Daily Prayer Notes

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1st THAILAND Eccles 6

LBIM's Global Retreat ends this evening. Pray for good closure, and for safe travels for our missionaries.

2nd CHAD Eccles 7

David and **Sonja** ask for prayer as they return to their village, following LBIM's Global Retreat. Pray that they can speak about Jesus with neighbors and the surrounding area during the Advent season.

3rd N. AMERICA Eccles 8

Pray for **Christina Smith**, for ongoing healing from her kidney injury. It could be another year before doctors know how well her kidneys will recover.

4th N. AMERICA Eccles 9

Roger and Sue Olson ask prayer for Ms. W., Ms. K., and other Japanese students who have heard the gospel through friendships and by hearing God's Word while in Seattle. Pray that they will continue to be drawn to Jesus as they return to Japan.

5th CHAD Eccles 10

Pray for **Dan** and **Claire** and their family as they adapt to life in their village, that they would learn how to love well and how to be good

neighbors to the people of their village, and also to their teammates, **David** and **Sonja**.

6th CHAD Eccles 11

Jeremy asks for our prayers for safety regarding some major electrical projects that will be carried out at the Welcome Center.

7th N. AMERICA Psalm 144-145

Pray for **Roger** and **Sue Olson** as they reach out to Japanese people living in the Seattle area. Pray too for full recovery for **Sue Olson** after her surgery for a ruptured Achilles tendon.

8th TAIWAN Psalm 146-147

Pray for three young Christian men that **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson** are discipling who are beginning their compulsory four-month military service. Pray that they will hunger to grow in their faith during this challenging time.

9th CHAD Psalm 148-150

Nathanael and Carrie and family are returning from the capital back to their home. They are gearing up for a busy season of teaching at the mission school, along with teaching French to interested adults. Pray for many opportunities to share the gospel in these settings.

10th N. AMERICA Song 1

Pray that **Matt** and **Christina Smith** can continue with French and Arabic studies to better connect with Africans and other immigrants here in the States.

11th CHAD Song 2

Paul and Teresa are in their final two months of delivering mission training to two Chadian families. Pray for wisdom regarding what remaining studies are essential. Pray too for good health for everyone, so all can finish well.

12th WORLD Song 3

Pray for LBIM's recruitment efforts for new missionaries for all our fields. Let us pray for another missionary unit each to Japan and Taiwan, and for two more to Chad: one to manage the Welcome Center, and another to join the team working with unreached people groups.

13th FRANCE Song 4

Pray for **Matthias** as he works on further theological studies, that the topics he researches will enrich his and **Ellie's** future ministry years in Chad.

14th TAIWAN Song 5

Pray for the salvation of Wei, one of the non-Christians who responded positively to the gospel message during Ethan and Sandy Christofferson's recent camping outreach. Pray for opportunities for further spiritual conversation.

15th JAPAN Song 6

Dean and **Linda Bengtson** ask prayer for the Words of Hope Christmas event with guest vocalist **Mika Takana**. Pray that her presentation of the gospel will be clear, and that the hearts of those

who attend will be open and receptive to the message.

16th JAPAN Song 7

Pray that **Paul** and **Alexa Fraser** will find many opportunities to converse in Japanese with friends and neighbors. Pray also for good friends and for good cultural adaptation for **Arthur** (4 yrs.) and **Oswald** (2 yrs.).

17th TAIWAN Song 8

Praise God that today, **David** and **Janice** and daughter **Lulu** are being commissioned at Victory Church in Hsinchu as missionaries of the LB Church of Taiwan! Next, they will begin French language study in France before joining LBIM's team working among the Bilala people group in Chad.

18th CHAD 1 Tim 1

Jeremy and Sallee ask for prayer for a safe Christmas season for their Welcome Center employees. Chad faces a potentially tumultuous referendum vote this month. Pray for peace in Chad.

19th TAIWAN 1 Tim 2

Ben and **Sara Hosch** ask prayer for Taichung Victory Church as they conduct Christmas outreach events. Pray for many connections to be made and for God to prepare the hearts of those who will come.

20th FRANCE 1 Tim 3

Pray for **Ellie's** language learning in Albertville. Pray that she and **Matthias** will find many opportunities to share Christ in word and deed with their French-speaking neighbors, especially during this Christmas season.

21st CHAD 1 Tim 4

Nathanael asks prayer for Chadian LB missionary Alona (partnering with Dave & Sonja). He has founded a new sister school of the mission school in a town 40 miles from Nathanael. He secured a good teacher, and they are just beginning a kindergarten class in a thatch classroom. Pray that God would provide for this work.

22nd JAPAN 1 Tim 5

Pray for tomorrow's Christmas Candlelight Service at House of Hope, that many families will attend and be drawn to Christ. **Pastor Haruya Ito** will bring a Christmas message, and he and his local musician friends **Mori** and **Yuki** will accompany the singing of Christmas carols.

23rd CHAD 1 Tim 6

Pray for **Daniel** and **Nancy** in their ongoing language and culture learning. Pray for the **Kuan** family in their preparations to join Daniel & Nancy's family in Chad. Happy 8th birthday to **Chi**!

24th N. AMERICA 2 Tim 1

Pray for **Matt** and **Christina Smith** as they transition out of full-time work with LBIM and look for work and housing in Rochester. Happy 13th birthday to **Noam**!

25th WORLD 2 Tim 2

Pray for the message of "good news of great joy that is for all the people" to be heard by many, in and through the missionaries and ministries of LBIM and Christ's global Church around the world.

26th CHAD 2 Tim 3

Nathanael and Carrie ask prayer for Missida, their newest, and first female teacher at the mission elementary school. Missida and her husband Jérôme are a young LB couple from Cameroon. Pray that God will richly bless their ministry in the community.

27th TAIWAN 2 Tim 4

Pray for **Ethan** and **Sandy Christofferson's** friend **Ching**, a Christian who is struggling with a drug addiction. Pray for Ethan and Sandy and other believers as they minister to Ching.

28th CHAD Titus 1

David and **Sonja** ask prayer for **M** and **S** to continue to grow in their faith. Happy 8th birthday today to **Ivan!**

29th CHAD Titus 2

Pray for **Paul** as he does some teaching at the seminary with a new group of students. Pray that the Lord calls some of these students to missionary partnership with LBIM.

30th N. AMERICA Titus 3

December is a key month for end of year contributions to LBIM's budget. Pray for generous giving.

31st TAIWAN Jude

Ben and Sara Hosch ask prayer for their family as the children have Christmas break. Pray for spiritual, physical, and emotional rest following a season of many activities. Happy 5th birthday to Henrietta!

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM LBIM

Chad

Dave & Sonja
Dan & Claire
Matt & Christina
Jeremy & Sallee
Nathanael & Carrie
Paul & Teresa
Daniel & Nancy

France

Matthias & Ellie

DPN Editors

Gaylan & Joy Mathiesen

<u>Japan</u>

Dean & Linda Bengtson Paul & Alexa Fraser

Taiwan

Ethan & Sandy Christofferson Ben & Sara Hosch David & Janice (heading to Chad)

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The advent of our King our prayers must now employ, and we must hymns of welcome sing in strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son, in flesh content to be, himself a servant's form puts on to set his servants free.

O Zion's daughter, rise to meet your lowly King, nor let a faithless heart despise the peace he comes to bring. All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free, with Father, Spirit, ever one, through all eternity.

("The Advent of our King" by Charles Coffin)

