord's service.

~ Dan Venberg