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OFFICE MATTERS

*The new Daily Prayer Guide has now been dispatched. Please check for a copy at your church or ask the church administration for a copy. Note the days listed below are from the new guide. If you would like an A4 sized Daily Prayer Guide, please email our office ([admin@gc3.org.nz](mailto:admin@gc3.org.nz)).*

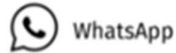
*Some have asked what the new contact symbols mean. Here is a list to help you.*



Instagram



Signal



WhatsApp



Facebook



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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Bill & Angela (Day 17)

As a church we are having to make big decisions about the patio remodel this week. Turns out getting the building permit is a lot costlier than we imagined so we are praying and rethinking how to expand our space. Please pray for ongoing discipleship of new believers. We as a family will be traveling for a month to visit family and supporters in the Michigan area. Bill will return to Colombia while Cedric and Angela move on to spend the month of September in New Zealand.

### Graham & Betty (Day 19)

We thank the Lord for His help and for all who prayed last weekend for the Retreat. Despite the traffic being so thick and people taking over four hours instead of just one hour to arrive as well as getting all their clothes and bedding wet which was on top of the bus soaked with the heavy rain that also cancelled the first night's session as even with a loudspeaker no-one could hear, and a little boy fracturing his leg, the Lord really blessed. Now we are visiting in San Marcos then next weekend drop down to visit in the coast. Please pray for the Lord to use His Word to touch people's lives through messages and personal conversations. On returning home to the city we only have just over two weeks before we return to Christchurch.

### Rowland & Elaine (Day 20)

We would like to ask for prayer for the many mentoring calls we make with pastors and church leaders in DR Congo, Nepal, Zimbabwe, Myanmar and Sierra Leone coming this month. Please pray too for Rowland as he deals with nerve pain.

### Ester (Day 28)

Pray for the website workshops in Africa, conducted in French and online conducted in English. Pray for wisdom for the lecturers and participants, so that more quality and edifying websites will be 'launched' and ready to be used by various language groups. Pray for the on-going planning for our five-day biennial meeting in Sept/Oct - that God will guide the presentations and discussions and other logistics for the meeting as well as safe and trouble-free travel for everyone. Praise God that three to four volunteers from Asia will join the Apps team.

### Tim & Angela (Day 15)

Please lift up our family as we received the sad news whilst on holiday that Angela's mum suffered a fairly major stroke causing left side immobility. All of us siblings are together out of NZ. Angela and the children will return to care for her mum for three weeks until her sister returns to NZ. Please pray for safe travels and grace for all of us, including Tim who will travel back to as planned to prepare for teaching the school year and to be present for the team during this time of regional uncertainty. Please continue to uplift the many suffering in the neighbouring country. And for restraint by leaders, that they would find the better way.

### **Craig & Darlene (Day 1)**

Craig has been busy restoring data from a New Testament that was worked on many years ago. The local translator is resuming revision and translation, so Craig is getting him set up with the latest translation software. This month Craig is helping to run a two-day Taste of Translation workshop on another island. Please pray for good preparation and logistics (we were planning to fly, but Air Vanuatu is in liquidation, and domestic flights haven't resumed yet).

### **Andrew & Greer (Day 7)**

We have quite a few new girls come to the orphanage over the last two weeks, so please pray that they settle in well. It's monsoon season here so the last two weeks we've had colds and fevers. We would appreciate prayer for our health as well as for the people affected by flooding in our area.

### **Benjamin (Day 11)**

I've finished my last course for my study at Payap and am now focusing solely on the independent study/thesis portion. Praise to God for his faithfulness so far. Please pray for good focus as I continue to study and write. Pray for my Indonesian friend who I am beginning to teach English. He is already a Christian and growing in the Lord.

### **Maree (Day 14)**

I fly out in the morning heading to Australia (around 6pm NZ time). This past month has had lots of encouraging and surprising people connections, and I am leaving with much to be grateful for. I am excited to be heading down-under for a few weeks! Please would you remember smooth and peaceful travel, through airports, in the air and all connections. You may recall I am not fond of long-haul flights. Please pray that I would sleep a little on the overnight flight. Please pray for a refreshing time for body and soul in both Australia and NZ as I met with friends and family. Pray for favour as I submit my visa application for renewal, asking for a new 5-year visa.

### **Andrew & Patrizia (Day 10)**

We are currently experiencing what I would term "summer survival". Humidity in Fondi is high so perceived temperatures are higher than official temperatures. Patrizia's father recently had a pacemaker installed but this week it has been found out that something has shifted slightly so another operation is necessary. We are spending quite a few days this summer helping with various practical matters at Patrizia's parents' place. Please pray for stamina to be able to continue to help. Thanks.

### **Graeme & Rachel (Day 4)**

We and our Pela'wan co-workers would appreciate your prayers as we finish testing and checking the translations of John's Gospel and Acts and translate 1 Corinthians and 1 John. We also need the Lord's help as we prepare teaching for churches, camps and Sunday school, and as Graeme prepares a final consultant check of a commentary on James for a Tagalog translation team.

### **David & Meike (Day 10)**

We are now in our summer holidays, which is generally a quieter time in the office. This week David is starting to prepare for the shipment of our third "Salzkorn" magazine of the year before we leave for two weeks of holiday in the north of Germany.

### **Brian & Vicky (Day 29)**

We certainly value your prayers for Israel right now. Many young men and women have been drafted into the army. Also, the older citizens up to the age of 40 have now become involved. We are naturally concerned for our contacts of some years. Some known to us have gone from the diaspora to serve their country. One man who has kept up email contact for several years has gone silent. We are concerned for him and his wife and two children. Naturally due to their circumstances they may be unable to communicate. You can be part of this last days move of God, to the work among the Jewish people both here, in Israel through correspondence, and in other lands. Email has meant our Studies in the Tenach (Genesis to Malachi) can reach Jewish people further afield.

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## **MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS**

### **Angela & Cedric (Day 17)**

Arrive 5<sup>th</sup> September – Depart 3<sup>rd</sup> October

### **Angela & Children (Day 15)**

Arrive 1<sup>st</sup> August

## OPPORTUNITIES

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – MISSIONS INTERLINK

Missions Interlink exists to facilitate collaboration to increase participation in mission from and within Aotearoa New Zealand. Missions Interlink is seeking an Executive Director to provide leadership to the missions movement in New Zealand by promoting global mission; assisting agencies, churches and their members to enhance their effectiveness; and speaking on behalf of the members of Missions Interlink where a representative voice is required. This is a part-time role.

Email Joseph Bateson - [director@wecnz.org](mailto:director@wecnz.org) for more information

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### NZ Ambassador(s) for CMCT (Christian Missions Charitable Trust)

This role involves speaking at churches throughout NZ with an ongoing interest in CMCT. Most are in the CCCNZ family. Churches, sponsors and donors are to be kept informed of CMCT ministries. The role will require visiting Chennai, so reports are first-hand, accurate and in sync with the team in India. The position is particularly suitable for a couple who appreciate the cross-cultural context and understand NZ evangelical churches' ethos. CMCT operates in and around Chennai City with a current staff (all Indian) of over 240. CMCT's Vision Statement: Lives transformed in India through the love of Christ. CMCT's Mission Statement: To empower, rehabilitate and uplift lives, especially the poorest of the poor, by providing quality services through education, training, skill development, medical, social and spiritual activities. (Basically, the Gospel and the poor are always in focus.) Contact Peter & Karen Brookes (presently in the role until the end of 2024): 0210595244 (P) / 0273620324 (K) [bethanycmct@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bethanycmct@xtra.co.nz) or Blair (secretary of the NZ Board) 021616343 [NZ Ambassadors for CMCT](#)