

SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS: STUDENT MINISTRY

Father God, as a new academic year begins in many locations around the world, we pray for new opportunities for the gospel to be proclaimed on campuses. We thank you for the wonderful opportunities for mission in universities, where young people are often open to thinking about faith. We pray that you would help CMS missionaries in student ministry to seek out those with open hearts and be prayerfully pursuing those who resist the good news. Please strengthen student leaders on campuses all over the world to work for your glory above their own academic or social reputations. Please reveal yourself to university students as the source of true wisdom. Amen.

SATURDAY 1 – MALTA, EURASIA & SLOVENIA

G & R pray that **G** would recover quickly and well from his open heart surgery on 15 August. **R** prays for the people of Eurasia to think about what is truly important as they begin the new academic year and make plans. **Kingsley & Veronica Box** pray for people at their church to make meeting with other Christians a priority when they organise their timetables for the new school year.

SUNDAY 2 – ITALY & IRELAND

Gillian Law prays for connections with new students arriving to study in universities across Rome. Pray for Christians who are keen to serve Christ during their studies. **Simon & Jessica Cowell** pray for preparations for the national GBU training event at the end of the month. Pray for good beginnings at a new school for Lydia, and good contacts with university students. Pray for **Naomi Brunacci** as she spends time with Sicilian students this week at their homes and churches. Pray that she would learn how to serve them well while they study away from home. **Erin Moorcroft** gives thanks for the new academic year. Pray for good relationships and conversations as she begins working at Sligo Grammar School.

MONDAY 3 – AUSTRIA & GERMANY

Rob & Arabelle Horne pray for a positive start to the school year for their children. **Rachel Gibbs** prays that many students would grow in their faith, knowledge and biblical understanding at the ÖSM Student Equip Conference (2–7 September). **Klaus & Jude Hickel** pray that many would come and be encouraged by their church's regional conference, 'How Jesus builds his church' (21–22 September).

TUESDAY 4 – SPAIN

Mike & Tania Snowdon pray for more leaders to support the GBE ministry and walk alongside high schoolers in their faith this school year. **John & Jodi Lovell** pray for a positive start to the school year for their children, especially Amber starting high school. Pray for their children to be faithful and bold witnesses to the Lord Jesus. **Andrew & Dominique Gifford** pray for their transition back to Australia after 10 years, following the unexpected decision they have had to make to return for final Home Assignment in October. Pray for **Jim & Tanja French** as they travel and speak at link churches in Canberra and Orange. Pray for meaningful connections and friendships, especially for Evie and Silas who will be out of school for a time.

CMS SANT EVENTS TO PRAY ABOUT

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WEDNESDAY 5 – FRANCE

Josh & Susannah Apieczonek pray that GBU students would be bold as they invite people to join groups in the new academic year. **Caroline Evenden** gives thanks for the regional student leader, Jean-Samuel, and his passion for evangelism. Pray that the south-west leaders' weekend (22–23 September) would inspire and equip them for the year ahead, especially for inviting friends to read God's word. **Daniel & Kate Morris** pray that they would find many students interested in reading the Bible and getting to know Jesus in the new academic year. **Kelly Landrigan** prays for a refreshing holiday this week and for a great time visiting Maitland Evangelical Church and Hunter Bible Church afterwards. **Colin & Catherine Puffett** give thanks for the Lord's provision of an apartment in Nantes. Pray for new friends and godly routines as the new academic year begins this week. **M** prays that she would rejoice in knowing the Father and have opportunities to share about the perfect sacrifice he provided.

THURSDAY 6 – CMS AUSTRALIA

Pray for **Peter Rodgers** on a pastoral visit to North Australia until mid-September. Pray for **Chris Mitchell**, who left for a pastoral visit to Latin America yesterday, and for **Elizabeth Richards, Chris Cooper, David & Rachel Williams** and **Scott Sargent** as they all prepare for pastoral visits later this month to various locations. Pray for safety while travelling and good conversations with the missionaries and partners they visit.

FRIDAY 7 – SOUTH ASIA

S & I pray for Jesus to build his people to maturity in South Asia so that they would care deeply for each other, live lives of integrity and let the word of God dwell in them richly. Pray for unity in their spiritual adoption as children of God. **L** prays for God to continue to defend the oppressed and vulnerable in her location for the glory of his name. **S (& T)** give thanks that they can work at the rest house. Pray that it would continue to be a place where Christian workers can rest. **E** praises God that she's able to visit her location. Pray for meetings with key people to organise a long-term visa and for wisdom as she considers where to live and study language. **D & S** thank God for their safe return to location. Pray that they would settle back into life and ministry well. **David & Georgina Newmarch** give thanks for the opportunity Dave has to teach part-time at an Islamic school in Sydney this term. Pray that God would use it for his glory. Pray that **K** would enjoy precious time with family and friends while on annual leave this month. Pray that the advanced security training course (14–16 September) would help her live wisely in South Asia. **M & K** pray for alertness, wisdom and God's peace as they do the advanced security training course and prepare their risk management plan for location.

SATURDAY 8 – NEPAL

S prays that she would be light and salt as she lives and works alongside teachers and staff during the three-week training institute. Pray for **K (& B)** as they consider how to be more involved in their local church. **K & M** pray for ongoing growth and protection for the work with young people in Kathmandu. **D & E** pray for courage for the Nepali church in the face of increased uncertainties. **J** prays for wisdom and grace as she takes on her new role as school director.

SUNDAY 9 – NEPAL

G & R give thanks for good reports from their medical reviews. Pray that the link churches they visit would be inspired by what God is doing in Nepal and encouraged in their local mission. **L & T** pray for continued healing and restoration for **L's** hand. Pray for safety in travel and success in interviews as he conducts master's research. **B & L** give thanks for the new hospital staff to meet the increased patient load. Pray for government favour to grant a visa for a teacher without a master's degree.

MONDAY 10 – MIDDLE EAST

J prays that she and her team would be strengthened to speak the gospel with great courage in every opportunity. **S** prays that God would grow in her ESL students a hunger to know the Son. **L** prays for increased confidence and boldness in sharing Bible stories in Arabic. **B** thanks God for the new workers who have joined her team this month. Pray for a smooth transition for them. **S & C** give thanks for a great break over the summer. Pray for **S** as he starts teaching at Bible college this month. **C** prays for God's help as she restarts language classes, for faithfulness in study and for new Arab friends to practise with.

TUESDAY 11 – UAE, JORDAN & MIDDLE EAST

W & C pray for W and A as they develop exciting new opportunities in South Asian ministry. **K** prays for smooth processing of her visa and registration ID, as well as a place to live so that more Japanese ministry can begin. **J & D** pray for new people willing to be trained as leaders this month and for a good start to the 25 new small groups. **Malcolm & Charissa** pray that God would bring new people along to church at the start of the new academic year. Pray that their church would do a good job of welcoming them. Pray that **T & K** would encourage their link churches in Chatswood, Killara and Adelaide. **M** praises God for the team she is joining. Pray for God's help and a good beginning to language study.

WEDNESDAY 12 – TANZANIA

Mike & Katie Taylor give thanks for a good time with supporting churches. Pray for a good transition back to Tanzania. **Geoff & Martha Boye** thank God for their safe arrival in Australia. Pray for them as they start final Home Assignment. **Liz Burns** prays for direction for future ministry. **Kevin & Karen Flanagan** pray for the Lord to raise up well-trained leaders for the Diocese of Lake Rukwa, especially following the recent death of a key leader, whose passing has left a big hole. **Arthur & Tamie Davis** pray for incoming staff and for team building at a month-long staff orientation and training camp.

THURSDAY 13 – TANZANIA

Glen & Dominique Turner pray that Glen's Standard 7 students would keep a firm trust in Jesus throughout their

final exams this month and as they move onto secondary school. **Matthew & Samantha Archer** pray for Solomon Otieno, Zacharia Luperengsha and the other BBMTC teachers as they adjust to changes following the Archers' departure. Pray that students would praise the Lord as they learn about his awesome plan for the world. **Judith Calf** prays that the 10 pastors arriving today for a two-week refresher course would be built up in their own spiritual lives and equipped to be faithful preachers of the word.

FRIDAY 14 – D R CONGO, SOUTH AFRICA & NAMIBIA

Graham & Wendy Toulmin give thanks for their pastoral visit with Elizabeth Richards this month. Pray for preparations for the new academic year, alongside clinic responsibilities. **David & Prue Boyd** pray for their grandson, Ned, and his upcoming second bone marrow transplant. Pray for all involved in his leukaemia treatment. Pray for peace, stability and justice in D R Congo. **Nathan & Diane Lovell** pray that the faculty at GWC would grow together as a team, and model godliness and Christian maturity to the students. **Kylie Zietsch** prays that she would teach Acts and the Bible overview subjects faithfully and clearly. Praise God for the commitment of the students to learning God's word. **Mike & Karen Roe** pray for the NETS curriculum review currently underway. Pray for the staff team to grow and flourish, particularly as new families settle in. **Daniel & Olivia Webster** pray for Olivia and the boys as they adjust to home schooling amidst the challenges that come with transition.

SATURDAY 15 – ETHIOPIA, EAST AFRICA & KENYA

Roger & Lynn Kay give thanks for new families arriving in Addis Ababa this month. Pray that they would find a supportive community at St Matthew's, where they can be nurtured in their faith and spur one another on to love and good deeds. **Maggie Crewes** gives thanks for the Retrak country directors and teams, who do a great job in challenging situations. Pray for God to equip and energise them for the work. **Shane & Naomi Rubie** praise God for a great start to the school year and for the new school director starting well. **Norm & Janelle Gorrie** thank God for the many missions to unreached peoples. Pray for Norm's work with leaders training disciples in follow up. Pray for many to be empowered to read God's word through Janelle's literacy classes.

SUNDAY 16 – JAPAN

Chenny Thie gives thanks for the Tama-block student retreat. Pray for the KGK national staff conference (18–21 September). **Nathan & Maki Clapham** give thanks for the opportunity Nathan has to preach monthly at their local church. Pray for the church to be gospel-centred and for each member to grow as they read the Bible. Pray for **Matt & Jen Lim** and their family as they settle into life in Tokyo. Pray for the provision of the right place to live. **Adam & Helene Ramsay** pray for a restful and refreshing holiday before sharing with churches again. **Steven & Sandra Parsons** pray for Steven as he travels to Taiwan for meetings about expanding services to TEAM missionaries throughout the Asia-Pacific region, creating more time for the evangelism and discipleship work that the Lord has called them to do. **Roger & Noriko Dethlefs** give thanks for teaching, fellowship and friendships on the three-day camp for overseas students. Pray that the students would continue to explore the Christian faith and grow in their trust in Jesus.

MONDAY 17 – JAPAN, TAIWAN & HONG KONG

Brad & Michelle Jackson pray that the Young Life ministry would continue to transform youth's lives, despite the small team and extra responsibility falling to Brad and the parents this year. **Kellie Nicholas** gives thanks for the opportunity to visit and be encouraged by St George North Anglican and New Life Presbyterian Church in Gungahlin. **Dene & Rachel Hughes** pray for wisdom for KGK staff as the second semester begins and they encourage campus groups to restart promptly. **Dave & Beck McIntyre** pray for a special evangelistic day on 30 September, where Dave will preach on the parable of the two sons and Beck will lead the afternoon session. **Ian & Narelle Hadfield** pray for God's enabling during the busy start to the academic year, and small groups and courses this month.

TUESDAY 18 – EAST ASIA

L & J pray for God's enabling as they train international students to lead Bible study groups at universities, including pioneering a nearby campus. Pray for humility, patience and mutual trust with co-workers as they adjust to changed roles. **D & L** praise God for a wonderfully encouraging deputation and for the partnerships they have in the gospel. Pray that they would keep their eyes on Jesus as they head back to location next month. **S & K** thank God for growing relationships in their new city. Pray for opportunities to share more of the Son with L, M and B. **D & T** praise God that D has been able to step away from his regional director role to focus on language study for the next 18 months. Pray for good study habits and language brain for him. **E** prays for more workers to be raised up for the harvest field in East Asia. **L** prays for her search for accommodation, meeting her team, and faith and trust in God during the transition. Pray for God's protection as she settles in and visits different government offices.

WEDNESDAY 19 – DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

SAH: Pray for the staff team as they liaise with architects and other consultants for the redevelopment project. **Sam & Shan-Shan Chrisp** pray for good family routines and time with God and each other. **Marty & Jenny Foord** pray that they would prepare well for their future ministry in Singapore. Pray that they would be a blessing and encouragement to the SAH community. **N** prays for an intimate walk with God and boldness in asking him for opportunities to share the good news with people. Pray for attentiveness and faithfulness in responding to those opportunities. **S & P** praise God for the safe birth of their third son (2 August). Pray for trust in the Lord, and time and energy as they study full-time while parenting a newborn and two young sons. **Neill & Rebekah Dunbar** (NZCMS) give thanks that their three children are settling well into life in Melbourne. Pray for wisdom and energy in balancing study commitments and their children's needs. **Andrew & Liz Glover** pray that they would make the most of their short time at SAH. Pray that they wouldn't be overwhelmed by the things that need to happen before they leave for Cambodia in November.

Mentac: Pray for perseverance and wisdom as trainees spend time with friends and contacts.

THURSDAY 20 – CAMBODIA

Dave & Leoni Painter give thanks for the provision of good schooling while they are in Australia. **Wim & Maaiké Prins** give thanks for their link churches' awareness and involvement in God's mission. Pray for wisdom and protection in Cambodia in the post-election season. **Bethany Vaughan**

praises God for her new Khmer church and all the believers there. Pray that she would be a blessing and a faithful, bold witness to God while at Safe Haven. **Craig & Samantha McCorkindale** pray for their children as they start a new school year with new teachers and classes. Pray for Craig's teaching preparation for the beginning of first semester in late October.

FRIDAY 21 – INDONESIA & TIMOR-LESTE

J & D pray that two young people from their church, **R and M**, would find good employment after graduation and grow deeper in their faith. **R** gives thanks for good farewells to family and close friends. Pray for a smooth transition to location. **Alan & Helen Wood** pray for the start of new small groups, especially Alpha groups. Praise God for the new men's group which is progressing well. **Chris & Grace Adams** pray for a training week in early October with **Michael Collie** from SparkLit on using InDesign publishing software for the new Tetun Big Picture Story Bible. **Andrew Buchanan (& Abi Tandiseru)** give thanks for the generosity and support of God's people, especially in their last weeks of visiting link churches.

SATURDAY 22 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

J & I thank God for the opportunity to talk to people from other faith backgrounds about Jesus. Pray for sufficient leaders for the new Life Explored course starting this month. **T & E** pray for E's work visa to be granted so they can continue to serve with more certainty. I gives thanks for the mid-year break. Pray for the right house to rent, her visa extension to be processed, and for bonding with the students this semester, including opportunities for them to ask faith questions. **H & M** pray for perseverance and spiritual growth for two friends they are reading the Bible with. Give thanks that **K** is settling into boarding school well. Pray that she would lean on Jesus in all things. **L & I** pray for the church in Australia to grow in its engagement with diaspora ministries.

SUNDAY 23 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

T & J pray for many to attend the international student camp this month and make friends and meet Jesus. Give thanks for the wonderful experience and opportunity to work with these students in Australia. **N** gives thanks for the opportunity to introduce some future Christian leaders to the Swedish method of Bible study. Pray for God's blessing as they meet each fortnight. **M & L** pray for local believers targeted by a dangerous cult with a distorted gospel message, and for the difficulties this creates for local authorities in distinguishing between approved believers and the cult. **J** prays that students would gain much from the English language classes and that staff would be channels for the Father's light. **Mark & Rosemary Dickens** pray for the marriage enrichment course that will begin later this month, led by gifted lay couples. Pray that the church would provide positive support for married couples under strain. **S** prays for doors to open so that believers can shine brightly for Jesus in dark places. Pray for believers to live lives worthy of the Lord, to be strengthened with all power, have great endurance and patience, and to give joyful thanks to the Father.

MONDAY 24 – CHILE

Gary & Julie Haddon praise God for encouragement from their link churches and supporters, and give thanks for their prayers and kindness. Pray that CEP students would grow in their understanding and love of God's word. **Frances**

Cook prays for wisdom for her church's leaders as they seek to guide the many new parents in their church. **Michael & Joanne Charles** give thanks for the truths they have learned about God while on study leave. Pray for **Emma and Lola** as they continue to settle into Australian life. **Chris & Stef Overhall** pray for an encouraging and fruitful pastoral visit (26–27 September). Pray for **Chris** as he visits Temuco with Peter Sholl for a short conference and then observes Peter teaching MOCLAM in Santiago the following week.

TUESDAY 25 – MEXICO & BOLIVIA

Peter & Sarah Sholl pray that women would join Sarah's new Bible study group at church and grow together in the word. **Adrian & Anita Lovell** give thanks for those studying the 'Creation to New Creation' subject in Cochabamba. Pray for diligence in studies and an understanding of the Bible's overarching message of salvation. **Nick & Kysha Davies** pray for a four-day conference in October that they will be co-teaching with Peter Sholl. Pray for the pastors' and leaders' hearts and minds to be prepared and encouraged. **Grahame & Patty Scarratt** pray that the multiple print runs they are currently doing in Spain would go smoothly and that people would be interested in the books.

WEDNESDAY 26 – ARGENTINA

Peter & Terry Blowes thank God for the great encouragement of sharing with link churches and other friends during deputation. Pray that they would have a restful holiday in preparation for returning to Argentina at the end of October. **Martin & Julie Field** pray that the 50-year celebration of ABUA (21–23 September) would motivate many to keep supporting the ministry. **Amy Stephens** prays for good planning for her Home Assignment next year.

THURSDAY 27 – NORTH AUSTRALIA

Wayne Oldfield & Mandy Jones pray for Mandy as she teaches with two others in the Certificate 3 unit, 'Jesus Story', based on Mark's gospel. **Tavis & Kate Beer** pray for the new and emerging leaders in Aboriginal churches, who work to present everyone fully mature in Christ (Colossians 1:28). **Terry & Liz McCoy** praise God for time with the Vinicombes and the opportunity to introduce them to the church mob. Pray for the McCoys to finish well and respond to any concerns from clergy, lay leaders and those involved in translation and trauma healing. **Matt & Lisa Pearson** give thanks for the arrival of the Kunwinjku New Testament. Pray for reliable men and women to pass on the good news to the next generation. **Derek & Rosemary Snibson** pray for sensitivity in establishing new relationships. Pray for effective language learning and opportunities to engage with Kriol speakers in Ngukurr. **Chris & Karen Webb** pray for God's protection on their children, Ezra, Daniel and Emily, and for them to grow up loving and trusting Jesus. **Matt & Kate Vinicombe** pray that they would share well with churches and individuals, and that people would be keen to partner with them and CMS.

FRIDAY 28 – VANUATU, FIJI & PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Keith & Marion Birchley pray that they would be able to encourage students as the semester ends and join them on a mission outreach. Pray for a valuable pastoral visit with Mark Fairhurst. **Joel & Tiffanie Atwood** praise God for the IFES South Pacific regional conference earlier this month, especially the unifying fellowship, growing passion for planting new groups, and the wonder of divine grace. Pray for God to raise up trainee staff workers from amongst the graduates of the student movements.

SATURDAY 29 – CMS BRANCHES

NSW & ACT: Praise God for CMS Camp Milimani (Years 3–6) which starts in three days. Pray that the children would grow in their love of God and understanding of his grace offered in Jesus. Pray for safety and for God to bless the friendships formed on camp.

QNSW: Pray for fruit from a number of deputations, as well as involvement in events held in Brisbane, Armidale and north Queensland this month. Praise God for opportunities to have a CMS presence at these events.

SANT: Give thanks for the safe return to location of a number of gospel workers who have been on Home Assignment in Australia. Pray that God would make their paths straight, help them settle back into everyday life and equip them to serve faithfully.

TAS: Pray for K as she travels the state raising prayer, care and financial support. Pray for Scott on a pastoral visit to the Atwoods in Vanuatu (27–30 September). Pray for good early registrations for SummerView.

VIC: Pray that the Lord would bless the preparations for SUTS 2019 and give a strong start to registrations for both the adult and youth programs.

WA: Pray that God would use all conversations, meetings and introductions at two local Anglican synods and the branch AGM for his glory and to further his kingdom throughout the world.

SUNDAY 30 – CMS FELLOWSHIP

Join with **CMS NSW & ACT** as they praise God for the ongoing partnership of hundreds of link churches and thousands of faithful Christians. Pray for enthusiasm and joy for the leaders of prayer groups and small groups. Pray that they would continue to encourage their groups towards faithful prayer, bringing the needs of missionaries and those with whom they work before the Lord. Pray that they would be filled with joy and the knowledge that God works for the good of those who love him.

Former Missionaries' Fellowship: Give thanks for the life of **Phyllis Mercer** (Northern Territory 1951–63), who died on 30 June in Mount Tamborine, aged 85. Pray for God's comfort for her husband, John, and their family. Give thanks with **Mary & Owen Lewis** (Nepal 1987–94) for the life of Mary's father, Jim Nixon, who died on 8 June in Melbourne. Pray for God's comfort for Mary, Owen and their family.