

# Daily Prayer Notes

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## 1<sup>st</sup> N. AMERICA *Gen 32*

Pray for **Matt** and **Christina Smith** and their family as they continue to pursue a new home and job situation. They hope to be completely re-settled this month.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> JAPAN *Gen 33*

Pray for **Dean** and **Linda Bengtson** and **Pastor Ito** and his wife **Fumi** as they invite neighbors to events and Bible studies at House of Hope. Pray for those who attend regularly, that their hearts and minds might be open to the gospel and that they may believe.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> TAIWAN *Gen 34*

**Ben** and **Sara Hosch** ask us to pray for Taichung Victory Church as they search for a new ministry space to accommodate Feng-Jia University students and families in the Wenxiu Park community. Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday to **Charlie**.

## 4<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Gen 35*

**Alexa** and **Paul Fraser's** language study is going well, and they thank God for their teachers. Pray especially for opportunities to practice Japanese conversation. Happy birthday today to **Alexa**.

## 5<sup>th</sup> FRANCE *Gen 36*

Pray for **Ellie** weekly meetings with her language partner, that their time together will bring greater fluency in Ellie's ability to speak

French. Pray also for boldness and grace to share the gospel with this new friend as opportunities arise. Happy birthday today to **Matthias**.

## 6<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Gen 37*

**Daniel** and **Nancy** ask prayer for a visiting team from their home church, Chupei Victory Church in Taiwan. The team, which includes Nancy's parents, will observe LBIM ministries in Chad. Pray for good health, safety and for much learning about LBIM mission work in Chad.

## 7<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Gen 38*

Pray for **David** and **Sonja** as they host the visiting Taiwan team. Pray for good health for their family, the team, and that the team can get to know the people of their village and learn about missionary life in Chad.

## 8<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Gen 39*

**Roger** and **Sue Olson** ask prayer for **Ms. K.**, who was led to Christ and was baptized before returning to Japan. Even with introductions to Christians and churches in Japan it will be a challenge for her to start her new life as a Christian in Japan.

## 9<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Gen 40*

**Dan** and **Claire** ask for prayer for their homeschooling schedule, that they can settle into a workable and consistent routine for **Ashley** and **Austin**. Pray too as Dan and Claire begin language learning, for patience, perseverance, and grace in this new language journey.

## 10<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Gen 41*

When extended families celebrate the Lunar New Year, ancestral worship rites are typically included. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give wisdom to Christian family members in how to show honor to their ancestors without worshipping them.

## 11<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Gen 42*

**Nathanael** and **Carrie** ask prayer for launching a Middle School for children graduating from primary school. They need to recruit four new Christian teachers, and to build housing for their families. Happy 14<sup>th</sup> birthday to **Selma**.

## 12<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Gen 43*

Later this month, **Matt** and **Christina Smith** and family will attend a Debriefing and Renewal program at Mission Training International in Colorado Springs. Pray for a good closure to their time with LBIM.

## 13<sup>th</sup> FRANCE *Gen 44*

Pray for **Matthias** as he travels to his school in Aix-en-Provence for an intensive class taking place the 15th-17th. Pray that he will be stretched and encouraged in the classroom and in fellowship with students and professors.

## 14<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Gen 45*

Tomorrow the visiting Taiwan team returns to Taiwan. Pray that their time in Chad will serve to mobilize the CLBC congregations in Taiwan to further pray for and support God's mission in Chad.

## 15<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Gen 46*

Pray for **Dan Venberg** as he meets today with **Pastor Potifar**, the president of the Chadian LB Church. Pray for this meeting, that it will be mutually encouraging, and that it will help to grow a strong interdependent partnership for the proclamation of the gospel in Chad among unreached people groups.

## 16<sup>th</sup> CAMEROON *Gen 47*

Pray for **Dan Venberg** as he meets tomorrow with **Pastor Debsia**, president of the Cameroon LB Church. For decades, our relationship with this sister church has been stagnant. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring about a renewed partnership in the gospel.

## 17<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Gen 48*

Nine students and faculty from Lutheran Brethren Seminary are in Taiwan for a 12-day vision trip. Pray for wisdom as they visit churches and learn about ministry to the unreached. Pray for good health for the team and their hosts. Happy 8<sup>th</sup> birthday to **Winifred Hosch**.

## 18<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Gen 49*

**Nathanael** reports that short Bible messages recorded in the local language and distributed on cell phones is making an impact. Pray for seekers among this people group.

## 19<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Gen 50*

Pray for Taichung Victory's outreach to Feng-Jia students. The number of students in the ministry of the church is down. Pray for **Ben Hosch** as he works to start an English conversation group for Feng-Jia students.

## 20<sup>th</sup> JAPAN *Psalms 1-3*

On Sundays, **Paul** and **Alexa Fraser** have been getting acquainted with a couple who owns a bakery right next to their church. Pray for **Mr. and Mrs. K.**, that God will work salvation in their hearts through the Frasers and the church.

## 21<sup>st</sup> FRANCE *Prov 1*

Pray for **Dan Venberg's** visit with **David** and **Janice**, who are studying French in Massy, France in preparation for their deployment to Chad in December.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> CHAD *Prov 2*

Pray for **Jeremy** and **Sallee** as they manage the Welcome Center and handle many government details on behalf of our missionaries. Pray too for the Lord to raise up a new couple to assume the duties of the Welcome Center as the Stantons plan to retire from LBIM ministry in 2025.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> FRANCE *Exod 1*

Pray for **Dan Venberg's** visit with **Matthias** and **Ellie**, who are studying French in Albertville, France in preparation for their deployment to Chad this summer.

## 24<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Exod 2*

**Christina Smith** praises God that her kidneys are now stable and are slowly improving. Pray that she might continue to heal and avoid any further kidney damage.

## 25<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Exod 3*

Three young Christians that **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** are discipling are each in the middle of their four-month compulsory military service. Pray for them to find other Christians for fellowship, and that they will also have opportunities to share their faith.

## 26<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Exod 4*

Over the next few months, **Paul** will teach a couple times at the seminary. Pray that the Lord might call some students to consider becoming missionaries, and to come later for missionary training in his village.

## 27<sup>th</sup> TAIWAN *Exod 5*

**Ben** and **Sara Hosch** ask prayer for their children as they plan to leave the school year early for a home assignment this summer. Pray for **Etta** as she prepares for English Kindergarten next year.

## 28<sup>th</sup> CHAD *Exod 6*

**David** and **Sonja** ask prayer for some young new believers, that God's Word would take root in their hearts and strengthen them in their faith.

## 29<sup>th</sup> N. AMERICA *Psalms 119*

**Roger** and **Sue Olson** ask prayer for a new door of opportunity that has opened to meet Japanese college students in Seattle. Pray that the Olsons will remain faithful in befriending these students, in helping to provide for their needs, and in introducing them to Jesus.

## PARTNERS IN MISSION – AMINE & TALITHA

LBIM intentionally partners with sister church missionaries in God's mission to the nations. The following story highlights one of these partner missionaries.

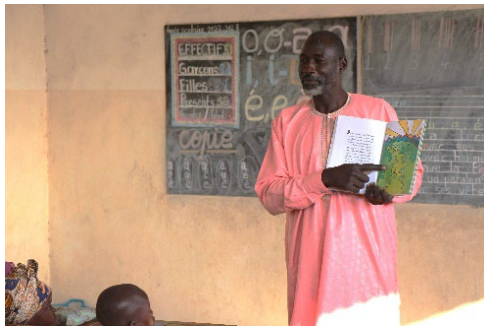
I nearly had to jog to keep up with the long strides of Amine as he navigated the small foot path between his home and the school. He walked with purpose and carried a single book in his hand. The title of the book was Kup An Duniya, one of the first books ever published in the language of an unreached people of Chad. Translated by LBIM missionary Nathanael S., and artistically illustrated by Sara Ronnevik, a member of Bethel Lutheran Church, the book covers the story of the creation of the world, according to the first three chapters of Genesis.



As I scurried along after Amine, I reflected on the beauty of how God brought Amine to this place. He grew up as an unbeliever but converted to Christianity as a young man through the testimony of a friend. He later felt called to ministry, and attended the Chadian LB theological school, where one of his professors was LBIM missionary Paul S. His passion for mission was kindled. After serving as a pastor

for many years, he and his wife Talitha felt increasingly restless with a desire to serve as missionaries among Muslims. After further equipping with Paul and Teresa, and in partnership with the Chadian LB Church, Amine and Talitha then joined Nathanael and Carrie in LBIM's mission.

Now they are in a village, living and ministering in that community with unreached neighbors. One of the ministry platforms that has come out of this mission partnership is the mission school, meeting a real felt need for education in this community. The curriculum is infused with the message of the gospel. And this particular day, I had the privilege of sitting in the classroom with the fourth graders, most of whom were unreached students, listening to missionary Amine read the story of creation and the Fall, and hear him share with the students the first mention of the gospel in Scripture, found in Genesis 3, of a coming Savior who will figuratively crush the problem of sin in the world.



Friends, this is the power of the gospel advancing in spiritually dark places. And this is the power of the partnership that we have with our Chadian sister Church. Thank you for praying for Amine and Talitha. They have 11 children, five of whom are far from their parents, attending high school and college, as higher education is not available locally. Pray for them as they provide spiritual leadership to the small community of Lutheran Brethren believers who serve as teaching staff at the school. Pray for their health and resolve as they faithfully minister the gospel in this unreached community. Thank you for your prayers and support of LBIM that makes these partnerships possible!

*~ Dan Venberg*