

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tim & Angela (Day 15)

We are having a particularly busy time with many things converging. Our to-do lists keep growing, so please pray for physical and mental strength and focus.

We have several new team arrivals, pray that they settle well. Please pray for encouragement for those in the fundraising process, hoping to come later this year.

As the Lord continues to lead people here from different countries and diverse backgrounds, please pray with us for unity and grace, and a genuine sense of community and shared values amongst our team. This is essential for each member to thrive here.

As the end of the school year rushes towards us, please pray especially for our daughter who will have many end of year exams and projects. Pray for good focus and recall, and a sense of the peace of our Lord.

Andrew & Karen (Day 11)

Please remember the families who have lost their homes and land because they have turned to their Father. May He both heal wounds of the heart and repay the economic losses, as He strengthens them in their faith.

Please remember the team as we prepare for two major events in the coming months - a 4-week summer school and a 3-week OBT consultant visit. We have one month to get ready for the consultant visit and 7 weeks until the summer school. The workload on individuals and on the team is high. May our Father sustain, envision and invigorate as we prepare.

Please also remember the senior team members as they have their monthly study in the Word. It is a whole weekend each month. This month will focus on understanding pastoral care and developing some skills.

Kevin & Helen (Day 20)

I'm travelling with two colleagues around Uganda developing opportunities for agriculture development through churches and local Christian groups. There is so much potential for empowering people with agriculture. We use training developed in Zimbabwe called Foundations for Farming, a Bible based farming principles programme that is very effective. It's minimum tillage using a lot of compost and mulch and is revolutionising whole families and villages. We're meeting great, gospel people who are empowering women, young people and refugees. So impressive. I woke this morning to the news that our good friend from years ago at GLO Zambia, Ross Brown from Sydney has died. He and his wife from Pukekohe, Trish (nee Dawson) served at GLO Zambia for several years. We were fortunate to spend some time with him a couple of months ago.

Jason & Shirley (Day 4)

We are thankful to the Lord for His continued work in our lives and in the lives of those we live and work among. We are glad for progress being made in the Bible teaching curriculum Creation to New Creation. As the revised lessons are being taught, His story is unfolded forward revealing God's metanarrative and drawing people into a relationship with Him.

Teaching through the letter of Romans for those who have heard the metanarrative is empowering people to go deeper into their understanding of what God has already provided through the gift of eternal life and what is yet to come as a result. We are nearing the end of teaching this letter and preparing to move on with Ephesians.

Thank you for your prayers as we return to our place of ministry from a period here in New Zealand.

Ashley (Day 11)

By the time you read this I would have had a meeting with a village church, with a member who wants to start an afterschool program. I have other ideas coming together about how it will look like to work with mothers and young children. Some of the bigger practical things still need to come together to get some of these things going - like a van and house. Please be praying for the big and smaller details to keep coming together.

Kathleen & Anita (Day 17)

Join with us in praising God for miraculous answers to prayer - Joseph and Natalia moved into a rented house last week. Vitelio's miracle is even greater. Years ago, when he was a prison chaplain he evangelised a prisoner, Maurice, who is now a pastor and has recently opened an establishment for homeless people and drug addicts. This place also has rooms for paying guests and that is where we left Vitelio while we were in Medellin. When we went to fetch him, Pastor Maurice asked why he couldn't stay on. Praise God the idea had also occurred to Vitelio. It is such a relief not to have to put him into geriatric care yet. (The government homes are dreadful places, and the private ones charge exorbitant fees). Keep praying for a permanent position for Manuela. Pray for E, a senior pastor. We have the privilege of walking alongside him in a process of spiritual restoration. In May we will be giving the seminar Freedom from Bitterness in a church. Pray for receptive hearts.

Murray & Ruth (Day 9)

Until 21st May, Murray is teaching two online courses for trainee consultants, focusing on difficult texts to translate. Pray they'll gain more skills to qualify them to check some of the many drafts of translated books of the Bible still waiting to be published.

From 21st May, Murray was scheduled to be overseas for five weeks for the annual Hebrew poetry course. His students are already there, taking advanced Hebrew courses. Moments after they arrived the airport closed due to a war. Pray for them, for the war to end, and for whether Murray goes or teaches online. Mentoring both of his next-generation co-teachers would go better in situ - as would the teaching.

For all the above, pray for clarity, health, constructive interactions, and reliable technology.

Kirsty (Day 8)

I am very close to returning home to New Zealand, but we have an entire Provincial Roll Out going on the week that I am leaving. This means a lot of extra work to prepare the team properly to finish the project in my absence. I will need patience and strength to finish this well, then enjoy some rest when I reach NZ! Woohoo, I can't wait!

Robert & Ayesha (Day 14)

Thank you for praying for us and the ministry in Central Asia. We are in a busy season as the semester approaches its end. Please pray for more opportunities to share the gospel with our friends, and for good health. A pressing prayer point currently concerns young believing women. Often, when families discover their faith they pressure their daughters into marriages to cut them off from Christianity - the young women change phone numbers, jobs and accommodation, but more often than not the community tracks them down on behalf of the family who then effectively kidnap them into forced marriage.

Ashley & Gillian (Day 19)

There is a concern with the increase in solicited drugs circulating, lawlessness, violent crime, and many now turning away from Christian values. Poverty is more prevalent and many who are in need just manage to find basic food. There is no social welfare to support the young and average families so many rely on NGO and humanitarian welfare funding. The Fiji Brethren have assets such as the Gospel schools and three camp sites, and they are also available to outside organisations, schools, etc., who hire the facilities that assists funding coming in.

With the May school holidays starting next week there are to be several Rally camps held throughout Fiji. Pray for safety and for young lives spiritually changed.

Ashley's fractured foot is healing slowly, and he is hoping to drive again soon. We seek the Lord for the right time when to return to Fiji.

Jeremy & Karina (Day 13)

After almost six weeks of conflict, we are thankful for the ceasefire. We hold it lightly knowing that there has been a lot of posturing and threatening words exchanged from the countries involved. Please pray for a peace, true shalom, to invade hearts and the minds of leaders involved.

Pray for wisdom - that we listen to the still small voice of the Holy Spirit. That we are guided in the ways that only God knows. Pray for our people here as we participate with and support the local church. Pray for Karina's many medical opportunities, that she'll be wise with decision making and gracious when she needs to draw boundaries. Pray for Jeremy's English language classes, that the students will learn and that the Spirit of Truth is present as he teaches. Pray for Lucas, Caspian and Zoë, that they will enjoy their last month of school before holidays and that their heavenly Father will hold their wee hearts in his hand as they say goodbye to friends who are leaving the region.

Marion (Day 6)

Today, 29th April, is a public holiday, and believers all over Japan take advantage of this time to encourage one another in their faith, and to tell others. Pray that many may, Behold the Lamb of God, that great Shepherd of the sheep and follow Him.

MOVEMENTS

Sarah (Day 7)

Departs 7th May

Kevin & Helen (Day 20)

Return 4th May

Jason & Shirley (Day 4)

Depart 4th May

COMMENDATION

Heretaunga Community Church Upper Hutt join with The Way in commending Karl & Helene Orchard and family with their work with MAF in Mount Hagan, PNG

IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the family of **Bruce and Elaine (Day 28)** as they navigate Bruce's passing last week. Bruce joined People International (PI) NZ in the early 1990's and has led the work of PI NZ for the past 22 years. He served full heartedly and with a passion for Missions. Please keep his wife, Elaine and their four children and families in your prayers at this time.

Pray also for People International as they work on finding someone to take over the leading of this ministry here in NZ and the transitioning that is and will be taking place in the near future.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

Book Launch
Dr John M. Hitchen - Emeritus Principal
1 May | 7:00pm
Henderson Campus and online Zoom

Reclaiming the Good News distils a lifetime of reflection on how to share the good news of Jesus in a culturally engaging way. Drawing inspiration from the Apostle Paul, John Hitchen provides guidance on how we might live out the gospel to have an impact in a variety of contexts. He then demonstrates how these principles can apply to specific situations, from politics and business to death and loss. Reclaiming the Good News is a must read for thoughtful believers who want to prepare themselves and others to fulfil the Great Commission.

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OFFICE MATTERS

Production of the new Daily Prayer Guide is well underway. If your church needs to change the number of copies required, please do so now. Notify [Heather](#) as soon as possible with any updates. Thank you.

HOW DO YOU USE THE DAILY PRAYER GUIDE?

We would love your input. As we prepare to send out this year's Daily Prayer Guide in the coming months, we are putting together a simple guide to help others use it in meaningful ways. If you currently use the Prayer Guide, we would love to hear how. You might use it personally, with your family, or in a church or small group setting. Please reply to this email and share what has worked well for you so we can encourage others with practical ideas.

