

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathleen & Anita (Day 17)

On Saturday mornings, we are teaching the Broken Cisterns seminar to the 14 office workers in a software company run by a Christian couple. We have some very lively discussions.

Manuela is coming to the end of her time in the rehab centre. She recently completed an online course with a security academy to become a guard. Last week she stayed with us while attending classes at the academy who now has her as a candidate for employment. Pray that the right position will come up at the right time. Praise God for her good testimony and spiritual growth.

Our week for teaching at the YWAM Mission school will be February 23rd - 27th. Please pray that the Lord will prepare the hearts of the students for the spiritual spring-cleaning operation.

Andrew & Karen (Day 11)

We have a busy term ahead. Please pray for the team leaders who are taking responsibility for Youth Group, Vocational Program and Summer School. May they seek Him as they take the weight of leading others. Please also pray for LV as we ask for Him to provide a new administrator and new teachers. Sadly, our long-term colleague is retiring in May. She is hard to replace!

Please also remember the work of OBT. We are busy, learning and leading. It brings us great joy. May He enable us and strengthen us as we lead others.

Marion (Day 6)

I have just come back to my igloo! This morning one of our ladies took me with her to join our Monday morning ladies' fellowship. Traffic crawled along the icy bumpy road between walls of snow about 3m high and heavy snow falling limiting visibility. Cars slip and slide. All communications are affected. Some schools have closed today. Pray for safety on the roads.

The Prime Minister for her own reasons has at short notice called an election on the 8th much to the incredulity of most.

Maree (Day 14)

Trainings - a Monday evening training started this week and continues over the next eight weeks. The topic is Elective Fundraising, and we have participants signed up from five Asian countries. In fact, we had more people interested than we can accommodate, so we may have to run this training again later in the year. Please pray that God would give the participants eyes to see, and hearts to understand, this important topic from His perspective. Coaching and Mentoring - I have a full plate of people I am meeting with one-on-one for coaching, and a couple of small mentoring groups, scattered throughout the month. These are such rich conversations, and I love seeing how God touches hearts and minds as He grows people in His truth and love. Please continue to pray that I would be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in every interaction.

Ashley & Gillian (Day 19)

The Fiji combined Youth Camp held before Christmas was well attended and much blessing came out of it with lives changed and commitments made. The core group of the keen youth leadership is an encouragement to the Fiji Brethren Assemblies.

We have been able to provide essential needs to many who have been affected by recent flooding and loss of crops and property.

We intend to return to Fiji before winter for a shorter period pending on minor health issues. After two months in hospital Ashley could be discharged shortly. We value prayer.

Jeff & Ginny (Day 1)

Praise the Lord that our family got medical treatment needed done and have enjoyed a refreshing and restful break in Korea.

Please pray for our return to New Zealand in February this year. Pray that we will have a meaningful home assignment season, with good support for debriefing, reconnecting with churches, and resetting our mission journey.

Please pray for our children as they return to the schools they previously attended. Our two girls are very excited to reconnect with their friends. Isaiah, our youngest, has had limited experience in formal schooling as he has mostly been homeschooled. Please pray that God would give him confidence and peace as he begins this new season.

Please pray for our physical health, especially that God would completely heal Jeff's finger so that it fully regains normal function.

Josh & Madi (Day 16)

Please thank the Father for His grace and providence as we embark into this new journey to South Asia. Pray for a dependence on Him to continue to build our support team over the next few months. And that our Father would strengthen and prepare us spiritually, mentally, and emotionally for the upcoming transition.

Ashley (Day 11)

Pray for wisdom in what ministry might look like with combining of things already happening and starting new projects.

Pray for a house in whichever village I will serve in. Rent prices have doubled since the early years and comparatively have had a huge increase since I was paying lower rates. Pray for connections to find a house as houses in villages are hard to come by.

Pray for other practical details to come together like finding furniture and vehicle. As I thought I wasn't returning after study I gave all my stuff away, so I need to start from scratch.

Karl & Helene (Day 4)

Karl is teaching an IT course for three weeks to some staff from MAF tech, some Hagen MAF staff and mission partners. Pray this course goes well and that there are opportunities to run it again in the future as sharing knowledge is something Karl is passionate about. Sharing knowledge is also very counter cultural in PNG so it is a blessing to have this opportunity.

Please pray as we have an outreach and discipleship next weekend that this is impactful and goes well.

Please also pray that our travels on the 27th go smoothly.

Hazel (Day 16)

Sincerest thanks to many who have prayed for me over the past eight months. God has answered prayer and is still answering as the healing process continues. I met with a group of ladies from the city church last week and was able to walk in using my walker. They were so surprised! I was able to get up into the passenger's seat in the front of my van the other day which was so exciting for me. The next day I had my third visit to Ateos! When our Bible classes begin there, I will be able to teach again and will use my wheelchair. I have an excellent driver in the city, and we are praying for a driver to take me to Ateos each Saturday. I look forward to the day when I will be able to drive again.

Supplying school supplies in different areas of the country brings me pleasure as well as those who help in the process and those who receive the help.

Robert & Ayesha (Day 14)

A new semester has just begun here. We are prayerfully considering running a Bible study and mentoring program for students in a local house church network we have a relationship with. Please pray that we can figure out the logistics and security around this. Please also pray for continued language acquisition. Thank you for your prayers for us and the ministry.

Jonah & Anna (Day 13)

Praise God! We have moved to a town out west and are so happy here. Please pray for our kids, as they navigate new friendships. The local kids are welcoming, but there is a lot of hitting, petty theft, etc., and our kids need to learn how to be friends without picking up all the bad habits. We have leased some land on which to build a small fitness centre. Please pray that the building process is blessed and we have good communication with the workers.

Kirsty (Day 8)

Please pray for me as I am touring around the country for the rest of the month. I will be having meetings with Ministry of Education officials and training a lot of teachers along the way! Safe travels is always a blessing in Zambia on the chaotic roads so please also pray specifically for that.

Matthew & Hannah (Day 25)

Thank the Lord for our safe arrival in the Philippines and for chances to connect with local friends here. Matthew has begun Tagalog language learning in earnest and Hannah is working on tasks related to her ongoing linguistics training. Pray for good progress and energy for both of us.

Jack & Jemima (Day 3)

We are both so thankful for the time we have spent catching up with family and friends in New Zealand. Please pray for wisdom for us and for the Lord to be opening the right doors as we consider our long-term plans for how we will operate in-country. Please pray for us to be filled with Jesus' wisdom and love more.

Mitchell & Elisabeth (Day 26)

New international students are arriving in the coming days to attend NZ universities. We are here for them through providing practical helps (airport rides, acclimating to local culture and places, help with English, etc.) with the goal of introducing them to our Saviour. Pray for opportunities for us to meaningfully engage with them. Ask the Lord to give us the right words to speak and for their ears to be open to the Gospel.

Our ISM team in Christchurch has grown over the years, and we are grateful for our teammates' diligent work in reaching international students with the Gospel. Pray for the success of the ISM Christchurch ministry team as we embark on ministry in 2026.

Please pray for former students from Iran and who live and work in Christchurch. We have known A and N for more than a decade now. They remain open to the Gospel message, and we regularly spend time with them. Recently, A went home to Iran to visit family. With the protests and minimal access to the Internet, N has heard very little from him. Pray for the safety of A and his family as the situation in Iran remains very uncertain. Pray that A not only returns safely to New Zealand, but also that he may be able to bring some of his family members with him.

MOVEMENTS

Karl & Helene (Day 4)

Arrive 28th February
Depart 4th May

Sarah (Day 7)

Arrives 17th March
Departs 7th May

Barnabas & Hannah (Day 27)

Arrive 5th February

Benjamin & Hannah (Day 11)

Depart 11th February

Ashley (Day 11)

Arrived 22nd January

Graeme & Rachel (Day 4)

Depart 13th February

OFFICE MATTERS

John & Wendy (Day 29) GC3 Ambassadors

We are traveling in Asia from 3rd to 28th February, meeting up with partners, friends, and lots of colleagues and alumni, etc. from our days living in that part of the world. Please pray for smooth and safe travel, for good health, and for God-ordained conversations that build up those we meet.