

## SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS: CHURCHES AND GOD'S MISSION

Father God, we thank you that we do not stand alone as Christians, but form the body of the church with our brothers and sisters, under Christ as our head. We praise you for continuing to provide faithful local churches to support CMS missionaries with generous giving and persistent prayer, and ask that even more churches would be inspired by the vision of a world that knows Jesus and partner with CMS to enable the gospel to go out to all nations. Grant us radical generosity in the name of your Son. Amen.

### SATURDAY 1 – ARGENTINA

**Martin & Julie Field** pray for the young graduates helping with the ABUA group in Córdoba. **Peter & Terry Blowes** ask for good opportunities to teach God's word and build up students and graduates, so their faith is built on the rock of Jesus' words. **Amy Stephens** prays for the faculty groups that meet on campus each week to read the Bible. Pray that the students would come to know and trust Jesus more.

### SUNDAY 2 – MEXICO, BOLIVIA & PERU

**Peter & Sarah Sholl** pray for Peter as he teaches Ephesians to a group of Anglican leaders in central Mexico. **Adrian & Anita Lovell** give thanks for their last months of home assignment. Pray for safe travel on the 12th-13th, and that they would quickly feel settled in Bolivia again. **Nick & Kysha Davies** pray for the four MOCLAM groups studying in Lima, that participants would love Christ more. **Grahame & Patty Scarratt** give thanks for the books that have been made for people to read alongside the MOCLAM courses.

### MONDAY 3 – CHILE

**Chris & Stef Overhall** pray for the IFES World Assembly, for the safety of those travelling and renewed zeal to preach the gospel in universities. Pray also that their permanent residency is granted quickly, as their visa expires this month. **Michael & Jo Charles** praise God for Jo's graduation in May, and pray for the first-year CEP students as they approach their first exams. Pray they will be encouraged by how much they have learned about God. **Gary & Julie Haddon** praise God for all the events of May, including the CEP women's retreat and the intensive taught by Phillip Jensen on preaching. Pray for the CEP students as they finish semester one and prepare for exams. **Frances Cook** asks for prayer for herself and her church, that home groups would be places where many come to know Jesus and follow him well.

## CMS SANT EVENTS TO PRAY ABOUT

24 - 25 July 2019

CMS Winter Dinner 2019

26 July 2019

Inaugural CMS Winter Lunch

### TUESDAY 4 – ETHIOPIA, KENYA & TANZANIA

**Shane & Naomi Rubie** pray for all their students completing Cambridge exams this month. Give thanks with **Roger & Lynn Kay** for nine and a half years of ministry in Ethiopia—for the many ways God has used them and all they've learnt. Pray for good farewells as they leave soon. **Maggie Crewes** prays for a new Ethiopian project director to be raised up for Retrak Hope for Justice. Pray for a highly skilled and professional leader for this complex and demanding project. **Norm & Janelle Gorrie** pray that Janelle's new PowerPoint for Borana Literacy Lessons may be widely used on smartphones. Pray for effective Gospel ministry in their school at Bubisa, which is facing enormous challenges. **Matthew & Samantha Archer** praise God for his great love and providence for them during final home assignment. Pray their family will remain steadfast in their desire to live for Christ.

### WEDNESDAY 5 – TANZANIA

**Arthur & Tamie Davis** pray for their staff retreat on June 17-23. Pray with **Glen & Dominique Turner** for God's favour in applying for work and residence permits. **Kevin & Karen Flanagan** pray that the Lord would raise up many more committed pastors for the work in the diocese of Lake Rukwa. **Judith Calf** thanks God for precious time with family in Australia. **Mike & Katie Taylor** praise God for a good teaching semester and ask for a good break for all. **Liz Burns** prays that she and her fellow believers would live such good lives that, though people accuse them of doing wrong, they may see their good deeds and glorify God.

### THURSDAY 6 – NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA & DR CONGO

Pray for **Mike & Karen Roe** and their family as they transition back to Australia for home assignment this month. Pray for the NETS staff as some transition into new roles for Semester 2. **Daniel & Olivia Webster** thank God for those who graduated from NETS recently. Pray that they would give themselves in humble service to our King and his church and be used by him to bear fruit that will last. **Kylie Zietsch** praises God for the small things in life like running water, electricity and warm clothes. Pray for the continued writing of material for the *Biblical Counselling and Care* course. Pray for the practicalities of **Nathan & Diane Lovell's** visa situation. This month they start the process to renew Shiri's study visa and apply for a study visa for Isaac to start kindergarten in 2020. **David & Prue Boyd** pray that preparations for the forthcoming deacons' course in July go smoothly. Pray for the timely completion of work on the audiology room at the hospital. **Graham & Wendy Toulmin** give thanks for the growing competencies of the current dental students and pray for a good conclusion to the academic year.

## FRIDAY 7 – DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

**SAH:** **K** prays for clarity and wisdom as discussions about location & pre-departure preparation continue. **M** asks God for helpful and God-honouring conversations with people during deputation. **M & O** give thanks for a wonderful time at SAH and pray for safe travels and God's strength as they settle into Sydney life and deputation. **N & R** ask God to encourage supporters through them, even as they are encouraged by their supporters on the upcoming first home assignment. **I & J** pray as they finish their time at St Andrew's Hall and visit partners and supporters, that this would be a good time for establishing mutual connections that will be an encouragement in both directions. **A & M** thank the Lord for the excellent training he has provided here at SAH and ask for his wisdom and endurance as they prepare their risk management, pastoral care and language plans. **P & J** thank God for a positive reconnection with the Uruguayan IFES (evangelical campus group) director, and pray for wisdom as they begin making plans for life in Uruguay next year.

**Mentac:** Pray that the celebrations at the end of Ramadan this week will be opportunities for hospitality and friendship between Christians and Muslims.

## SATURDAY 8 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

**H & M** pray for continuing perseverance in language learning for H. **I** prays for those who have the Bible to keep reading and seeking, and those who don't to stumble across the Bible online. **J & I** pray that E will finish year 10 well and for the development of a good team to begin international student ministry from the cathedral. **T & E** ask for the regular student ministry to finish well before the end of semester and ask for opportunities as T takes groups on their final camps. **J** gives thanks that deputation is going well, with worthwhile connections in rural and urban areas.

## SUNDAY 9 – SOUTH EAST ASIA

**M & L** pray as one cohort of their students go out on a ministry internship for a year. Pray that they will put into practice what they have been learning at college and grow in godliness. **N & R** pray for L's transition to Australia and year 12 schooling, and S's exams as she ends her international school year. Pray for believers in South East Asia and for **S**, that they will all persevere in faith and shine brightly for Jesus. Pray they will live lives worthy of the Lord and give joyful thanks to the Father. Pray that **Na** will keep improving in her ability to understand what is being said at church and that she'd develop some good relationships with the people there. **Ne** gives thanks for God's gracious and generous provision of encouraging people and churches throughout Home Assignment.

## MONDAY 10 – CAMBODIA

**Bethany Vaughan** prays for opportunities to share about Jesus during her work. **Wim & Maaïke Prins** give thanks for the progress with checking Vol. 4 of the Bible dictionary. Pray that **Craig & Samantha McCorkindale** will seek to develop Khmer friendships as their language progresses. Pray for **Dave & Leoni Painter** as they continue to visit link churches this month. **Andrew & Liz Glover** pray for sensitivity to the great variety of nationalities and church backgrounds in ICF.

## TUESDAY 11 – INDONESIA, SINGAPORE & TIMOR-LESTE

**Alan & Helen Wood** praise God for a celebratory 200th anniversary dinner and a short holiday. **R** prays that, as the month of fasting concludes, that the many Muslims who have had dreams and visions of Jesus will find someone whom they can talk to about him, and that they will also choose to follow Jesus. **J & D** pray that they can engage well with churches and supporters during their short Home Assignment. **Mark & Rosemary Dickens** pray for continued strong lay leadership at St George's. **Marty & Jenny Foord** pray their employment passes are processed quickly, and that God would provide financial supporters. Pray that they would leave and arrive well. Pray for **Chris & Grace Adams** as they prepare to leave for Home Assignment at the end of the month. Pray they will leave their ministries well and resolve their accommodation while they are away.

## WEDNESDAY 12 – NORTH AUSTRALIA

**Chris & Karen Webb** thank God that their parents have been able to visit these last two months. Give thanks that the children have had time with their grandparents. **Matt & Lisa Pearson** ask that God keep growing them and the leaders on Sundays at kids church. **Tavis & Kate Beer** pray for good health for their family and the leaders that they work with. Pray with **Derek & Rosemary Snibson** that through the NT pre-synod sessions and Annual Synod at the end of this month, church leaders will move forward with a greater sense of purpose and mission. Pray also for the blessing of life and ministry for their son Joel and Adele to be married on 23 June. **Wayne Oldfield & Mandy Jones** pray for their two Cert 4 classes happening over the last 2 weeks of June. Pray that God will enable all who want to study to be able to make it into college.

## THURSDAY 13 – NORTH AUSTRALIA, PNG & VANUATU

Pray with **Matt & Kate Vinicombe** that Christians here would seek to encourage and build each other up by meeting regularly. **Keith & Marion Birchley** pray for the UPNG students after *The Mark Drama* and their midyear Conference (*Summit*), that they may know Jesus more deeply and seek knowledge from His Word. **Joel & Tiffanie Atwood** give thanks for their first national leadership conference last week. Pray for new Ni-Vanuatu leaders to catch the vision for gospel ministry and our existing leaders to be encouraged, trained, and challenged.

## FRIDAY 14 – UAE & JORDAN

**K** gives thanks for the opportunity to do some specialised study while overseas, and prays for wisdom in time use, energy, and concentration in study. **J & D** pray that many of their '2:42' leaders come to their leader training afternoon. **W & C** pray for their preparation for Home Assignment. **Malcolm & Charissa** pray their time visiting supporting churches will be a blessing for both parties.

## SATURDAY 15 – MIDDLE EAST

**J** asks for wisdom for her church team to disciple new believers into mature faith, in the face of fear. **L** prays that relationships and their exercise group will be quickly re-established now that Ramadan is over. **S & P** pray for good healing for Z (age 2) after surgery, and for the whole family as they move to location. Thank God for so much growth and encouragement during deputation for the past six months. **L & I** pray for a good conclusion and graduation for trainees at SAH, and for Mentac-ers to find a cross-cultural friend and grow in relationship with them.

## SUNDAY 16 – MIDDLE EAST

**S & C** pray for a mutually encouraging time visiting link churches. **M** prays for energy to keep studying language in the hot summer months. **C** gives thanks for the two families she's got to know very well, her cultural mentors and language teachers. **B** prays for the existing local church to be convicted by the power of the gospel and emboldened to share it with their friends of the majority faith.

## MONDAY 17 – NEPAL

**K & M L** pray for God's guidance to influence their decisions in life. **I & R** pray that as a homeroom teacher, Ruth will be able to encourage her students to know God better, and develop their social and academic skills. **D & E** thank God for the release of some Christians who had been recently arrested. Pray for continuing protection over the believers here. Pray that **J** will know the joy of what Christ has done for her.

## TUESDAY 18 – NEPAL & PAKISTAN

**K (& B)** pray for rehabilitation department staff as they meet weekly with any interested to read the Bible and pray. **B & L** give thanks for several opportunities in this last month for retreat and reflection. Pray they will be reminded and encouraged that God uses all in their weakness and vulnerability. **G & R** give thanks for God's grace in granting visas. Pray for God's provision of key staff needed for palliative care expansion, so that the construction of an aged care hostel can move ahead. **L & T** pray for a good finish to the academic year. Praise God that there has continued to be relative freedom for believers. **S** asks that her words and actions will point training participants and staff to Jesus, as she teaches in South East Asia. **D & S** pray for friend **S** who knows the Father, for protection and steadfastness for her and her family as they experience big difficulties and physical threats.

## WEDNESDAY 19 – SOUTH ASIA

**E** prays, as university finishes this month, for opportunities and perseverance in language learning with a different routine. **S (& T)** give thanks for all God's blessings in the safe arrival of **T** in March. Give thanks for his health and all the ways he's growing. Ask for wisdom in parenting him and running **Aram** at the same time. **K** prays for joy and perseverance this hot and rainy season. **L** prays that Christian leaders in house churches and work places would provide good examples for reconciling relationships, by publicly admitting mistakes and humbly requesting forgiveness. **M & K** ask that, when hot and uncomfortable during their first monsoon, they would know the love, patience and perseverance promised through the Holy Spirit and would grow in love for those in this country for whom challenge and struggle is a daily

reality. Give thanks as **S & I** leave South Asia soon after seven years of serving there. Pray the Lord would bring fruit in his time, and raise up more labourers for the harvest field.

## THURSDAY 20 – CMS AUSTRALIA

Pray for the pastoral visits happening all over the world this month, that those who meet can be an encouragement to one another to serve Christ faithfully and joyfully, in all wisdom.

## FRIDAY 21 – FRANCE

**Caroline Evenden** prays that many students register for one of the GBU summer training conferences, and through it grow in their love and knowledge of God and his word, and their enthusiasm and ability to share it with others. **Daniel & Kate Morris** pray for Kate's ministry at Sunday school, that the children will trust in Christ and glorify God in their lives. Pray for wisdom in planning Sunday school for the next year. **Josh & Susannah Apieczonek** give thanks for their church plant and Susannah's involvement in the excellent kids' programme. **Colin & Catherine Puffett** pray for good goodbyes as the school year ends and for meaningful connections with families over the summer break. **Kelly Landrigan** gives thanks as the year finishes up before the big summer break. Pray for good use of 'end of year' parties and final church meetings before the summer holidays. **M** asks that her team would be unified and that they'd love one another sacrificially.

## SATURDAY 22 – ITALY, IRELAND & MALTA

**Simon & Jessica Cowell** thank God for their first academic year serving with the GBU in Bari. Pray that they would use the summer well, including preparing students for the following year. **Gillian Law** thanks God that Rome student leader **G** can attend the IFES world assembly in South Africa next month. Pray that she will be encouraged and challenged and return to share with the rest of GBU Italy students what God is doing. Pray for **Naomi Brunacci's** trip back to Australia and the opportunities to share with partner churches about the work God is doing among students in Italy, that they'd be mutually encouraged to keep serving Jesus. **Erin Moorcroft** prays for all the children's camps and family conferences over the summer holidays—that many would come to faith and others be built up in their faith. **G & R** pray for their youth camp to go well with fun, fellowship and others coming to faith.

## SUNDAY 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 God to raise up a new student leader for the ÖSM Linz group, as the current leaders will be stepping down at the end of the semester. **Mimy Gardner** praises God for a holiday with parents and prays for peace, unity, encouragement and honest fellowship at the church weekend away over Pentecost. Pray that **Klaus & Jude Hicel** would continue to strengthen relationships with their supporters during home assignment. Pray for **Kingsley & Veronica Box** as the school year finishes and they start to farewell Slovene friends. Pray for opportunities to speak of Jesus.

## MONDAY 24 – SPAIN & EURASIA

**Jim & Tanja French** thank God for the residency process going well. Pray for contacts and friendships with Spanish speakers. **Mike & Tania Snowdon** praise God for a good teaching semester and ask for a good break for them all. **John & Jodi Lovell** pray the annual church Kid's Club will provide many opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with both children and their families. **R** gives thanks for the connections of Home Assignment, especially at Coorparoo this week.

## TUESDAY 25 – EAST ASIA

**Ian & Narelle Hadfield** thank God for eight months of spiritual progress at Resurrection Church. Pray as they prepare for deputation in the next two months. **Sam & Shan-Shan Chrisp** thank God for their recent commissioning service, and the many supporters who gathered, farewelled, and sent them off. **S & K** ask for ongoing wisdom and energy this month as they settle into life as a family of four, commence visa applications, and prepare for their return to location. **L** gives thanks for a short break visiting students in another city and for the generosity of the local team in donating a second-hand keyboard.

## WEDNESDAY 26 – EAST ASIA

**D & T** pray for faithfulness as they continue to study a very difficult language. **E** asks for safe travels for friends visiting and for an upcoming visa application. Pray for the beginning of another year of language study. **D & L** praise God for his transforming work and for the privilege it is to bless others with what they have been richly given. **L & J** thank God for their time in Australia. With farewells coming up, pray they will trust and Christ and love one another. Pray especially for their children transitioning.

## THURSDAY 27 – JAPAN

**Adam & Helane Ramsay** pray that their team would achieve clarity and consensus as they look towards the future. Pray that they'd keep pointing people to Jesus. Pray with **Steven & Sandra Parsons** as Steven pulls together the work of a task force to improve ministry, team, and leadership development for a presentation next month. **Roger & Noriko Dethlefs** thank God for an encouraging start to Shibuya Block monthly meetings, with 55 attending the first meeting for the new academic year. **Nathan & Maki Clapham** pray for members of their church small groups as they meet this month. **Chenny Thie** prays for discipline in Japanese language self-study. Pray for **Matt & Jen Lim** as Matt begins attending monthly youth clubs—for deepening relationships with the ministry staff and students, even with his limited Japanese language.

## FRIDAY 28 – JAPAN

**Dene & Rachel Hughes** give thanks that *Music for Fun* has split into two age groups. Pray many mums will hang around for Bible reading time. Pray with **Kellie Nicholas** that campus bible studies will keep meeting even when students are busy, and that they will be a source of encouragement for those who attend. **Brad & Michelle Jackson** pray for *Bible Explore*, the youth evangelistic Bible study that is running once a month. Pray that the young men in this group will come to know Jesus. Please pray for **Dave & Beck McIntyre** and the family as they make final preparations to leave Japan on July 1 for home assignment. Please pray for the transition to life in Australia.

## SATURDAY 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. **Bijaya & Kate** pray for their house fellowship group, that God would use the times they meet every Wednesday night to see each person grow in their relationship with Jesus.

## SUNDAY 30 – CMS BRANCHES

**NSW & ACT:** Praise God for the generosity of his people in the *Lasting Hope Appeal*. Pray that these funds would be used wisely as CMS NSW & ACT works to keep missionaries in their locations, and raise up new workers for the harvest field.

**QNNSW:** Praise God for the faithful giving of QNNSW members and supporters in the lead up to the end of the financial year. Thank God for continually meeting all of CMS's needs.

**SANT:** Please pray for our three gospel worker families returning to Adelaide for home assignment in June and July. Please pray that they will be able to say 'good-bye' well on location, especially the families on extended home assignment or being relocated, and that the transition from their location to Adelaide would be helpful for the whole family.

**TAS:** Give thanks for the 120 youth and youth leaders who came to *World Mission Conference* in May. May their interest in and involvement with global mission be a lifelong one. Give thanks for a new missionary couple from Tasmania, **Maurice and Amanda**. Pray for them as they prepare to go to SAH Semester 1 next year.

**VIC:** Thank God for all those who gave sacrificially in the *Lasting Hope Appeal*. Pray to ease the burdens of the finance and admin teams as they enter the busy month of July, wrapping up the financial year.

**WA:** Give thanks for all the churches who have agreed to partner with new missionaries, and ask for God's blessing on them. Pray for a miraculous response to the annual appeal.