



Engaging the One to Reach the Many

## Contending In Prayer

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### Mon., Jan.1 New Year's Day

Praise God for a new year and the many opportunities He will provide. May we all grow in our relationship with Him and in obedience to His commands.

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:*

*"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."*

*And he replied:*

*Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.*

*That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."*

*-Minnie Louise Haskins*

### Tue., Jan.2 Rod & Jan Dormer, Theol. Ed.

Please pray for Jan as she travels to Turkmenistan. Though she is going as a TESOL consultant, pray that she will have opportunities to show the love of God in this closed Moslem country.

### Wed., Jan.3 Mark Kroes, Executive Director

Thank God with us for those faithful friends who responded to the Calendar Year End Appeal to support the work of Emmaus University in Haiti. Please continue to pray for the staff and faculty at Emmaus and for peace in Haiti.

### Thu., Jan.4 Flo Epp, Retired

Please pray for the members of the Bible Study group I attend weekly. Some have physical or emotional issues, some have family needs, and all of us want to grow in our love and service for Jesus.

### Fri., Jan.5 "Brother Jim", Ireland

Please pray for the salvation of an Asian family in Belfast attending church for the first time and for international university students who heard the gospel over Christmas.

### Sat., Jan.6 Nathan Krampitz, Retired

As we begin a new year, I thank God for all his mercies and blessing. Each day is a gift from God for which I give him thanks. Rejoice with me.

### Sun., Jan.7 Bill & Julie Edler, Ireland

Please pray for the OMS charity shop in Strabane, Northern Ireland as their manager of 15 years retires and a new manager (God willing) starts.

### Mon., Jan.8 Helmut & Tina Markeli, Extended Missionary Service

Pray that the seminary on the South Pacific field will be able to complete the work needed to get the new Christian Education program accredited. Pray for enough qualified professors to teach the education courses and favour with the officials.

### Tue., Jan.9 P., Professional Overseas

Please pray for fruitful meetings with regional leaders from the other OMS regions in Indiana. We will be meeting for several days to seek the Lord for clear vision for the upcoming year, how to implement that vision, and how to address challenges on OMS fields.

### Wed., Jan.10 Pavlo & Halya Lozynsky, Ukraine

Please pray for our trip to North America, Jan 19 - Feb 19. In Indiana, OMS will host a retreat/conference all the missionaries serving in Ukraine. We want to visit my father who's fighting cancer (please keep him in your prayers), and ministry partners in the Niagara region in Canada. Our daughters don't want to interrupt school, so may stay in Lviv (with Halya's parents). Pray for wisdom in making that final decision, with how quickly things can change with the war. Pray for their safety and wellbeing, and for our trip to be safe and fruitful.

### Thu., Jan.11 C., Professional Overseas

This month is the beginning of the missions conference season. Please pray for me as I travel across the western provinces and speak to many different people about serving overseas. Pray that people would receive the call and go.

### Fri., Jan. 12 Colleen Taylor, Retired

Thanks for praying for my niece, Julie. Her pain is not too bad and she is able to do day to day things. Through tests she found that the cancer numbers are gone. This will be confirmed in January when she has a pet scan.

### Sat., Jan. 13 Bob & Norma Jean Erny, Retired

Praise for the work of the Holy Spirit in our family and community.

**Sun., Jan.14 Carmen Messam, Donations & Receipting** We give praises to God for all of our faithful donors over the years! Please pray that God would continue to bless, protect, and provide for these donors and their families.

**Mon., Jan.15 Wayne & Sherry Schock, Retired** Both of us have health challenges going on: Sherry is readjusting to changed thyroid treatment. Wayne is having some issues with a recent hip replacement, and is looking at the need for knee replacements.

**Tue., Jan.16 Lisa DeGraaf, Special Assignment** Pray for the longtime listeners of 4VEH, that they would continue to be encouraged in their faith and be bright lights shining Christ to those around them.

**Wed., Jan.17 Mark & Livia Nelson, Estonia** Pray for the Seminary as we begin to actively put together our next report to the accreditation organization which will visit us towards the end of the year.

**Thu., Jan.18 Susie Heinrichs, Special Assignment** James and I are still struggling with our visa and desperately long to be together. Please pray for us.

**Fri., Jan.19 Gord & Doreen Wallace, Retired** Take time to pray for Haiti! Pray that GOD will strengthen HIS people and meet their every need in miraculous ways. Pray that good leadership in the government will rise to the surface and bring about the necessary changes to meet the needs of the people.

**Sat., Jan.20 Clara Heebner, Retired** Ask the Lord for good health and daily contentment for Clara.

**Sun., Jan.21 Rebecca Cooper, Office Admin.** Pray for peace and healing in the entire world, and for an end to hatred and violence that seems to be so prevalent. Blessings on those who are struggling and need strength to carry on.

**Mon., Jan.22 Kyle Martin, Men for Missions** Please pray for more opportunities to reach men and women with the challenge to “Go”, and pray that they faithfully respond to God’s prompting. Whether that’s to “Go” on a short-term trip with MFM Canada and/or to take that step of faith when God calls them into full time missions with OMS Canada.

**Tue., Jan.23 Larry & Susan Weil, Washington** Pray for Larry and Susan as they get settled into their new community. Pray for opportunities to serve the Lord in their home church as well as in their community. They are so glad to be back home after 28 years away.

**Wed., Jan.24 Stan Dyer, Retired** I’m grateful that my book, God Speaks Outside the Box is currently being translated into Japanese. Please pray for wisdom and insight for the translator. Also pray that it will be a blessing and encouragement to the Japanese church.

**Thu., Jan.25 Charlotte Kroes, Men for Missions** Please pray for MFM Staff as we process applications, communicate with team members and field leaders, and book flights for a team preparing to travel to Colombia March 2 - 12, 2024.

**Fri., Jan.26 R. Retired** Anti-semitism is growing to heights not seen before. Anti-Christian sentiments are following suit. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for us as Christians to stand boldly for the truth.

**Sat., Jan.27 Mary Lou Wunker, Retired** Praise the Lord for those who made new commitments during Christmas programs and activities. Pray that they will grow and mature in their faith.

**Sun., Jan.28 Constituents** Praise the Lord for faithful supporters who lift up OMS Canada in prayer and support the various ministries and missionaries.

**Mon., Jan.29 Mark Kroes, Executive Director** Please pray for Cameron as he represents OMS Canada at Missions Fest Vancouver February 2-4. Pray for divine connections that will lead to more labourers for the harvest.

**Tue., Jan. 30 Heidi Purvis, Finance** Dear Father, I pray that you guide us with your almighty wisdom as we enter a new year. I pray for new labourers to spread the gospel to every end of the earth. I also pray for your wisdom with our (ultimately yours) finances, and shower your blessings upon us and bless the hearts of all the wonderful donors that support our wonderful organization in your holy name, Jesus Christ.

**Wed., Jan.31 Maud McHardy, Retired** Pray that Maud would daily be aware of the Lord’s presence and provision.



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**Thu., Feb. 1** **Flo Epp, Retired**  
Pray that always, but especially during this month of love, we will be faithful to share about Jesus as the love of our life.

**Fri., Feb. 2** **Lisa DeGraaf, Special Assignment**  
I'm thankful to be able to serve in the finance department at 4VEH, the Evangelistic Voice of Haiti as we reach, teach, and serve the people of Haiti. Pray for God's blessing on the ministry and our staff. Pray for hearts and lives to be changed by the Gospel.

**Sat., Feb. 3** **Bill & Julie Edler, Ireland**  
Please pray for the country of Haiti facing many problems from gang violence to border closure with the Dominican. May God bring them through these problems.

**Sun., Feb. 4** **Carmen Messam, Donations & Receipting**  
This is a very busy time for receipting. Please pray that these can be sent out to donors in an efficient and timely manner.

**Mon., Feb. 5** **Wayne & Sherry Schock, Retired**  
Wayne is enjoying engaging with new immigrants in an English with Friends group at our church. Sherry continues to serve others in her counseling practice.

**Tue., Feb. 6** **Mark & Livia Nelson, Estonia**  
Pray for our fund raising to replace the roof on our mission house, that God would provide all that is needed.

**Wed., Feb. 7** **"Brother Jim", Ireland**  
Pray for an international student returning to his home country that he would connect with committed Christians there.

**Thu., Feb. 8** **Charlotte Kroes, Men for Missions**  
Please continue to pray for our short-term mission team preparing for the March 2024 trip to Colombia. Pray each member would have solid prayer and financial supporters at home in Canada. Pray also that God would be at work in their lives before their departure to prepare them for their short-term mission trip.

**Fri., Feb. 9** **Susie Heinrichs, Special Assignment**  
Pray for Haiti during Mardi Gras. Pray that safety and a powerful move of the Holy Spirit to empower His church to stand firm in the face of adversity during this time.

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.*

*1 John 4:7*

**Sat., Feb. 10** **Nathan Krampitz, Retired**  
Pray for me as I serve on the Pastoral Search Committee of my church. Pray that God will bring to us the Pastor of his choosing.

**Sun., Feb. 11** **Heidi Purvis, Finance**  
Dear father, I pray that peace and joy will fill the nations, and that war will be no more. I pray that your love and blessings will fill all of our hearts, and we ask for your guidance in our everyday lives to help us make the right choices, right decisions, and above all, that we love one another unconditionally, as you have loved us.

**Mon., Feb. 12** **Colleen Taylor, Retired**  
Continue to pray for safety for Haitian children who cannot defend themselves against the gangs. Also pray for youth who have finished school but are unable to find work to support themselves.

**Tue., Feb. 13** **R., Retired**  
Praise for the Ladies Bible Study in our home this fall. New believers with unsaved spouses are being led by the Holy Spirit to salvation in most unique and miraculous ways! These women are hungry for knowledge and understanding of God's Word. Please pray that they would not stray from the truth or be distracted by previous beliefs, and be content with milk before solid food! I Cor. 5:12-14

**Wed., Feb. 14** **St. Valentine's Day**  
*See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!* (1 John 3:1 NLT) As the world focuses on love today, may we be faithful in sharing His love with others.

**Thu. Feb. 15 Mark Kroes, Executive Director**  
Please pray for Cameron as he represents OMS Canada at Missions Fest Vancouver February 15-17. Pray for divine connections that will lead to more labourers for the harvest.

**Fri., Feb. 16 Helmut & Tina Markeli, Extended Missionary Service**  
Pray that the students in Helmut's ESL classes will feel God's love for them and want to know more about the Saviour. Ask God to remove any things that hinder them in the search for truth.

**Sat., Feb. 17 Stan Dyer, Retired**  
Please pray for Stan's health. His eyesight continues to worsen, also, he is facing other health challenges. Pray for a healing touch from the divine healer. Thanks so much.

**Sun., Feb. 18 125 by 125**  
OMS Global earnestly seeks to gain 125 new missionaries by our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the summer of 2026. Pray for those that the Lord is speaking to will respond in obedience.

**Mon., Feb. 19 P., Professional Overseas**  
Pray for a revival meeting at the Korean Evangelical Holiness Church. There is a deep need for refreshing and a renewed sense of God's love and joy. KEHC has 3000 churches in the denomination and we are asking for a powerful revival.

**Tue., Feb. 20 Rebecca Cooper, Office Admin.**  
Giving thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our families, our friends, our donors. May this entire year be good for all whom we love.

**Wed., Feb. 21 Pavlo & Halya Lozynsky, Ukraine**  
Please pray for our church. Because many people who were involved in the ministry have moved away due to war, we have been experiencing a lack of mature Christians. The dozen people who do serve, often feel overloaded. We have been praying and decided that this winter we would be exploring the possibility of joining forces with one or more other churches in Lviv to be more effective in reaching souls for Christ and helping the needy. Please pray for wisdom and God's guidance for us in that process.

**Thu., Feb. 22 C., Professional Overseas**  
The short term trip to Thailand team is beginning to form. Please lift up the team as we raise funds and prepare for our August trip.

**Fri., Feb. 23 Gord & Doreen Wallace, Retired**  
Keep praying for Haiti! GOD has used this country to touch so many hearts. GOD is still in control of all things. Pray that HE will direct the affairs of government. HE did it in Queen Esther's time and HE can do it today!!

**Sat., Feb. 24 Kyle Martin, Men for Missions**  
Pray for our upcoming MFM Canada missions trip to Colombia March 2-12, 2024. We will be finishing up a pastors parsonage for our work project and doing some door to door evangelism. Pray for the men coming on this trip that God would work within them and through them and pray that we can raise enough finances to complete the work project and bless the pastor and his family.

**Sun., Feb. 25 Rod & Jan Dormer, Theological Ed.**  
Pray for guidance as we prepare to take a team of students from Taylor University to Brazil during their Spring Break. We will be working with an OMS church doing English ministry.

**Mon., Feb. 26 Larry & Susan Weil, Indiana**  
Pray for Christian Academy in Mozambique (CAM) and the challenges they face. Pray for new paying students to join the school and continued strength for the director, teachers and staff. Pray for the seminary in Maputo, for their finances, as well as for the teachers, and students who are eager to be prepared to lead in their own churches.

**Tue., Feb. 27 Mary Lou Wunker, Retired**  
Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom in our relationships with unsaved family and friends. May we be bold in our witness, consistent in our life testimony, and sensitive to the Lord's leading.

**Wed., Feb. 28 Bob & Norma Jean Erny, Retired**  
Pray for graduates of Tokyo Bible Seminary to become pastors of the churches there.

**Thu., Feb. 29 Mark Kroes, Executive Director**  
Please pray for Cameron as he will be busy looking to connect with folks who are interested in serving God among the nations. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the harvest and pray that He would continue to be pleased to use OMS Canada to get them there.