



One Lord. One Life. One Calling.

Contending In Prayer

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Mon., Mar. 1 Brenda Ellis-Tackey, Finance Director The first part of this month we will be busy preparing for board meetings. Please be in prayer for our Board Members as they make decisions to guide OMS Canada

Tue., Mar. 2 Brad & Caroline Buzza, Haiti/Canada Pray for Brad who will have more surgery on March 3rd to remove a cancerous nodule near the liver.

Wed., Mar. 3 Pavlo & Halya Lozynsky, Ukraine Pray for spiritual and emotional renewal for me (Pavlo), as I pause for God to show me His future vision and my obedience to follow. Pray for the leadership team who temporarily took on some of my responsibilities: for wisdom, unity and courage as they lead God's Design church these couple of months.

Thu., Mar. 4 Bob & Norma Jean Erny, Retired Praise for successful surgery on Bob's vertebrae and continuing recovery.

Fri., Mar. 5 Bill & Julie Edler, Haiti Pray for the political situation in Haiti. In February people started rioting because the constitution says that the president should leave office. However, he wants to stay for one more year as he was unable to take office for the first year of his term. It is not clear how long the instability will last or how serious it will become.

Sat., Mar. 6 Nathan Krampitz, Retired Praise the Lord with me for a successful surgery to prepare me to go on dialysis in the near future. I am so thankful for the good health I am continuing to enjoy.

Sun., Mar. 7 Charlotte Kroes, Men for Missions It is hard to imagine that after a year, we are still unable to send teams to overseas mission fields. Please pray that God would open borders soon. While we wait, pray that God would direct the MFM cabinet in what He would have us do in our own country to serve Him and others around us.

Mon., Mar. 8 Helmut & Tina Markeli, Extended Missionary Service As the Covid pandemic drags on, ask God to open doors to minister to others in our condo building. Many of our neighbours live alone and some have difficulty in getting out.

Tue., Mar. 9 Mark Kroes, Executive Director Please pray for Cheryl as she prepares for retirement and for Carmen as she is trained to assume Cheryl's responsibilities.

Wed., Mar. 10 Rod & Jan Dormer, Theological Education Pray for Jan as she is involved in two virtual TESOL conferences, making presentations at each. One is for a secular TESOL group and the other is the Christian TESOL group called CELT.

Thu., Mar. 11 Susie Heinrichs, Special Assignment Student teaching is especially challenging with CoVid restrictions. Ask for strength and a good relationship with the students. Pray for my application for a visa extension so I can do another year of practice teaching here in the States.

Fri., Mar. 12 Ruth Coles, Retired Praise the Lord for Ruth's faithful service in India and then Canada. May the Lord give her good health and contentment.

Sat., Mar. 13 C., Professional Overseas This month I am finishing an internship to complete my online studies towards a Master's in TESOL. Please ask that I would finish well and teach English well. Please ask that this degree would help provide good opportunities to serve overseas.

Sun., Mar. 14 Marco & Laura Vergara, Colombia Pray for organization as we started studies at the seminary, which demands lots of time and reading. Ask for protection, as we have experienced high numbers of people with covid and many of our congregants have lost someone close.

Mon., Mar. 15 Stan Dyer, Retired Pray as Stan Dyer's book hopefully goes to press today. Pray for wisdom as he plans distribution and promotion. Only for HIS glory.

Tue., Mar. 16 Colleen Taylor, Haiti
Plans are to have all transfer accounts finished this month. Pray as the Graffenbergers and I finish everything and say goodbye to many years of friendships with our Haitian staff and many other activities we were involved in.

Wed., Mar. 17 Mark Kroes, Executive Director
Please pray for the OMS Canada Board meeting on March 20, 2021. Pray for wisdom and discernment as the Board reviews the past year and plans for the next.

Thu., Mar. 18 Gord & Doreen Wallace, Retired
Please pray for the Haitian people. Pray for honest people to work together in the government to provide good leadership. Pray for families who are hurting to turn to the LORD. Pray for missionaries and aid workers who are striving to meet the needs of the hurting. Pray for strength and courage to face each new day for those who love the LORD.

Fri., Mar. 19 Mark & Livia Nelson, Estonia
Please pray for health, peace and emotional strength in the Corona situation. Teaching online or hybrid online and in person classes is challenging, emotionally exhausting and lacks depth in terms of spiritual formation. Pray that we would be back to fully in-person teaching as soon as possible.

Sat., Mar. 20 OMS Canada Board Meetings
Pray for good internet connections, unity of spirit, and the Lord's clear direction today.

Sun., Mar. 21 P., Professional Overseas
Pray for us we transition into our new role as directors for Asia. Praise for the vision God is giving us for the region as a whole.

Mon., Mar. 22 Bill & Sunnie Gulliver, Taiwan
The school's Week Without Walls will happen March 22-26. All high school students will participate in an experiential learning activity including some mission trips. Pray for safety and for students to see how their service can be glorifying to God.

Tue., Mar. 23 Flo Epp, Retired
As hard as it is to stay in touch, I'm grateful that families and churches can stay connected via the internet. Pray for people around the world who don't have internet access and have had no way to deal with this issue for more than a year and are facing loneliness and separation anxiety.

Wed., Mar. 24 Cheryl Muirhead, Donations, Receipting & Starfish Kids
Please pray that as the employee personnel change at OMS Canada, that the job and life transitions are smooth and that God continues to reveal his will in each of our lives.

Thu., Mar. 25 Larry & Susan Weil, Indiana
After more than a two-year search, Christian Academy in Mozambique now has a Director that started in January. Pray for Duane and Belinda Pass from South Africa and their three children as they settle into life and ministry in Mozambique and provide direction for CAM School.

To get nations back on their feet,
we must first get down on our knees.
- Billy Graham

Fri., Mar. 26 Marlowe Janke, Men for Missions
Even though we can no longer raise funds our traditional ways through Breakfasts or Dinners, we thank the Lord for His faithfulness and for supporters of Men for Missions during these difficult months.

Sat., Mar. 27 R., Retired
Please continue to pray for our dear Chinese family who had to cancel their travel plans back to China with the current situation. Fortunately, they received a full refund for their flights and have been able to extend their apartment rental. They now need a "green code" from the Chinese government deeming their travel 'necessary'. They are under much duress. Pray God will continue to protect and provide a clear pathway. In Him we trust!

Sun., Mar. 28 Maud McHardy, Retired
Thank the Lord for Maud's years of service with OMS Canada. Ask for good health and for her family to draw closer to the Lord.

Mon., Mar. 29 Mary Lou Wunker, Member Care, CIP & Compliance
As we approach Easter, pray that churches around the world would find creative ways to celebrate this special season in spite of Covid restrictions.

Tue., Mar. 30 Lisa DeGraaf, Special Assignment
Pray for our country, Canada, and the effects of Covid-19. Pray for our government authorities making decisions. Pray also for our various church leaderships that they would be given wisdom and protection.

Wed., Mar. 31 Carmen Messam, Office Admin.
Pray for a smooth transition as we make some changes and adjustments with staffing at the OMS Canada Office.



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Thu., Apr. 1 **Bob & Norma Jean Erny, Retired**
Pray for ongoing financial support for Nusantara Bible Seminary in Indonesia.

Fri., Apr. 2 **Lisa DeGraaf, Special Assignment**
Pray for the country of Haiti and the various challenges they face with the effects of an election this year.

Sat., Apr. 3 **Mark Kroes, Executive Director**
Please pray that missionaries who have not yet been able to return to their country of service would be patient and persevere in the work that they are able to do while waiting.

“Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection.” (Watchman Nee)

Sun., Apr. 4 **Easter Sunday**
♪♪ *Christ the Lord is risen today
Sons of men and angels say
Raise your joys and triumphs high
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply.*
-Charles Wesley

Mon., Apr. 5 **Bill & Sunnie Gulliver, Taiwan**
We are planning a family trip during Spring Break April 5-9. Pray for a time of rest and refreshment.

Tue., Apr. 6 **Charlotte Kroes, Men for Missions**
Please pray for the MFM cabinet as they meet for cabinet meetings Saturday, April 10, 2021. The meeting is most likely to be via zoom, our third meeting by zoom since the pandemic came. Please pray for Marlowe Janke, the executive and cabinet members that God would give them incredible wisdom and direction as they plan for the work of MFM this year.

Wed., Apr. 7 **Carmen Messam, Office Admin.**
Thank God for a new season as we approach spring. May the new season also refresh and renew us spiritually, as we move forward in 2021.

Thu., Apr. 8 **Larry & Susan Weil, Indiana**
Pray for Larry as he gives direction and guidance for the budgets in Mozambique and ECC church planting and disciple making ministries, as the fiscal year began April 1st. Pray for Susan with Dynamic Women in Missions as they conduct virtual Zoom training using the Seed Sowers program, around the world. Pray for when they can start having in-person training rather than by Zoom.

Fri., Apr. 9 **C., Professional Overseas**
As I wait to return to Asia I am serving among my local congregation as the Interim Associate Leader. Please ask the Father to lead my service here and to open the Asian borders that my congregation can again send me overseas.

Sat., Apr. 10 **Marlowe Janke, Men for Missions**
Please pray for the Lord's wisdom on the Men for Missions Cabinet today as they meet online. Pray also for their families. We thank God for our MFM supporters as they pray and give to projects in Haiti, Colombia, and Cuba.

Sun., Apr. 11 **Flo Epp, Retired**
Praise God for many who have come to know the Lord in recent months. Pray that follow up and discipleship will help them grow in their relationship with the Lord and they will be good witnesses in their families and neighborhoods.

Mon., Apr. 12 **Brad & Caroline Buzza, Haiti/Canada**
Praise for God's presence and peace!

Tue., Apr. 13 **Bill & Julie Edler, Haiti**
Pray for Bethesda Medical Centre as they are still raising funds for new construction. Pray for the students at Emmaus as the semester draws to a close.

Wed., Apr. 14 **P., Professional Overseas**
Prayer for our youngest who is struggling as he transitions to life and university in Canada and during Covid. Continued growth for him and wisdom for us. Pray that restrictions would lift so that we can visit supporters and churches to raise the support we need to return to Asia toward the end of summer.

Thu., Apr. 15 Marco & Laura Vergara, Colombia
Internet and virtual meetings are exhausting and a lot of groups are decreasing in numbers, so please pray for a wise approach to virtual groups this semester.

Fri., Apr. 16 Rod & Jan Dormer, Theological Education
Pray for us as we sell our house in Pennsylvania. We are relocating to Indiana to be close to Jan's mom and provide some care for her.

Sat., Apr. 17 Brenda Ellis-Tackey, Finance Director
Please pray that all of our missionaries would be fully funded. We give thanks for all of our faithful donors! Pray for new constituents who will be led to partner with us.

Sun., Apr. 18 Mark & Livia Nelson, Estonia
We ask for prayer in getting our mission house bathroom and kitchen functional to allow us to begin welcoming guests. Pray that God would provide the resources, the right workmen, and give us wisdom and peace in making the right decisions to allow this new ministry to get started.

Mon., Apr. 19 Mary Lou Wunker, Member Care, CIP & Compliance
I am turning over some of my responsibilities and training will need to be over zoom. Pray for clear communication and that all will go smoothly.

Tue., Apr. 20 R., Retired
Pray that the truth of our Lord be crystal clear to all those around us. In these deceptive times, may His light shine deep into the darkness!

Wed., Apr. 21 Colleen Taylor, Haiti
The Bethesda Clinic continues to work on our campus until the new clinic is built. Funds are still needed for this project. Thanks for praying.

Thu., Apr. 22 Helmut & Tina Markeli, Extended Missionary Service
Our daughter and her family are still trying to return to the country they left in December 2019, for a 6-month leave. Pray that God will open doors. Ask for special grace for the four children who have used 3 different education systems in the last 15 months.

Fri., Apr. 23 Gord & Doreen Wallace, Retired
Thank the LORD for springtime -- COVID may have taken a toll on all our world but springtime reminds us that the LORD has not forgotten us. Be thankful and love and care for one another. How can an unbeliever know how great our GOD is if we don't love them?

Sat., Apr. 24 Nathan Krampitz, Retired/India
Pray for the seminaries and Bible Schools in India going through difficult times. Enrolments are down, studies are online and internet connections are a problem at times. The students often have a lack of proper equipment.

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

- Max Lucado

Sun., Apr. 25 Cheryl Muirhead, Donations, Receipting & Starfish
I would like to give God praise and glory for leading me to OMS Canada six years ago and the fruitful journey I had the pleasure to share with you all. May God continue to bless OMS and all its former and current employees and missionaries.

Mon., Apr. 26 Pavlo & Halya Lozynsky, Ukraine
Pray for new people (unbelievers) who have been attending off and on for a couple of months now. Ask that they would have more faith questions and that God would use our church to lead them to Jesus.

Tue., Apr. 27 Mark Kroes, Executive Director
Please pray that God would send more labourers into the harvest.

Wed., Apr. 28 Stan Dyer, Retired/Japan
This month the new year of the Tokyo Biblical Seminary will begin. Pray for new students and for God's anointing on teachers and students as they seek to develop new pastors for the Japanese churches. Several current pastors have up to three churches under their leadership. Church leaders are desperately needed. Pray!

Thu., Apr. 29 Susie Heinrichs, Special Assignment
As I graduate, please pray that the Lord would give direction for summer plans, in light of border restrictions between the US and Canada. Also ask for guidance as to where the Lord would have me teach long-term.

Fri., Apr. 30 Clara Heebner, Retired
Ask for Clara to be especially aware of the Lord's presence at this time.