

Daily Prayer Notes

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1st N. AMERICA 2 Chron 35

Pray for Japanese Ministries interns **Paul & Alexa Fraser** at Japanese Ministries in Seattle, as they fill in for **Roger & Sue Olson** who are in Japan through Oct. 12th.

2nd CHAD 2 Chron 36

Pray for health & good rest for **Matt & Christina** & their family as they settle into life in the capital. Pray too for **Libby**, as she leaves friends & family in the US to serve as a helper to the family.

3rd TAIWAN Psalm 60-61

China Lutheran Seminary is starting their second academic year without a president. Pray for the Lord to lead them to the right candidate. Praise God for the work of interim president **Ray Chen**.

4th JAPAN Psalm 62-63

Dean & Linda Bengtson report that they received all the funds required to purchase the land for a House of Hope parking lot, which in turn also received tax exemption status. Praise God for his provision!

5th CHAD Psalm 64-65

Pray for **Jeremy & Sallee** as they settle new families into the Welcome Center & prepare for an LBIM conference later this month. Pray for improvement to the capital's electric infrastructure.

For months, city power has been out over 50% of the time.

6th TAIWAN Prov 28

Ethan Christofferson is teaching a class at the Hakka Seminary based on his mission research. Pray that students will learn how to do this kind of research so that they can more effectively engage their unreached neighbors in spiritual conversation.

7th CHAD Prov 29

Pray for government leaders as they work to resolve inter-ethnic conflict in southern Chad. Pray also for orderly & peaceful elections set for this month. May the Church of the Lutheran Brethren in Chad be a beacon of hope in this time of unrest.

8th JAPAN Col 1

Dean & Linda Bengtson ask prayer for Sunday chapel times & the Words of Hope monthly gatherings. Pray for faith & understanding for those who attend.

9th TAIWAN Col 2

Mike Kittelson asks prayer for **Mr. Yang** who has shown much interest in discussing the differences between & the benefits of religion. May these conversations draw him to faith in Jesus as his Savior.

10th CHAD *Col 3*

The translation team working with **Nathanael** is forming an association to give increased validity to their activities in Chad. Pray that government authorities will respond favorably.

11th NIGERIA *Col 4*

LBIM Director **Dan Venberg** & Chadian LBC President **Potifar** are at the Sahel Initiative Conference in Abuja. Pray for shared vision & partnership between mission organizations & church leaders as they seek to engage unreached people groups in sub-Saharan Africa with the gospel.

12th CHAD *Philemon*

Pray for **Daniel & Nancy** as they join a Chadian team in their village to evangelize the local people. Pray for grace for everyone to adjust to one another & to find their places in teamwork. Happy 5th birthday to **Joy!**

13th TAIWAN *Jer 1*

Mike & Delores Kittelson have begun cleaning out their house in preparation for moving back to the US in December. Pray for them as they sort, pack, ship, & give away or discard their belongings. Happy birthday to **Delores** today.

14th CHAD *Jer 2*

Pray that **Matt & Christina** can find good language teachers as they continue their language studies. Pray too for their children as they begin homeschooling.

15th TAIWAN *Jer 3*

Sara Hosch enjoys having conversations in Mandarin with neighbors, & recently discovered a language school near their home.

She thanks God for her comprehension & ability to use the vocabulary she already has.

16th CHAD *Jer 4*

David & Sonja ask prayer for good roads as they travel to the capital for the LBIM missionary conference. The seasonal rains can make travel challenging. Pray that they can arrive without much trouble.

17th TAIWAN *Jer 5*

Pray for **Ben & Sara Hosch** as they strategize with Taichung Victory Church on how best to come alongside Victory in reaching their community for Christ.

18th CHAD *Jer 6*

LBIM missionaries & a team from Triumph LBC in Moorhead are gathering for a conference to be held the 19th through the 26th. Pray for safe travel & good health for everyone. Pray for all to be ministered to by God's Word.

19th TAIWAN *Jer 7*

Mike & Delores Kittelson ask prayer for the part-time outreach worker at Hsinchu Victory LB Church. May this worker & the church partner together in love, patience, & wisdom as they follow the Spirit's leading in proclaiming the gospel to others.

20th CHAD *Jer 8*

Nathanael & Carrie report that the rainy season is ending. It has been full of illness for missionary families in Chad, including their own. Pray for complete healing before they move back to the bush next month. Happy 4th birthday to **Clement** today!

21st N. AMERICA *Jer 9*

Roger & Sue Olson have 2½ months remaining with their current group of Japanese students. Pray for continued good relations & for God to open hearts to the gospel. May God use their outreach to students & young families to show their love, but mostly Christ's love, for them.

22nd TAIWAN *Jer 10*

Miss Ming's mother & brother have been studying the Bible weekly for over six months. Pray for **Ethan Christofferson** & his ministry partners as they work to bring these seekers closer to Christ.

23rd CHAD *Jer 11*

David is sharing Scripture with some local men. One man in particular is asking many good questions about Jesus & his divinity, & he wants to know how to get to heaven. Pray that God's Word will draw these men to faith.

24th TAIWAN *Jer 12*

Pray for **Ben & Sara Hosch's** children to have a good year at school & to make good friends in the community. Pray for openings to participate in community activities to connect them with more people.

25th CHAD *Jer 13*

Tomorrow is the last day of our **Chad team's** annual retreat & conference. Pray for good closure as **Dan Venberg** meets with the team to discuss & pray about the mission in Chad. Thank God for the week of teaching, worship, & fellowship.

26th TAIWAN *Jer 14*

Grandma Guo & Sandy Christofferson have resumed their daily walks after Sandy's summer

home assignment. Pray that as Sandy shares Bible stories with her, Grandma Guo's eyes would be opened to the gospel.

27th CHAD *Jer 15*

Pray for **Paul & Teresa's** friends. The husband has been asking lots of questions about the gospel. The wife has been afflicted by a deep infection in her foot but is now seeing improvement thanks to treatment by a specialist. Pray for her complete healing & for their openness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

28th TAIWAN *Jer 16*

As **Mike & Delores Kittelson** prepare to return to the US, pray that the Spirit will guide them in bringing closure to their ministry there & in working with the national Church for ongoing involvement in God's mission, locally & globally.

29th JAPAN *Jer 17*

Pray for **Paul & Alexa Fraser** as they prepare to serve in Japan, & for another couple that is sensing a call to Japan. Pray for churches that will partner with them in prayer & finances.

30th CHAD *Jer 18*

Pray for **Daniel & Nancy** as they continue their journey of language & cultural acquisition in their new village. Happy birthday to **Nancy**.

31st CHAD *Jer 19*

Pray for good health & stamina for **Claire & Dan** & their children **Ashley & Austin** as they continue to adjust to life in Chad. Happy 8th birthday to **Austin**! Happy 1st birthday to **Francis**!

PARTNERS IN MISSION

LBIM intentionally partners with sister church missionaries in God's mission to the nations. The following story highlights one of these partner missionaries. Haruya Ito, works together with Dean & Linda Bengtson in Japan as Church Planting Pastor at Ishinomaki House of Hope.

It's been half a year already since I came to House of Hope, but Ishinomaki has been a special place for me ever since the disasters of 2011. Since then, I often visited to help with concerts and events. I sensed the suffering and sadness of the people there and felt God calling me to share His love with them. Later I found out Dean and Linda had been praying fervently that I would come to Ishinomaki. Now I feel very glad to have come here.

When I finished seminary and moved to Ishinomaki, God gave me a special "word of hope" from Jeremiah 29:11. As I started ministry in this new place, I felt a mixture of anxiety and anticipation. It takes time, but gradually I am deepening relationships with neighbors by participating in neighborhood activities and spending time visiting homes. As a musician, music is an important part of my ministry. Early on I became friends with a local musician, Morioka-san, and we started practicing guitar together every week. We formed a "duo" and have already performed several times.

I was really excited to start ministry in Ishinomaki this spring, but we soon ran into a big problem. The parking lot adjacent to the House of Hope, which we had used free in exchange for maintenance, was suddenly put up for sale. To lose the parking area would be a huge blow. After much prayer and discussion, we decided to try a 2 ½ month



crowdfunding campaign. It was a lot of money for us, and we prayed continually, asking God for help. When the deadline came, we had received just a little MORE than we needed! Then I had to repent. While Dean and Linda were praying in faith for the whole amount, I was hoping God would provide...well, maybe about half of what we needed. Instead, God provided more than enough. I was able to experience that God is alive, He knows our needs, and He is able to meet them.

Looking back, I have seen many of God's wonderful miracles in the past six months. I believe that I will continue to see many more. The important thing is not to stop. With God's help, we will keep on going and trust Him to save souls in His timing. It is my hope to continue deepening friendships with the people of Ishinomaki and speaking with them about God's love. We are thankful for God's mercy, and your prayers and support.

~Haruya Ito