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Tim & Angela (Day 15)

Pray for a good finish to the school year for all of us, especially for Adelaide who has a string of exams this week. Pray for our team members - a few who are due to return this month, and several others who are travelling over the summer. Continue to pray for peace across this region, for ceasefires to be consolidated, and help on the ground for the many who have been affected by recent conflicts. We continue to be grateful for the calm we experience in our country.

Matthew & Lydia (Day 1)

Give praise for the believers in the Karia Community who are now meeting together on a weekly basis for worship and study, for safe travel back to NZ for a short furlough and for the growth in the believers who will be continuing the Bible teaching while we are away.

Please pray for those leading the Bible teaching times. Pray for protection for them spiritually; for Aline and Linda as they both begin studying the Bible with interested friends; for Edwin as he is considered for early release from prison this week. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to grow us all as we learn more from His Word along with the people we are teaching.

Kathleen & Anita (Day 17)

Our urgent prayer request is for Patricia (77) and Javier (42). Patricia was hospitalised last week for diabetes and is not at all well. The realisation of her ongoing need for insulin and a special diet overwhelms us as her son Javier cannot assume this responsibility without support and supervision. To further complicate matters they are under pressure to vacate their apartment and have not found anywhere to live. We remind ourselves that we must constantly hand these burdens to the Lord.

We continue meeting with E, the senior pastor. He is a widower and his only support is his daughter. He comes weekly as does his daughter. The situation is nasty for them and for their church and there is a lot of emotional pain. Pray for wisdom for the lawyers. Our input is spiritual so pray for us, that we will be firm and wise as we constantly direct their eyes off the mess and on to the Lord.

Pray for Colombia. The first round of the presidential elections at the end of May is crucial for the future. The people, even Christians, lack spiritual discernment.

Ashley (Day 11)

Pray for provision of a house in the right village and for a van! This week I am at a missionary women's conference, pray that it goes well and for good connections, fellowship and friendship between everyone who is coming from around the continent for this 4-day event.

Mitchel & Elisabeth (Day 26)

As winter approaches, our ministry focus shifts to staying warm by staying indoors and having warm drinks. Meeting with ladies over a hot cuppa happens on Tuesdays at Bean of Life. Abby, a former student, and Beth look forward to enjoying a cuppa and a chat with women from many different countries and cultures. Pray for them as they seek to engage in conversations with eternal impact, especially as T, from China, is keen to attend for the first time. Pray for her to find something she is looking for. Another aspect of our ministry centres on discipleship where international students, who are keen to grow in their faith, can develop into mature believers. Thank you in advance for praying for our discipleship meetups. Also, pray for M, from China, who has been asking questions about the identity and personhood of God. Ask the Lord to grant us wisdom in our conversations with M.

On a personal note, pray for wisdom as we consider a trip to visit family in the USA later this year.

Andrew & Karen (Day 11)

Please remember the team as we prepare for Summer. There are stories to be crafted, teaching to be prepared, games and activities to be organised. We also ask that our Father will prepare our hearts to receive those that He intends to bring.

Please remember the OBT team who will spend most of the next four weeks with consultants, checking passages from the past nine months. This is their first major face to face checking session. Please lift up our deputy director. She is leaving after more than two decades. May our Father bless her as she retires from here and looks to new things in her home country. Our team now faces the challenge of running the work without her. While they are more than capable, it is a big change for us all.

And finally, we are still in need of people to come and join the team, in nurturing believers, in teaching English, in administration and other work. Please ask our Father to provide people who will love this place and this people and this work to join us, whether short or long term.

Josh & Madi (Day 16)

Pray for safe travels and smooth transition as we leave for South Asia on Friday the 22nd of May.

Pray for housing in a good location in the city to be able to insert ourselves into the community and begin building friendships. Pray for some of those early friendships to become our language helpers whom we will employ for 20 hours a week. Pray for overall health as we move into a new environment.

Kevin & Helen (Day 20)

We're in the throes of last preparations for a trip to southern/central Africa. We start in Mozambique visiting four partners, most of them involved in ministry among Muslims and young people. We're travelling with another kiwi couple who are picking up the facilitation role on behalf of Bright Hope World. Then it's up to Rwanda and Burundi, visiting our in-country partners and partners from the D R Congo. We can't get into these areas because of rebel activity around Goma, Bukavu and Uvira. After, we head to Uganda to meet a partner from Bunia, D R Congo. We're hoping this will still happen as there is a serious outbreak of Ebola there and that may affect his ability to travel. We're with a different kiwi couple there who are picking up our role in this area. Then I head to Ethiopia for a few days to catch up with partners. Ongoing internal issues there means that I can't get to all of our people. This trip highlights the fragile nature of life for many people in Africa. Who knows if we'll be able to do all we've planned. Oh yes, there is someone, isn't there! 😊

Marion (Day 6)

Thank God for freedom for faith in the Bible and our Lord Jesus. Pray for freedom and peace in Christ for those who feel bound by fear or obligation to their ancestors. Pray for believers to have courage to choose the ways that please the Lord and that to know Christ and His Word is more important than possessions and acclaim in the world.

Jack & Jemima (Day 3)

We are grateful to be in Melbourne as there are a few people here that have family needs who we can be investing into. It is also a blessing for us to have a more restful season at the moment. Our prayer is that God will lead us in when to be waiting and when to be planning for next steps, and how to be doing both things well in a season that feels very inexact. Thank you for your prayers.

Ashley & Gillian (Day 19)

Good progress has been made with voluntary work teams - including MMM Fiji – the building of Mrs Salochna Wati's house. Salochna's father and mother-in-law were the first Sabeto Camp managers in the 1970's and Salochna and her late husband Bimla took over the work for 25 years. She is retiring this year. We thank God for the call upon the lives of early New Zealand assembly missionaries who caught the vision and pioneered and planted assemblies in Fiji from the 1930s to the 1990's when most had left and the local elders taking up the responsibilities to collectively carry on with the assembly ministry. The Hindi fellowship is growing throughout Fiji, and a few are strategically located in isolated compounds and Indian farming communities. We are praying for the appropriate time when to return to Fiji.

Hazel (Day 16)

Please pray for youth who are in prison. When they were growing up many of them were in the Bible classes in different parts of El Salvador. I was visiting with a group in the area on Saturday where we have worked for several years. I was sitting in the van with the window down because I am still unable to walk out on the street. So many mothers came to tell me of their family members who we worked with who are in prison. Many pastors of small churches have also been taken as prisoners. May the Lord work in these places and lead many to Christ. In one of the big prisons, they have a choir singing only Christian music.

GC AID – MYANMAR

We are thankful to share an encouraging update regarding the situation in Myanmar. Through local connections, contact was made with the two young men who had been detained, and after several difficult days, arrangements were made for their release. They have safely returned to Yangon, although understandably shaken by the experience. We are grateful for a positive resolution to this situation. Please continue to pray for these young men as they recover from this experience, and for ongoing wisdom, protection, and strength for those continuing to serve in very challenging circumstances across Myanmar.

MOVEMENTS

Kirsty (Day 8)

Arrives 22nd May

Departs 4th July

Matthew & Lydia (Day 1)

Have arrived

Depart 31st August

Josh & Madi (Day 16)

Depart 22nd May

Kevin & Helen (Day 20)

Depart 17th June - Return 25th July

HOW DO YOU USE THE DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

Thank you to everyone who has already responded and shared how you use the Daily Prayer Guide. We have received such lovely feedback and have been encouraged to hear the many different ways it is being used personally, within families, churches, and small groups.

As we prepare to send out this year's Daily Prayer Guide soon, we are putting together a simple guide to help others use it in meaningful ways. If you currently use the Prayer Guide, we would still love to hear from you. Please reply to this email and share what has worked well for you so we can encourage others with practical and helpful ideas.