

SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS: EQUIPPING CHRISTIAN LEADERS

Father God, we thank you that, in your great kindness, you set aside faithful men and women to lead and serve in churches. We praise you for the many theological institutions around the world where Christians can be trained in biblical understanding and pastoral practice. Please be with new graduates as they commence ministry, and with those considering study and ministry as they seek your calling. Please continue to equip CMS missionaries involved in theological education as they promote gospel-centered training in all parts of the world. In the name of the head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY 1 – ARGENTINA

Martin & Julie Field pray for an encouraging time visiting four supporting churches during May. **Peter & Terry Blowes** ask that an event with Phillip Jensen in Buenos Aires on 8 May will promote effective gospel ministry in the city. Please continue to pray for the leadership of ABUA. **Amy Stephens** prays for the economic situation in the country, which affects many students and professionals.

THURSDAY 2 – MEXICO, BOLIVIA & PERU

Pray for **Peter & Sarah Sholl** speaking at a conference in Tampico on the topic of *Growing Disciples through 1-1 Bible reading*. Pray that those who attend would grow in their confidence God's word and would be keen to read it with others. **Adrian & Anita Lovell** give thanks for their chance to visit link churches over the last two months. Pray that they'd prioritise well as they make final preparations this month for their return to Bolivia. **Nick & Kysha Davies** pray for continued improvement with Kysha's health and for Nick's productivity in producing MOCLAM materials. **Grahame & Patty Scarratt** give thanks that charity status has been given to the new entity, *Life Change through Christ Ministries Ltd*. Please pray for the new directors as they meet for the first time, that they will quickly pick up on the workings of the book ministry they will oversee.

FRIDAY 3 – CHILE

Chris & Stef Overhall give thanks that Chris has begun teaching MOCLAM. Pray that the students of Chile will hunger for God's word and that MOCLAM will meet this need. **Michael & Jo Charles** praise the Lord that Jo has completed her Masters degree and will graduate in late May. Pray that God will use it to bless others as she has been blessed! **Gary & Julie Haddon** pray for CEP women as they have an overnight retreat together, and for their church day conferences this month. Pray that these times will be encouraging and challenging as they learn from God's word together. **Frances Cook** prays for the new Anglican province of Chile as it seeks to encourage the gospel ministry.

CMS SANT EVENTS TO PRAY ABOUT

24 - 25 July 2019

CMS Winter Dinner 2019

26 July 2019

Inaugural CMS Winter Lunch

SATURDAY 4 – ETHIOPIA, KENYA & TANZANIA

Shane & Naomi Rubie pray for Naomi's father's health and for wisdom regarding time in Australia. Pray for Tom who is transitioning next month to Australia. **Roger & Lynn Kay** pray for a strong finish as departure draws near. They are busy finishing things and preparing to hand over. Please pray for future ministry plans. **Maggie Crewes** prays that she could be a spiritual encouragement, and impart new practical skills, as she prepares to do refresher training with staff in Zimbabwe and Uganda. **Norm & Janelle Gorrie** pray for the rebuilding of a church at Balessa in the remote community of Barenbate (it was blown down in a storm). May there be real teamwork with men, women and youth across the dioceses coming together to rebuild. **Matthew & Samantha Archer** praise the Lord for the additional support they have recently received from CMS, and the love and care of amazing link churches. Please pray for the 30 students at BBMTC this year.

SUNDAY 5 – TANZANIA

Arthur & Tamie Davis pray for preparations for *Discipleship Training Seminar*, the TAFES Easter conference, taking place in eight regions. **Glen & Dominique Turner** pray for the continued good health of the Diocese of Mara. **Kevin & Karen Flanagan** pray that Karen will have opportunity to tell Bible stories with women. Give thanks for Kevin's opportunities to read the Swahili Bible with others. **Judith Calf** praises God for the last five months of teaching their Evangelists' Foundation Course; pray their graduation on 31 May will be filled with thanksgiving and joy in the Lord. **Mike & Katie Taylor** ask God for energy to develop useful resources and to keep persevering in ministry relationships. **Liz Burns** prays for encouragement in the hope of Christ.

MONDAY 6 – NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA & DR CONGO

Mike & Karen Roe pray for their last month at NETS before home assignment. Pray for the students as they prepare to sit exams. **Daniel & Olivia Webster** pray for wisdom in planning their curriculum for the next five years. Pray it will train leaders helpfully. **Kylie Zietsch** prays for the students at JBC that they would dig deep in the Bible and grow. Pray for provision and trust in God. **Nathan & Diane Lovell** give thanks for the official Hope building opening on 18 May. Give thanks to God for providing the finances for a new building. **David & Prue Boyd** pray for wisdom as they make decisions about their return to Congo after the death of their grandchild. **Graham & Wendy Toulmin** pray for the new Diocese of Beni with the consecration of Bishop Kambale Cyril on 12 May.

TUESDAY 7 – DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

SAH: **K** prays for God's leading and provision as plans are made for the future - specifically regarding home assignment and work on location. **M** thanks God for good relationships, and prays that she would make the most of the last few weeks down here. **M & O** ask for prayer as they finish the final subjects, prepare for deputation, and prepare their kids to move back to Sydney for a time. **N & R** give thanks for God opening doors to their destination location. **I & J** pray that they will make the best use of their time to get ready for cross cultural work, and for the church back in Wentworthville as they look for a new senior minister. **A** asks God for opportunities to share Jesus with her unbelieving brother and his family who live in Melbourne. **A & M** thank God for the enjoyment of connecting with their branch members, and pray for further fruitful learning times in this second half of the course. **P & J** pray that doors would stay open for them to serve in Uruguay, and that their relationships with people there would be growing even now.

Mentac: Please pray for Mentac trainees and trainers to be faithful and effective in discipling believers from Muslim backgrounds, especially Afghans, Persians and Arabs.

WEDNESDAY 8 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

H & M pray for consistency in attendance from H's language helper, and for K's thyroid levels to come down as they have gone very high again. **I** prays for coping during a busy month of final exams and preparation for home assignment, all during Ramadan. **J & I** pray for the ongoing formation of a team to begin working among international students, and for wisdom in following up those who came to Easter outreach events. **T & E** ask that the recently held palliative care conference would bear fruit, as believing doctors provide care at this critical time of people's lives. **J** gives thanks for encouraging times spent with supporters in the northwest of Western Australia, and prays for similarly mutually encouraging sharing opportunities in the southwest in May.

THURSDAY 9 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

M & L pray that they might be able to focus on the setting and marking of assignments amidst a busy semester. **N & R** pray for seeds that were sown during last month's water festival, and for Third Culture Kid camp to be fruitful. **S** gives thanks to the Father for his sustaining strength, love, and power; and for one year in South East Asia. **Na** asks the Father to provide new students, good relationships, and opportunities to shine for him as the new term begins. **Ne** prays for wisdom, provision and continued trust in the Father with visa applications and other logistics ahead of arrival on location.

FRIDAY 10 – CAMBODIA

Bethany Vaughan praises God for his provision of new ministry at ICF church, and prays for her relocation to Phnom Penh. **Wim & Maaike Prins** thank God for Wim's completion of checking the new edition of a glossary providing key Bible words. Pray for perseverance amidst injuries, and power and water cuts. **Craig & Samantha McCorkindale** pray that during the hottest month, the family will finish the school year off well. Pray for **Dave & Leoni Painter** as they continue visiting link churches. **Andrew & Liz Glover** pray for sensitivity to the great variety of nationalities and church backgrounds in ICF.

SATURDAY 11 – INDONESIA, SINGAPORE & TIMOR-LESTE

Alan & Helen Wood pray that members are mobilised to personal evangelism especially with relatives and friends. Please pray for **R** as he continues to learn language and culture. **J & D** pray for their current group of new small group leaders being trained, that they will help people understand and apply God's word well. Pray with **Mark & Rosemary Dickens** for Philip and Judy Sinden, who are serving at St George's in a locum capacity until a new vicar is found. **Marty & Jenny Foord** pray for the remainder of their home assignment. May they be an encouragement to their supporting churches and help them to focus more upon world mission. Pray that they would leave well. **Chris & Grace Adams** pray for the successful reprinting and launch of the Tetun language *Big Picture Story Bible*.

SUNDAY 12 – NORTH AUSTRALIA

Chris & Karen Webb ask God to raise up strong Aboriginal Christians to lead God's people in the Kimberley. **Matt & Lisa Pearson** give thanks for the faithful work of past CMS missionaries in Gunbalanya. **Tavis & Kate Beer** pray for the pre-synod gathering of Aboriginal leaders (27-30 May) and for wise decisions to be made at synod (31 May – 2 June). **Derek & Rosemary Snibson** pray for the commencement of Bible studies with two local leaders, and another study at a drug rehabilitation centre. **Wayne Oldfield & Mandy Jones** give thanks for an encouraging KCC (*Katherine Christian Convention*) that happened over the May long weekend. Thanks for the involvement of many communities in the evening celebrations.

MONDAY 13 – NORTH AUSTRALIA, PNG & VANUATU

Pray for **Matt & Kate Vinicombe** to make the most of language opportunities and for more opportunities to learn. **Keith & Marion Birchley** pray for the students involved in the *Mark Drama* (performing today and tomorrow), and all those attending, to be drawn back to Jesus. Pray for **Joel & Tiffanie Atwood's** ministry trainee leading the campus work while they teach at another location. Pray for Joel and his students as they spend a three week intensive in Acts to be captivated by Christ.

TUESDAY 14 – UAE & JORDAN

K prays, as the leader of the country has declared a "Year of Tolerance", that this produces a good environment for K's work and the meeting of believers. **J & D** pray for servant hearts, stamina, and good health for the girls in D's mentoring group, as they are currently on two months practical ministry experience placements. **W & C** pray, as Ramadan continues this month, for gospel opportunities for believers in Dubai as they enjoy Iftar with Muslim friends. **Malcolm & Charissa** pray that they will get everything organised well before they head for Home Assignment in June.

WEDNESDAY 15 – MIDDLE EAST

J asks for spiritual thirstiness during Ramadan and for renewed intentionality in her sharing. During Ramadan, **L** will serve at a 'like minded' TB hospital. Please pray for opportunities to share stories about fasting and spiritual water. Pray they will also be spiritually thirsty. **S & P** pray for opportunities to build trust and relationships with those in the local community. **L & I** pray for women around the world learning through *When Women Speak*, for classes to grow deeper in their understanding of Islam and how to share the good news.

THURSDAY 16 – MIDDLE EAST

S & C pray that their deputation will be encouraging to their link churches and glorifying to God, as they share of the work going on in the Middle East. **M** praises God for good language teachers and great team dynamics. Pray for opportunities to deepen friendships and to share during Ramadan. **C** asks for deeper relationships and good convos during Ramadan and the holiday that follows. Give thanks for the opportunity to try a new language school and please keep asking that she'd grow to understand the Arabic spoken by those around her. **B** prays for spiritual protection during Ramadan, and that God will reveal himself to those whom he is calling to himself, and particularly for friend and teacher M, that she would have dreams of Jesus.

FRIDAY 17 – NEPAL

K & M L pray that God will equip them for every good work. **I & R** pray R can wisely assist the KISC PE staff develop PE programs. **D & E** pray for more teachers for the new academic year: History, Art, Music and a college counsellor, in particular. **J** prays for God to equip his people with the Spirit.

SATURDAY 18 – NEPAL & PAKISTAN

K (& B) pray for refreshment and rejuvenation for everyone at annual workers retreat this month. **B & L** are thankful for the opportunity to visit the place where they first worked in the 1990s. Please continue to pray for visas for L's two teacher colleagues as well as B's visa. **G & R** give thanks for the combined UMN & INF Conference that was held in Pokhara 11-13 May, for a rich time of teaching, fellowship, sharing and encouragement. **L & T** ask for a quick recognition of L's Masters so that they can smoothly transfer visas. Pray for their friend P whose steps towards Jesus are being hindered by a sense of family obligation. **S** asks that she remains faithful as she travels and lives and works alongside with others of different faiths, and for opportunities to share with them about Jesus. Please also ask for safe travel. **D & S** pray for health so that S may continue to serve God with vitality and energy, and ask that the Spirit will come with power and conviction in their relationships as they share Christ, our eternal hope.

SUNDAY 19 – SOUTH ASIA

E asks for perseverance in attending university during the heat of this fasting month. Ask for opportunities to share hope with her classmates. **S (& T)** pray their guests will find the rest they need when they come to stay. **K** prays for a very new believer 'R' to continue and grow in her faith. Pray that her family members also come to believe. **L** prays that God will speak to and through L as she begins deputation this month. **M & K** praise God for the recent weekend they just had with other workers from across the country. Please pray for M's first language exams this week. **S & I** ask that the final six weeks of their time in South Asia will be filled with good relational time and not be bogged down in the details of leaving.

MONDAY 20 – CMS AUSTRALIA

Give thanks for the *CMS World Mission Conference* in Hobart, and those who attended. Pray for the staff members on annual leave, that they would have times of rest and spiritual refreshment.

TUESDAY 21 – FRANCE

Caroline Evenden thanks God for raising up a new regional student leader, and prays for replacements for all the Southwest Bible study group leaders currently finishing in their roles. **Daniel & Kate Morris** pray for students as they finish off their academic year and sit exams, that they will continue to prioritise meeting together with other Christians and love those around them. **Josh & Susannah Apieczonek** pray that planning for the 2019-20 year will be helpful and successful. **Colin & Catherine Puffett** pray for their church this Saturday hosting a women's event with the *Lydia Fellowship / 'Mouvement Lydie'* on prayer. Please pray for their church (Bossières), France and the world—and for the teaching on prayer through scripture. **Kelly Landrigan** prays for energy and motivation as the school year winds down, to finish well. **M** asks for understanding, and a generous heart for people around her who are struggling financially.

WEDNESDAY 22 – ITALY, IRELAND & MALTA

Simon & Jessica Cowell pray as they wrap up their first academic year in Bari, that they would be making good foundations for following years; and for the students as exam period begins again, that they would keep the priority of wanting to share Jesus with their friends at this time. **Gillian Law** prays that during the final weeks of campus ministry, they can keep encouraging each other in God's word and in prayer. **Naomi Brunacci** prays for Italian students as they continue to learn to lead Bible studies and share their faith to grow in courage in the gospel, that it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. **Erin Moorcroft** prays for the students at Sligo Grammar as the final exams kick off next week. **G & R** prays that Maltese Christians will share their life and gospel with their friends.

THURSDAY 23 – AUSTRIA, GERMANY & SLOVENIA

Rob & Arabelle Horne pray for unity in Christ, and clearer ministry vision and strategy as a church. **Rachel Gibbs** prays for the uni administrations across Austria. Recently they have been denying the ÖSM the ability to run events on campus. Please pray that these people would come to know Jesus as their lord and saviour and that they would be allowed to freely proclaim the gospel on campuses. **Mimy Gardner** praises God for a relaxing holiday with her parents over Easter. Pray that lots of people will sign up to attend church weekend away in early June. **Klaus & Jude Hickel** pray that their church weekend away, next weekend, would be a time of learning and growing together under David Jackman's teaching. **Kingsley & Veronica Box** pray for God to work in the hearts of leaders in their church, that they might grow in godliness and love.

FRIDAY 24 – SPAIN & EURASIA

Jim & Tanja French continue to pray for the Anglican church in Valencia which Jim, Tanja, Evie and Silas are part of. Ask that it would be light and salt in Spain and a place of encouragement and discipleship. **Mike & Tania Snowdon** praise God for the safe arrival of their fourth boy Lucas (11 March) and pray he would grow to know Jesus. Pray for the GBE staff co-ordination weekend away (17-19 May) for fruitful discussions and plans to be made. **John & Jodi Lovell** pray for wisdom and boldness as John attends the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church Synod in Madrid at the end of May. Please pray for **R** to use her time well as she prepares to head back to Australia.

SATURDAY 25 – EAST ASIA

Ian & Narelle Hadfield thank God that Rev Lucas and Catherine Durant will commence work in Resurrection church in June. Pray for Ian and Narelle's new focus at St Andrew's Kowloon. **Sam & Shan-Shan Chrisp** pray for the last significant details to be finalised ahead of their departure for their first term. **S & K** ask for wisdom as they begin visa applications, ask for a safe delivery for K and baby, and for bold witness for T and J. **L** prays for God's power to soften the hearts of those in authority, turning them to repentance and faith in Jesus.

SUNDAY 26 – EAST ASIA

D & T pray for favour from the local authorities to enable the work to continue and grow. **E** prays that God's children will be adopted into 'forever homes' from the orphanage. Pray that **D & L** will shine brightly amongst their new neighbourhood and have positive first encounters, giving salty answers to curious questions. **L & J** give thanks to God for their partnerships, that they can rejoice together about how the Lord is at work in their context. Pray for their family to be gracious with one another in an intense month of visiting.

MONDAY 27 – JAPAN

Adam & Helene Ramsay pray for Japan concerning the new imperial 'Reiwa' era. Pray that it would be an era in which many come to know him, and lives, families and cities transformed by his love. **Steven & Sandra Parsons** pray as Steven meets with the Asia Pacific Region leadership, to discuss strategies for reaching the gospel poor throughout Japan and all the region. **Roger & Noriko Dethlefs** thank God for the opportunity to help a Japanese KGK worker apply for English-medium Theology Training in the Philippines. Also give thanks for the CMS Japan Missionaries Retreat—time for mutual encouragement and refreshment. **Nathan & Maki Clapham** pray for the student leader overnight camp later this week and their preparations for home assignment from June. **Chenny Thie** gives thanks for those who came to the Kanto KGK new student welcome event. Pray that they will be well established in KGK group in their respective campuses. **Matt & Jen Lim** pray as they seek to build relationships with other local families through kindy and daycare.

TUESDAY 28 – JAPAN

Dene & Rachel Hughes give thanks for the growth in 'Music for Fun' and for the mums who stay on to read the Bible. Give thanks for the families from music, soccer and neighbourhood connections who've started bringing whole families to *Bible Adventure*. **Kellie Nicholas** gives thanks for the recommencement of *International Bible Café* (international student ministry), and prays that they will do a good job of connecting and encouraging international students. **Brad & Michelle Jackson** pray for Riyu and Alisha who have regularly attended *Young Life* and camps for almost two years. Now into Year 8, their demanding study schedules prevent regular participation. Pray God will continue to work in their hearts and save them. **Dave & Beck McIntyre** ask for prayer as they prepare for six months of home assignment from July. Pray that they would finish their first term well and say farewells to friends in Japan.

WEDNESDAY 29 – CMS PARTNERS

Give thanks for the beneficiaries of the Mission Support Fund and the work that they do. Pray for servant hearts that seek to glorify God in all that they do in proclaiming Christ and supporting his church. Pray for wisdom for the Mission Support Fund Committee as they make decisions about who to support through the fund.

THURSDAY 30 – CMS BRANCHES

NSW & ACT: Praise God for the many faithful supporters in our fellowship who are committed to praying, caring, and giving for the long-term. Pray that supporters will be encouraged by their partnership in God's mission and give generously to the *CMS Lasting Hope Appeal* this year.

QNNSW: Praise God for a number of people in QNNSW considering long-term, cross-cultural service with CMS.

SANT: Please join us in giving thanks for the financial generosity of supporters towards the *Lasting Hope Appeal*. Pray that new financial supporters would take the opportunity in May and June to partner financially with the work of CMS SANT through gospel workers. Please also pray for current supporters inviting friends to the *CMS Winter Dinner*. Please pray for good conversations about the ministry and mission of CMS and for boldness in inviting.

TAS: Give thanks for the opportunity in April for State Director, Scott Sargent, to travel to SE Asia to visit Tasmania workers T & E on behalf of CMS-A. Thank God that the youth/young adult night at *World Mission Conference* earlier this month had over three times last year's registrations, with well over 100 young people being challenged to get involved in global mission. Pray for K, early in her first deployment to South Asia.

VIC: Please pray for the Lord, in his bounty, to provide for CMS Victoria in our *Lasting Hope* appeal. Pray that our partners will be inspired by our vision to send more workers from our branch.

WA: Please pray that God would sustain our new missionaries for the remaining two months of their Home Assignment. Please ask that God would raise up the funding necessary to send our new missionaries.

FRIDAY 31 – CMS FELLOWSHIP

Former Missionaries' Fellowship: With the Former Missionaries' Fellowship, we pray for **David and Prue Boyd** (DR Congo) and **Keren Boyd** (Tanzania 1996-2003) in their bereavement of David and Prue's grandson, Ned Isham, who died on 29 March in Hobart. And we pray for **Liz Hawthorne** (CMS Affiliate Zambia 2008-13) on her current mission to take 'The Jesus Film' to Zambians and support the local churches.