

SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS: MISSIONARY KIDS

Father God, we praise you for the gift of children and for the children of CMS missionaries. We thank you for sending people from all walks of life to do your work, including those surrounded by family. Bless the children of our missionaries and enable them to share your gospel with their friends as well. Be with them as they cross cultures, learn languages and are educated in a variety of contexts. Above all, lead them to a greater understanding and love of you, and grow in them a passion for sharing the good news of your Son with the world, both now and in their adult lives. Amen.

SUNDAY 1 – MALTA, EURASIA & SLOVENIA

G & R pray that they would focus on the unseen, not the seen, by being faithful in the hard times whether they see fruit or not. **R** gives thanks for the growing desire in her church to reach others with the gospel. Pray for wisdom in this. **Kingsley & Veronica Box** pray for God to bring many teens to the camp that their church is running with Linz International Church. Pray that God would work in the hearts of all the youth who come.

MONDAY 2 – ITALY & IRELAND

Gillian Law prays for Roma Tre University, where the GBU is very small and both leaders are about to graduate. Pray for a new leader and more students so that the group can keep meeting together. **Simon & Jessica Cowell** pray that the national student conference at the end of the month would be an encouraging and God-honouring time of teaching and fellowship. **Naomi Brunacci** gives thanks for her transfer to Padova. Pray that GBU students would know and share the gospel better as a result of the Mark Drama project in Verona and Padova. **Erin Moorcroft** prays that many Irish people would hear afresh the good news that Jesus died and was raised to life for them, and accept him as their Lord.

TUESDAY 3 – AUSTRIA & GERMANY

Rob & Arabelle Horne pray that their church would grow in hunger for God's word and in dependence on him in prayer. **Rachel Gibbs** prays for the mission week in St Pölten (23–26 April). Pray that non-believing students would be engaged, come to talks and be willing to read the Bible with ÖSM students. **Rob & Carol Nolan** pray that God would raise up more faithful workers for ministry in Austria. **Klaus & Jude Hickel** pray that many people would join and meet Jesus at the Basics of Christianity course starting this month. **Mike & Caroline Clark** praise God for Mike's new job as an assistant minister at St Thomas' Anglican Church, North Sydney. Pray for the family as they prepare to start this new season of life and ministry in May.

WEDNESDAY 4 – SPAIN

Mike & Tania Snowdon pray for the weekend camps this month: a youth camp for the Valencia region (6–8 April); the GBU general assembly (13–15 April); and a local church camp that Mike is speaking at (20–22 April). **John & Jodi Lovell** give thanks for the recent MOCLAM intensive course in Valencia. Pray that John's time in Bolivia meeting with other MOCLAM workers would be encouraging and useful for the

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ongoing ministry. **Andrew & Dominique Gifford** pray for meaningful conversations with other parents now that the weather is warmer and people stay around after school.

THURSDAY 5 – FRANCE

Josh & Susannah Apieczonek give thanks for their marriage and family, and the opportunity to grow through a marriage enrichment course in May. **Caroline Evenden** prays for the GBU national congress (20–22 April) when students, staff workers and friends gather in Paris to hear from God's word, pray for the GBU and vote for the next national student leadership team. Pray that the weekend would strengthen the GBU in its mission to make Jesus Christ known in France. **Daniel & Kate Morris** also pray for the GBU national congress in Paris. **Kelly Landrigan** prays that her visa renewal would be processed smoothly and in time for her Home Assignment later this year. **Colin & Catherine Puffett** pray that they would work and rest well during a busy month of language exams and family visits. Pray that their family would connect well with Simone as they meet her for the first time. **M** gives thanks for good relationships with her language teacher and her family. Pray for opportunities to share living hope with them.

FRIDAY 6 – CMS AUSTRALIA

Pray for wisdom for the **CMS-A board** as they meet together today. Pray for safety for senior staff on pastoral visits this month: **Peter Rodgers** to South East Asia; **Chris Cooper** to East Asia; and **Chris Mitchell** to Japan. Thank God for the sacrifices they make in spending time away from family each year and ask God to grant them wisdom as they meet with CMS missionaries.

SATURDAY 7 – SOUTH & CENTRAL ASIA

S & I pray for God to draw people to Jesus in their location, especially A and M & M, who have faced the death of loved ones recently. Pray for Christians in a rural area to be strengthened despite opposition. **L** prays that she and the other Christians in her location would learn more about walking with Jesus, listening to him, speaking his words and sharing his life. **S (& T)** pray for God's wisdom as they begin a new ministry together at a rest house for Christian workers. Thank God for the opportunity to serve him together. **E** prays for the provision of a visa in God's timing. **D & S** pray for their ongoing relationships with students and for opportunities to share eternal hope. **David & Georgina Newmarch** pray for wisdom as they speak to SMBC students and in their use of time as missionaries-in-residence this year. Pray for comfort for **S's** family as they mourn her passing on 22 March. S gave thanks that the memorandum of understanding to handle the mental health clinic where she worked has been signed. Pray that the government would honour the agreement.

SUNDAY 8 – NEPAL

Pray for **S** as she organises her visa for the next 12 months, particularly for the approval of her research extension at the university. **K** prays for her partner organisation's conference this week to challenge, refresh and renew workers. **K & M** give thanks for the team effort that led to an amazing transfer to the new school site. Pray for ongoing staffing needs for the next academic year starting in August. **D & E** pray for the completion of the school buildings over the next few weeks. Pray for good health as the pollution is bad and there is a lot of sickness. **J** prays for her first month of transitioning into the school leadership. Pray for great learning and growth in understanding of both culture and education in a different context.

MONDAY 9 – NEPAL

G & R give thanks for the palliative care workshop in March and pray for the refresher workshop in mid-April. Pray for follow-up conversations after Easter celebrations. **L & T** thank God that M and J are enjoying their new school. Pray for the family to make good friends and connections in their new location. **B & L** pray that they would grow into their leadership roles in the hospital and school so that they can serve their colleagues well. Pray for good relationships with boards, staff, patients, students and parents.

TUESDAY 10 – MIDDLE EAST

J prays for God's provision as she returns to the Middle East, particularly that recent visa restrictions would not be a problem. Pray also for smooth job negotiations. **S** prays for the Sudanese women that she teaches English to. Pray for spiritual conversations between classes and for spiritual hunger as they read stories from the Bible together. **L** prays for wisdom as she serves people in complex material poverty situations. **B** praises God for deepening relationships with her language helper, language school teacher, bus friend and friend from the chocolate shop. Pray for meaningful conversations and that these friends and their families would come to know and love Jesus. **S & C** give thanks for peace and safety for Christian believers in their location as they gathered together to celebrate Easter. Give thanks for the police protection provided by the government for their church. **C** gives thanks for the encouragement of meeting many willing gospel partners while on deputation. Pray for God's help in tackling administration.

WEDNESDAY 11 – UAE, JORDAN & MIDDLE EAST

W & C pray for continued permission for their church to meet together following a month of uncertainty. **K** prays for grace and favour with local authorities as they negotiate the future meeting place of their church. Pray for a visa and wisdom, patience and faithfulness in the meantime. **J & D** praise God for a warm welcome from their new church and its leadership. Pray that they would ask insightful questions as they seek to understand the culture. **Malcolm & Charissa** give thanks for their Easter services. Pray that those who heard of the death and resurrection of Jesus would respond with repentance and faith. **T & K** pray for perseverance in studies for the Sudanese students at T's college. **M** thanks God for a great trip to the Middle East. Pray for God to raise up partners for her in deputation. Pray that she would learn from them and be an encouragement to them.

THURSDAY 12 – TANZANIA

Mike & Katie Taylor pray that they would be confident in God's Spirit and word to bring new life and maturity. **Geoff & Martha Boye** pray for Anthony Brammall as he leads the SMBC mission team who are visiting Munguishi and Arusha this month. Pray that this would be a mutually encouraging time for the team, teachers and students. **Liz Burns** thanks God for a good break over Easter and that the students enjoyed their time off. Pray that **Kevin & Karen Flanagan** would have fruitful gospel conversations with people at their language school. Give thanks that Kevin could preach at the local Lutheran secondary school. **Arthur & Tamie Davis** pray for those in Dar es Salaam facing the loss of their homes and possessions due to flooding during the seasonal rains.

FRIDAY 13 – TANZANIA

Glen & Dominique Turner give thanks that the kids at Sunday school are really engaged in the lessons. **Matthew & Samantha Archer** pray that the Lord would be glorified in all they say and do. Pray for humility before God as they serve and make decisions regarding the future. **Judith Calf** prays that her students would keep growing in their ability to preach and teach the Bible faithfully, particularly the New Testament which they find more difficult to understand.

SATURDAY 14 – D R CONGO, SOUTH AFRICA & NAMIBIA

Graham & Wendy Toulmin give thanks for the new group of keen and responsive dental students. Pray for them to continue in good health, strength, wisdom and patience each day. **David & Prue Boyd** pray for wisdom as they consider the future and plan for departure for D R Congo on 22 April. Pray for new treatment options for their grandson, Ned, whose bone marrow transplant for leukaemia was unsuccessful. **Nathan & Diane Lovell** give thanks that Home Assignment has been encouraging. Pray for more opportunities to encourage their supporters and be encouraged by them. **Kylie Zietsch** praises God for her growing relationships with the youth at church. Pray that her youth group co-leader, Mpumie, would abound in knowledge and love of God. **Mike & Karen Roe** thank the Lord for the provision of De Wett Strauss as part-time acting principal of NETS in 2018. Pray for him as he leads and establishes links with NETS, and local pastors and leaders. **Daniel & Olivia Webster** pray for grace to love the people in their link churches, conviction in repeating themselves in each context, and hearts to glorify God and not just advertise themselves.

SUNDAY 15 – ETHIOPIA, EAST AFRICA & KENYA

Roger & Lynn Kay pray for peace and stability in Ethiopia, and wisdom for those in government. **Maggie Crewes** prays for the Retrak vocational training students in Uganda and Ethiopia. Pray for jobs for the graduates and for conscientious work behaviour in tough environments. **Shane & Naomi Rubie** pray for peace in Ethiopia and wisdom for the government electing a new prime minister. Pray that he would rule justly and wisely. **Norm & Janelle Gorrie** pray for three mission weeks this month, including going to a strong Islamic area, hosting a medical and outreach team, and attending a youth leaders' summit. Pray for Janelle and Elema as they empower women to read the Bible for themselves.

MONDAY 16 – JAPAN

Pray for **Chenny Thie** as she begins official duty with KGK. Pray for wisdom, humility and patience as she learns to do ministry the Japanese way. **Nathan & Maki Clapham** give thanks that students were encouraged and challenged at the camps in March. Pray for the new academic year and good welcoming of new students this month. **Matt & Jen Lim** pray for a refreshing break in Queensland with their family, as well as an encouraging time visiting a new link church, Connect Baptist Church, Deagon. **Adam & Helane Ramsay** pray that their friends would ask questions about Jesus. Pray for their kids as they start a new school year and that their teachers would be a blessing. **Steven & Sandra Parsons** pray for clear minds and good communication as they pass on responsibilities to others in preparation for Home Assignment. **Roger & Noriko Dethlefs** give thanks for a happy welcome and initial smooth settling in to location. Pray that they can build good relationships and learn how to best assist with the work of KGK and Eifuku Minami Church.

TUESDAY 17 – JAPAN, TAIWAN & HONG KONG

Brad & Michelle Jackson pray that the youth who attended a recent camp would remember what they learnt and draw closer to God. Pray that they would prioritise coming to church and other youth events regularly. **Kellie Nicholas** gives thanks for the opportunity to go deeper into God's word and for the encouragement of living in community at Moore College. **Dene & Rachel Hughes** pray for the boys as they begin a new school year with new teachers and a whole new school for Elliott. Pray for wisdom and courage for Dene as he takes on new responsibilities with KGK in Osaka. **Dave & Beck McIntyre** give thanks that they were able to celebrate Easter and the resurrection in Japan by remembering the Christians who have passed away before them. Pray for the annual CMS pastoral visit. **Marshall & Julie Scott** continue to pray for healing for Daniel. Pray that the whole family would walk closely with God during this time of transition. **Ian & Narelle Hadfield** thank God for recent Easter celebrations where many people were challenged with the gospel and the hope of the resurrection. Pray for the Spirit to keep working in those who attended.

WEDNESDAY 18 – EAST ASIA

L & J give thanks for their fellowship's camp this month and pray that non-believing students would respond to the message. Give thanks for growing awareness in the local and global church of the strategic opportunities of reaching these students with the gospel. **D & L** pray for patience as they adjust to M doing distance education at home. Pray for social outlets for him and wisdom in scheduling their work outside the home. **S & K** praise God for their warm welcome to location. Pray for swift language learning so they might best love the local people and introduce them to the good news. **D & T** thank God for good connections and schooling during their Home Assignment. Pray for a qualified and experienced Christian teacher for their school in East Asia by August. **E** prays for her visa to come through. Thank God that her plane tickets have been booked and for the language course she is taking. Pray for patience as she learns. **L** thanks God for encouragement from church and friends. Pray for discussions with a potential location partner about the details of her role and work.

THURSDAY 19 – DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

SAH: Mimy Gardner praises God that she could spend

Easter with family. Pray that her relatives who are investigating Christianity would accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, by his grace. **K** thanks God for giving her some South Asian friends in Melbourne and for what they have taught her. Pray that she would be a blessing to these women too. **Jim & Tanja French** give thanks that their kids have adjusted well to their new school. Pray that their family would have opportunities to share Jesus with the school community. **M & K** give thanks for the Easter break and times of relaxing and creating family memories. Pray for energy and diligence in study for the rest of the semester at SAH. **L & C** thank God for the safe arrival of their daughter. Pray that their study and family life would be well balanced. **Matt & Kate Vinicombe** pray that they would be able to learn as much as possible during the Maximum Impact Language Learning course this week.

Mentac: Pray for wise and fruitful conversations between trainees and their contacts. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide and open hearts.

FRIDAY 20 – CAMBODIA

Dave & Leoni Painter pray for good follow-up for the Moore College mission that Leoni took part in last month. **Wim & Maaïke Prins** pray for their preparations for Home Assignment. Pray for Wim's new contact with a monk from a different temple. **Bethany Vaughan** praises God for the opportunities she has had to share her faith in everyday life in Phnom Penh. Pray for more opportunities. **Craig & Samantha McCorkindale** pray that God would give them strength and relief as they move into the hottest part of the year.

SATURDAY 21 – INDONESIA & TIMOR-LESTE

J & D pray that they would continue to intentionally build and deepen their relationships with those of the majority faith. **R** thanks God for his link churches and that he is able to meet and share with people who want to partner with him and CMS. **Alan & Helen Wood** praise God for the three new Alpha groups that are going well. Pray for the Holy Spirit weekend in early May. Pray for the new church council to settle into their work of policy and strategy. **Chris & Grace Adams** pray for Chris as he teaches a course on Galatians this month at a newly established Bible institute in Dili. Pray for Grace as she carries additional family responsibilities during this period. **Andrew Buchanan (& Abi Tandiseru)** pray that Abi's Australian visa would come through in good time.

SUNDAY 22 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

J & I thank God for opportunities to share with those from majority faith backgrounds. Pray for patience and understanding for the whole family as they learn language together. **T & E** give thanks for a recent gathering of people in their country working in holistic community development. Pray for those being trained in early May to catch the vision and serve faithfully. **I** praises God for new believers in her area and for two groups of seekers studying the Bible with believers. Give thanks for a gathering of national and international workers earlier this month. **H & M** pray that they would continue to witness as Christ's servants to their community, especially at their local church where the orphanage recently burnt down. **L & I** pray for women working with Muslims around the world as they learn together on the Women's I-view online course. Pray that it would help them in their locations and give them insight into other ministries.

MONDAY 23 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

N prays for patience, perseverance and energy as she experiences her first hot season. **M & L** give thanks for some time off this month. Pray for energy as they prepare for their last couple of months talking to friends and supporters before they return to location. **J** thanks God for a helpful and informative pastoral visit earlier this month from Peter and Marcelle Rodgers. **Mark & Rosemary Dickens** pray for the preparations for the Christianity Explored course which will begin in early May. Pray that many would come to faith. **S** gives thanks for fruitful communication with her location partners. Pray that logistics would be sorted out so that they can work well together for the glory of God.

TUESDAY 24 – CHILE

Gary & Julie Haddon give thanks for the new academic year with a new principal at CEP. Pray for sufficient language skills for Gary as he teaches intensive courses in Hebrews and John, and that the students would learn well. **Frances Cook** prays that God would be raising up future leaders throughout the Church in Latin America to study at CEP. **Michael & Joanne Charles** praise God for an encouraging start to deputation, university and school. Pray that they would bless and be blessed in their time of sharing what God is doing in Chile. **Chris & Stef Overhall** pray that as their language improves, they would be able to share the gospel with people they know. Pray that Eliot and Theo would enjoy school and learn Spanish.

WEDNESDAY 25 – MEXICO & BOLIVIA

Peter & Sarah Sholl pray for God's comfort as they grieve the passing of Sarah's mother. Praise God that she is now with him in glory. **Adrian & Anita Lovell** give thanks for the way God is growing the MOCLAM team. Pray for an encouraging and fruitful time as they meet face-to-face this month. **Nick & Kysha Davies** thank God for their first month in Peru. Pray for them as they look for an apartment, build connections and find a local church. **Grahame & Patty Scarratt** give thanks for the enthusiasm of so many people for the books they publish. Pray for wisdom as they organise printing in different parts of the world.

THURSDAY 26 – ARGENTINA

Pray for **Peter & Terry Blowes** who have just arrived in Sydney for Home Assignment. Pray that the ABUA small group leaders in Buenos Aires would persevere and be faithful to God's word even without their presence and support. **Martin & Julie Field** pray that students would be spurred on in their witness for Jesus on campus after an ABUA camp earlier this month. **Amy Stephens** thanks God that the ABUA camp was a great time of fellowship and personal growth for students. Pray that they would follow up first-year students well.

FRIDAY 27 – NORTH AUSTRALIA

Wayne Oldfield & Mandy Jones pray for the preparations and running of the Katherine Christian Convention (KCC) on 5–6 May. Pray for Neville Naden as he preaches on the faithfulness of God. **Tavis & Kate Beer** pray for the organising committee, speakers and volunteers at KCC. Pray that participants would be able to travel despite the big wet season rains. **Terry & Liz McCoy** praise God for the Easter service and initial preparations for an Easter

translation project for next year. Pray for Liz as she helps run a trauma healing workshop in Alice Springs (26–30 April). **Matt & Lisa Pearson** give thanks for the kindness of the Andersons since their arrival. Pray that they would learn Kunwinjku well so that they can share the good news clearly in Gunbalanya. **Derek & Rosemary Snibson** give thanks for encouraging visits to link churches and pray for mutually enriching partnership for the future. Pray for timely and wise treatment for Derek's back injury. **Chris & Karen Webb** praise God that he has opened up an opportunity for regular ministry at a local rehab centre. Pray for wisdom for Chris as he visits the centre.

SATURDAY 28 – VANUATU, FIJI & PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Keith & Marion Birchley pray for those living in the PNG highlands suffering from the earthquake last month. Pray that this setback in their lives would draw them closer to the living God. **Tony & Susie Wright** thank God that they are settling into Sydney well and that the kids like their new school. Pray for a job for Tony. **Joel & Tiffanie Atwood** thank God for the shaky but definite start to small groups amongst local students. Thank God for the strength and vision of the new GNYF board. Pray for their time teaching hermeneutics at Talua Ministry Training Centre.

SUNDAY 29 – CMS BRANCHES

NSW & ACT: Pray for the annual CMS Lasting Hope Appeal which starts in two days. Pray that many Christians in NSW and ACT would be encouraged to support CMS financially as they see the impact of long-term gospel work around the world.

QNSW: Pray that attendees at Autumn Encounter would have been challenged to pray, care, give and go. Pray that supporters would have a deepening understanding of what it means to serve God with the CMS family.

SANT: Pray for unity and discernment in 2018 for the SANT board as they govern the branch and seek to fulfil the vision of *a world that knows Jesus*.

TAS: Pray for travelling mercies and great connections between Tasmanian churches and CMS as the State Director, Scott Sargent, travels to 11 churches to preach and deputise in the first half of the year. Pray for the branch's current missionary-in-training, K, as she studies at St Andrew's Hall.

VIC: Praise God for the addition of three new and long-awaited staff members. Pray for their transition into the office, for wisdom as they learn about their roles and CMS, and for peace in a time of change.

WA: Pray for the branch candidates committee as they interview two couples for the next semester of St Andrew's Hall.

Former Missionaries' Fellowship: Pray for Bryan and Kathy Massey (NT 1970–92) and their daughter, Michelle, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, and for her husband, David, and their daughter, Zephyr.

MONDAY 30 – CMS FELLOWSHIP

Join with **CMS SANT** as they praise God for 100 years of fruitful gospel partnership. Pray that as well as celebrating the past, they would look to the future and be bold in envisioning a world that knows Jesus. Pray that through the upcoming CMS Dinner in May and the 2018 financial appeal, they would deepen their partnerships with supporters, being unified by their common purpose and vision.