

SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS: PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Father God, as many CMS missionaries use this month to pray and consider what their ministries will look like next year, we ask that you would grant them wisdom and trust in your plans and timing. Please make clear to them what work you are calling them to do for your kingdom, and help them to keep their eyes firmly fixed on you as they think about options and make decisions. Use your servants to bring glory to your Son. In his name we pray. Amen.

MONDAY 1 – MALTA, EURASIA & SLOVENIA

G & R pray for a quick recovery from heart surgery for **G**. **R** prays that she would have God's great love for all her students. **Kingsley & Veronica Box** pray that God would provide opportunities to meet students at the start of the academic year.

TUESDAY 2 – ITALY & IRELAND

Gillian Law thanks God for the student leaders' conference that finished yesterday. Pray that the leaders would take what they learned back to their campuses, and be bold and faithful in evangelism this year. **Simon & Jessica Cowell** thank God for the relationships they are building with students in Bari. Pray that it would be an encouraging year as they work together to see the gospel proclaimed on campus. **Naomi Brunacci** prays for fruit from the student leader training event last weekend. Pray that students would grow in their faith and reach many others for Christ through GBU groups this year. **Erin Moorcroft** prays for faithful witness and proclamation as she takes part in and teaches at various harvest services this month. Pray for God to soften hearts so that many would know and trust him.

WEDNESDAY 3 – AUSTRIA & GERMANY

Pray for **Rob & Arabelle Horne** as they seek to invest more time in particular individuals to help them grow in faith. **Rachel Gibbs** prays that Jesus would be faithfully proclaimed during the Linz mission week (22–30 October) and that many students would turn to Christ. **Klaus & Jude Hickel** praise God for his faithfulness to the German service in the five years since it started. **Mimy Gardner** praises God for a peaceful start to the school year. Pray for the new leaders of her Bible study group.

THURSDAY 4 – SPAIN

Mike & Tania Snowdon pray for teenagers in Málaga attending the GBE weekend away, and for Mike as he prepares and gives the talks (26–28 October). **John & Jodi Lovell** pray for boldness and humility as they face increasing theological ambiguity and opposition. **Andrew & Dominique Gifford** pray that the small church community they have had to leave unexpectedly would remain full of hope in the Lord Jesus. **Jim & Tanja French** thank God for their seven link churches. Pray for safe travel, mutual encouragement and a growing support base as they visit them.

FRIDAY 5 – FRANCE

Josh & Susannah Apieczonek pray that God would move students in Lyon to sign up for the first weekend away of the year (19–21 October). **Caroline Evenden** gives thanks for the

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start to the academic year in GBU groups around France. Pray for wisdom and good collaboration between her and the regional student leader, Jean-Samuel, as they organise the south-west weekend away (2–4 November). Pray that many students would come. **Daniel & Kate Morris** pray for the safe delivery of their third child this month. Pray for them as they adjust to life as a family of five. **Kelly Landrigan** gives thanks for her church visits and prays for a good time catching up with other supporters. Pray that students would be challenged to think about mission in France when she visits SMBC on 16 October. **Colin & Catherine Puffett** pray for deepening relationships and unity of vision following their church camp and vision setting last weekend. **M** gives thanks for progress in language learning. Pray that she would continue to improve and learn to speak about heart issues in Arabic.

SATURDAY 6 – CMS AUSTRALIA

Give thanks for **Chris Mitchell's** safe return on Thursday from a pastoral visit to Latin America and pray for his preparations for another pastoral visit at the end of the month to the Middle East. Pray for safety for **Elizabeth Richards**, and **David & Rachel Williams** as they return from pastoral visits to Africa in the next couple of days. Pray for wisdom for CMS-A senior staff as they have meetings from 15–19 September, and for the CMS-A Federal Council as it meets from 26–28 September.

SUNDAY 7 – SOUTH ASIA

S & I pray that the good news **S** presented at the school dads' get-together yesterday would be at work in their lives through the Spirit, especially those from the majority-faith background. Pray for effective follow-up of those who are interested. **L** gives thanks for healing and the many opportunities to minister to people at the children's hospital while **T**, an eight-year-old girl from day care, was critically ill and hospitalised in August and September. Pray that **S (& T)** would be faithful in taking opportunities and pursuing relationships. **E** gives thanks for the opportunity to visit her location. Pray for God to open doors and provide a way to return there soon. **D & S** praise God for an encouraging time in Australia. Pray that they would settle back into location well. Pray for new friendships and opportunities to share eternal hope. **David & Georgina Newmarch** pray that they would know what God would have them do next year. **K** prays that she and her partner organisation would make wise, Spirit-led decisions to enable good language learning and gospel opportunities for next year. **M & K** pray for the ongoing development of encouraging relationships with their link churches during Home Assignment, particularly at a meeting tomorrow night and a supporters' dinner next Saturday.

MONDAY 8 – NEPAL

Pray for **S** as she settles back into Nepali life after a month training teachers in South East Asia. **K (& B)** pray for a time

of encouragement and growth at the national healthcare Christian fellowship conference, which is being hosted in Tansen at the end of this week. Pray that **K & M** would make the most of new opportunities and respond wisely to the challenges that come from moving to a new area. **D & E** pray for Christians and the political situation in Nepal, as well as the increasing pressure on foreigners. **J** prays for wisdom and grace as she leads the school.

TUESDAY 9 – NEPAL

G & R give thanks for the inspiring visit of their Nepali pastor to Australia and for the encouragement they have received from their link churches. Pray for their return to Nepal on 23 October and a quick adjustment back to work roles and other ministries. **L & T** pray for continued healing for L's hand. Give thanks for significant opportunities to share and teach the Bible in small group situations. Pray for wisdom, especially for L as he teaches youth and young adults. **B & L** give thanks for funding and pray for the ongoing chapel building work at the hospital. Pray for the right Nepali person to head up the pastoral care team.

WEDNESDAY 10 – MIDDLE EAST

Pray for **J** as she settles into her new social work job in refugee medical clinics. Pray for wisdom in working towards both professional and eternal goals. **S** prays for her final farewells as she finishes up in the Middle East this month. Pray for a smooth transition back to Australia, and for the team and local friends she leaves behind. **L** prays for perseverance and wisdom as she tries to grow her spiritual Arabic. **B** prays that she would grow in her ability to connect gospel truth to matters of the heart and conversation topics as she meets with friends. **S & C** pray for S to teach God's word faithfully at the local college. Pray for good relationships with the staff and students. **C** gives thanks for her new team and their generosity and willingness to help her settle into her new country.

THURSDAY 11 – UAE, JORDAN & MIDDLE EAST

W & C pray for God's wisdom for W and A as they establish a new program structure that will allow South Asian gospel workers to earn a living during the day, and have energy and time to train leaders and start ministries in the evenings. **K** gives thanks for the study, holidays, kids' ministry, and Japanese networking and follow up she was involved in during July and August. Pray for quick processing of visas and residency, and provision of accommodation this month. **J & D** pray for the provision of permanent accommodation and the processing of D's visa and other paperwork, including bank accounts. **Malcolm & Charissa** give thanks for Bible study groups that meet during the week. Pray that those who attend would grow in godliness. **T & K** give thanks for a visit to family in South Australia. **M** praises God for a workers' conference in Europe, a great team and the provision of a place to live. Pray for good routines and sleep amidst all the changes.

FRIDAY 12 – TANZANIA

Mike & Katie Taylor pray for their family, especially their kids, as they settle back into life, school and ministry in Tanzania. Pray for **Geoff & Martha Boye** as they visit link churches during final Home Assignment. **Liz Burns** prays for direction for future ministry. **Kevin & Karen Flanagan** pray for God to save many during an evangelistic rally (24–27 October). Pray for God to encourage and build his church

through the celebration of the new Anglican cathedral in Mpanda (28 October). Pray for God's guidance of the affairs of the diocesan synod (29 October). **Arthur & Tamie Davis** pray for the incoming staff and for team building at a staff orientation and training camp.

SATURDAY 13 – TANZANIA

Glen & Dominique Turner pray for full health and energy for Dom after a long, unexplained sickness. Pray for **Matthew & Samantha Archer** and their family as they settle into life and school in Australia. Praise God that they are able to begin slowly and settle the children well. **Judith Calf** prays that God would mightily bless the four-week evangelists' refresher course beginning on 22 October.

SUNDAY 14 – D R CONGO, SOUTH AFRICA & NAMIBIA

Graham & Wendy Toulmin give thanks for the opportunity to visit their dental graduate and the fledgling Bukavu clinic. Pray for good discussions with the team regarding future growth. Pray for the students and staff starting the new academic year in Aru. **David & Prue Boyd** pray that participants of a recent pastors' conference would be faithful leaders who show Christ's humility and love. Pray for their grandson, Ned, as he struggles with the effects of his second bone marrow transplant, and for his parents, who are exhausted. **Nathan & Diane Lovell** give thanks that the Hope Centre, GWC's new accommodation block and dining hall, is nearly finished. **Kylie Zietsch** praises God for his love and mercy that never ends, and for a refreshing time doing course work in the UK. Pray for wisdom, joy and insight as she collaborates with two other women to write a counselling and pastoral care course. **Mike & Karen Roe** pray for the NETS students and faculty on short-term mission trips this month. Pray for protection on the roads and for the Lord to mercifully use this time for gospel growth. **Daniel & Olivia Webster** thank God for an enjoyable and educational trip to northern Namibia. Pray that the cultural lessons learned would enable more culturally sensitive ministry.

MONDAY 15 – ETHIOPIA, EAST AFRICA & KENYA

Roger & Lynn Kay give thanks for the commitment and perseverance of the Retrak teams, who daily work with complex situations that stretch their capacity and burden their hearts. Pray that they would demonstrate their Heavenly Father's love to the children. **Maggie Crewes** prays for the process of going through all the Retrak policies and manuals to ensure that standards of safeguarding and ethics are continuing to be met. **Shane & Naomi Rubie** give thanks that their son, Tom, in Year 12, has begun the school year with a new attitude and commitment to study. **Norm & Janelle Gorrie** give thanks for the love and support of family, link churches and friends. Pray for opportunities to strengthen these relationships. Thank God for the Department of Mission team as they prepare for the diocesan youth camp in December.

TUESDAY 16 – JAPAN

Chenny Thie thanks God for the opportunity to speak at a Tama-block prayer meeting today. Pray for language ability in the preparation and delivery. **Nathan & Maki Clapham** pray for student groups to keep meeting around the Bible as they begin second semester. Pray for **Matt & Jen Lim** as they begin learning Japanese language and culture. Pray particularly for the provision of a suitable language helper/mentor. **Adam & Helane Ramsay** pray for good

connections and engagement with churches in Queensland. **Steven & Sandra Parsons** pray for wisdom and unity as the newly elected TEAM Japan leaders, including Steven, meet over the next two days to discuss the empowerment of missionaries to take ministry opportunities. **Roger & Noriko Dethlefs** give thanks for a two-week visit to Sydney to care for grandchildren and see supporters. Pray that the encouragement, teaching and friendships made at KGK Challenge Camp would have long-lasting effects for God's kingdom.

WEDNESDAY 17 – JAPAN, TAIWAN & HONG KONG

Brad & Michelle Jackson praise God for the three non-Christian women who come to Bible study each fortnight. Pray that they would have courage to accept God's offer of salvation and share the good news with their families. **Kellie Nicholas** gives thanks for the opportunity to take time out for study and holidays this month. **Dene & Rachel Hughes** pray for the university students to grow in Christian maturity. **Dave & Beck McIntyre** pray for perseverance for the youth leaders as numbers are few. Pray for more teenagers to come. Pray for the church meeting this Sunday to discuss the future, specifically buying a property. **Ian & Narelle Hadfield** praise God that the Moore College PTC subjects are enabling people at their church to grow in their knowledge and love for Christ and his work.

THURSDAY 18 – EAST ASIA

L & J pray for persevering love as they mentor and train Bible study leaders from five universities. Pray that the international students would clearly hear the gospel at a church camp that L is organising. **D & L** pray that God would guard their hearts as they adjust to routines and relationships back in Asia with patience, wisdom and love. **S & K** pray for unity amongst workers in their location, especially within their team. Pray for wisdom in reaching the Bonba people. **D & T** pray for their colleagues' visas to be renewed successfully. Pray for resolution to an issue unrelated to their colleagues, but which is causing the delay. **E** praises God for placing her in a supportive team and for opportunities to connect with people in her location. Pray for visas to keep being granted for expats, and for understanding and wisdom in language and culture learning. **L** gives thanks for God's provision of accommodation and good health. Pray for her team to have peace, unity and reliance on God following the cancellation of their long-term lease.

FRIDAY 19 – DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

SAH: Sam & Shan-Shan Chrisp give thanks for all the uncomfortable ways SAH is challenging them. Pray for God's help to make the most of the remaining time to reflect and learn. **Marty & Jenny Foord** pray that God would use their time at SAH to help them be cross-cultural servants in the future. **N** prays that she would abide in the Father each day. Pray for wisdom in time management. **S & P** pray for opportunities to study, particularly in the evenings when their newborn is unsettled. **Neill & Rebekah Dunbar (NZCMS)** pray for good organisation to complete assignments. Pray that the work would be valuable in equipping them for service in Cambodia. **Andrew & Liz Glover** give thanks for a wonderful and beneficial time at SAH. Pray for wisdom in decision-making and good farewells to family, church and friends as they prepare to move to Cambodia.

Mentac: Pray for follow-up of contacts from the mobile pantry and music play time. Pray for trainee/teacher C as he

develops friendships with men through ESL and table tennis.

SATURDAY 20 – CAMBODIA

Dave & Leoni Painter pray that Phnom Penh Bible School would have a full class of new students for the new academic year beginning this month. **Wim & Maaike Prins** give thanks for good medical care for Wim, and pray for a speedy recovery. Pray also for Wim's planned visit to Siem Reap later this month to reconnect with Buddhist monk friends. **Bethany Vaughan** praises God for opening up opportunities to discuss Jesus and Christianity with her landlady and language tutor. Pray for ongoing fluency in Khmer, particularly the ability to pray with the children she serves. **Craig & Samantha McCorkindale** pray for Craig as he begins teaching his first class in Khmer, Old Testament 1.

SUNDAY 21 – INDONESIA & TIMOR-LESTE

J & D pray for the Langham Preaching course which J is helping to teach this week. Pray that attendees would progress well in their ability to use and preach the New Testament. **R** prays for the smooth granting of his visa and for the provision of suitable accommodation before the start of his language course. **Alan & Helen Wood** praise God for continued growth in small groups, particularly the four Alpha groups. Pray for the parish retreat in early November, and that all six congregations would get to know each other better and be blessed by the fellowship. **Chris & Grace Adams** pray for Chris as he teaches an intensive course this month on biblical leadership at the Dili Bible Institute. Pray for Grace's ongoing work towards publishing the Tetun *Big Picture Story Bible*. **Andrew Buchanan (& Abi Tandiseru)** pray for the progress of two important applications for their plans under God: permanent residency for Abi and applying to CMS as a couple.

MONDAY 22 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

J & I pray that the investigative Bible study that has recently started would bear fruit for the kingdom. Thank God for answered prayers around E's schooling. **T & E** pray for preparations for the national and South East Asian holistic development network gatherings they are helping to organise for early next year. Pray that many would attend and be better equipped to make Jesus known and serve their communities. **I** praises God for her new rental house and for good classes this semester. Pray for the set-up of her new home and for the mid-semester exams. **H & M** pray for continuing perseverance in language learning for H. **L & I** pray for women believers from Muslim backgrounds to be better supported in their lives and outreach.

TUESDAY 23 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

T & J give thanks for T's quick trip back to location for a student conference. Give thanks for curiosity and genuine questions from the international students they work with in Australia. Pray for their salvation. **N** prays that God would shine his light into many hearts across the nation during a local religious festival this month. **M & L** pray for fruitful discussions of recent research and other ministry issues while at a conference in a nearby country with other workers. **J** gives thanks for God's provision of strength and wisdom in the lead up to the mid-term tests last week. Pray for **Mark & Rosemary Dickens** following their decision to relocate to Sydney next year to care for Rosemary's mother. Pray for the lay leadership at St George's as they lead the church through this transition. **S** gives thanks for God's provision of caring, hospitable and patient neighbours, language

teachers, strangers and colleagues. Pray that she would flourish and build good, long-lasting relationships over the coming months and years.

WEDNESDAY 24 – CHILE

Gary & Julie Haddon pray that Gary would preach faithfully and encourage people at the different churches he's been invited to recently. Pray that CEP students would study well as they approach the end of the year. **Frances Cook** prays for the CEP students leading sessions at the national Anglican youth congress this month. Pray that God's church would be built up by the congress. **Michael & Joanne Charles** pray for growth in understanding and love of Jesus as they study. Pray for concrete job proposals and trust in God's timing for the graduating CEP students. **Chris & Stef Overhall** give thanks for a visit from family and the opportunity to have a break from language class. Pray for a refreshing and joyful time.

THURSDAY 25 – MEXICO & BOLIVIA

Peter & Sarah Sholl pray for Peter as he teaches two subjects in Chile this month and attends a conference to promote evangelism materials. **Adrian & Anita Lovell** praise God for raising up Bolivians who are keen to share the gospel across cultures. Pray for Adrian and the other board members of ECAMM as they travel to India to pursue the possibility of sending Bolivian missionaries to partner in gospel work there. **Nick & Kysha Davies** give thanks for the Peruvian pastors' conference that ends today and for time chatting face-to-face with Peter Sholl. Pray that they would get back into routine quickly before Christmas and the conference season begins again. **Grahame & Patty Scarratt** pray for the changes being made to the Life Change through Christ Trust (LCC), which helps support their ministry, Libros Gran Panorama. Pray also for a book request they have received from Venezuela.

FRIDAY 26 – ARGENTINA

Peter & Terry Blowes pray for an IFES staff training conference in Colombia (2–9 November) that they will serve at before returning to Buenos Aires (10 November). Pray for suitable accommodation and for conversations about their roles in ABUA in this new term of service. **Martin & Julie Field** pray for the young couples they meet with monthly for marriage preparation. Pray for strong marriages built on the foundation of Christ. Pray for **Amy Stephens** and three other student workers from Argentina as they travel to Colombia for the IFES staff training conference.

SATURDAY 27 – NORTH AUSTRALIA

Wayne Oldfield & Mandy Jones give thanks for the appointment of Ben van Gelderen as the next principal of Nungalinya College. Pray that he would continue the strong biblical training focus of his predecessor, Dr Jude Long. **Tavis & Kate Beer** pray for Kate as she leads the Ministry Development Team through change. Pray that plans for next year would bear gospel fruit. **Terry & Liz McCoy** praise God for Liz's opportunity to teach Oral Trauma Healing to MAF and Pioneer missionaries, and some Indigenous participants at the end of the month. Pray for the Christians on Groote as they prepare for Christmas outreach and services. **Matt & Lisa Pearson** thank God for the desire people have to learn Kunwinjku. Pray that they would hear God speak and

share this news with their families. **Derek & Rosemary Snibson** pray for Christian leaders in Ngukurr who juggle challenges and difficulties in their own families, as well as the community. **Chris & Karen Webb** pray for a newlywed Christian couple, Tony and Audrey, to grow God's kingdom as they serve him together as husband and wife. **Matt & Kate Vinicombe** pray for regular, refreshing times in prayer and reading God's word during a period with little routine.

SUNDAY 28 – VANUATU, FIJI & PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Keith & Marion Birchley pray for the students of TSCF as they head home to their families and villages. Pray that they would remain faithful to the word and share biblical truths with those around them. **Joel & Tiffanie Atwood** give thanks for the regional IFES conference last month and pray for renewed momentum amongst students for the gospel of grace. Pray for the selection and training of new godly and gifted leaders for 2019.

MONDAY 29 – CMS BRANCHES

NSW & ACT: Praise God for the faithful cross-cultural training that occurs at St Andrew's Hall each year. Pray for more financial support of the SAH redevelopment project so that missionaries can continue to be equipped to serve across cultures for the next 50 years.

QNSW: Praise God for an encouraging time at the CMS Toowoomba Conference. Thank God for the involvement of regional churches who also long for *a world that knows Jesus*.

SANT: Give thanks for the acceptance of a new missionary-in-training for South East Asia from the branch. Pray for good focus and joy as she finishes her studies at the Bible College of South Australia.

TAS: Give thanks for this month's AGM and the thanksgiving to God for raising up a new missionary, meeting the financial year budget, and for new members, supporters and link churches that have joined CMS this year. Pray that the branch council and Scott would lead the branch well.

VIC: Pray for the branch board, finance and executive teams as they prepare for the AGM on 10 November.

WA: Pray for church partnerships for the branch's current missionaries-in-training.

TUESDAY 30 – CMS FELLOWSHIP

Join with **CMS SANT** in praying that God would stir the hearts of his people to give generously towards the St Andrew's Hall redevelopment appeal, so that missionaries can continue to be trained for cross-cultural mission service.

Former Missionaries' Fellowship: Praise God for the life of **George Townend** (Malaya 1959–61), who died in Adelaide on 7 August, aged 92. Pray for God's peace and comfort for his family. Praise God for **Rod Morris'** (Spain 1997–2000, Belgium 2001–02) successful heart surgery on 25 July to replace a faulty aortic valve. Pray for **John Rowse** (Tanzania 1983–85), who continues to spread the gospel of God's grace in Christ in East Africa.

WEDNESDAY 31 – CMS PARTNERS

Give thanks for the international partners CMS works with who share the vision of *a world that knows Jesus*. Pray for ongoing fruit in these relationships, as well as opportunities to partner with churches and organisations in new locations.