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Contending In Prayer

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Wed., Nov. 1 Mark & Livia Nelson, Estonia

The darkness of early winter this far north makes November a time when people feel depressed and tired. Pray that God's light will shine through the darkness as we try to encourage people who are struggling.

Thu., Nov. 2 Lisa DeGraaf, Special Assignment

Join with me in praying for the daily operations of the radio station, 4VEH, in Haiti. Pray for continued fuel supply to remain on the air.

Fri., Nov. 3 P., Professional Overseas

Please pray that all our church planters will be able to make it out of East Asia to attend the one week training in Thailand (a safe third country). Pray that they will be encouraged and refreshed by the conference.

Sat., Nov. 4 Pavlo & Halya Lozynsky, Ukraine

Pavlo's dad is feeling better after the removal of the largest tumour. Pray that the targeted treatment for the smaller tumours will be effective, with limited side effects. Pray for Pavlo to have guidance as to when to come to Canada to be with and help his parents.

Sun., Nov. 5 Rod & Jan Dormer, Theological Ed.

Pray for Rod as he writes and delivers a new course at WATS (West Africa Theological Seminary). The course is on Christian doctrine and will be offered online Nov. 6-17.

Mon., Nov. 6 Heidi Purvis, Finance

Dear Heavenly Father. I pray for wisdom and understanding as OMS Canada finishes up our fiscal year end, and prepares for the external audit. Please give peace, understanding, and direction as I complete all the tasks required to facilitate a smooth year end, as well as clarity for all users of the financial statements.

Tue., Nov. 7 Kyle Martin, Men for Missions

Please pray for the Canadian MFM team going to Colombia Nov 11-21, 2023. Pray for all the things God has planned to do within the hearts and through those going on this trip. As well, pray for those that give their lives to Christ during our door to door evangelism days.

Wed., Nov. 8 Nathan Krampitz, Retired

I have been asked to serve as one of the members of the search committee of our church searching for a new lead pastor. Ask the Lord to give us wisdom and lead us to the right person.

Thu., Nov. 9 Helmut & Tina Markeli,

Extended Missionary Service Helmut helps with ESL classes for new immigrants. Pray that Helmut and the other teachers will show God's love in ways that the students can understand. Pray that we will see and seize opportunities to bless others in our seniors' complex.

Fri., Nov. 10 Bill & Julie Edler, Ireland

Pray for our Compassionate Ministries Dessert Night happening on 11 November to raise money for ministries in Colombia.

Sat., Nov. 11 Charlotte Kroes, Men for Missions

Please pray for a group of 6 men from ON and BC travelling to Colombia, November 11 - 21. They will be doing a work project at the biblical seminary and involved in evangelism. Please pray the staff and students at the seminary will be blessed by the work these men will do and that many people will hear and receive the gospel.

Sun., Nov. 12 Wayne & Sherry Schock, Retired

Nov. 13-14 is the annual conference for the Pacific Conference of the Evangelical Church. Even though Wayne is officially retired, we continue to seek God's will for areas to serve.

Mon., Nov. 13 Rebecca Cooper, Office Admin.

Pray that unsaved loved ones, friends and families would come to know the Lord, and that their spiritual eyes and understanding will be open to see His truth.

Tue., Nov. 14 **Flo Epp, Retired**
Our church in Chilliwack burned to the ground on September 5 which has left us borrowing the Salvation Army Church while looking for a permanent place to worship. Decisions will be made regarding rebuilding on the same site or relocating. On top of that our lead pastor resigned due to burnout as of the end of August. Pray for God's Spirit to guide in the many decisions being made.

Wed., Nov. 15 **Maud McHardy, Retired**
Pray for the Lord's peace and contentment to be part of Maud's life each day.

Thu., Nov. 16 **Colleen Taylor, Retired**
One of my nieces, Julie, has been battling cancer. She has just been told from medical personnel that there is nothing more they can do for her. Join us in praying that God will allow her to be here to raise her 3 young children.

Fri., Nov. 17 **Mark Kroes, Executive Director**
Please pray for the OMS Canada Board meeting on November 18. Pray for wisdom and discernment as decisions are made and plans set.

Sat., Nov. 18 **OMS Canada Board of Directors**
Pray for good internet connections, the Lord's guidance, and unity of purpose as the board meets today.

Sun., Nov. 19 **"Brother Jim", Ireland**
Pray for fruit in our Gospel work in Belfast: for the salvation of non-Christian international students and growth in Christ of believers.

Mon., Nov. 20 **Gord & Doreen Wallace, Retired**
Keep praying for GOD's people in Haiti. Pray for strength and courage to face the difficulties of each day. As we see how these Christians live each day, let us not be so critical about our situation here in Canada.

Tue., Nov. 21 **C., Professional Overseas (currently in Canada)**
As the snow begins to fall and stay on the ground in the prairies please pray that I would be safe on the roads as I travel to different locations. Pray also that people would hear the call to go into the harvest field and choose to serve overseas!

Wed., Nov. 22 **Bob & Norma Jean Erny, Retired**
Pray for a harmonious family gathering during American thanksgiving week for Norma Jean's family.

Thu., Nov. 23 **Carmen Messam, Donations & Receipting**
Please pray for all of our faithful donors. Pray that God would continue to bless them and touch their hearts as they prepare to give their year-end donations.

Fri., Nov. 24 **Susie Heinrichs, Special Assignment**
We are nearing the tail end of our visa process and are desperate to be done. Please pray for favor in the interview process and peace in the waiting.

Sat., Nov. 25 **Mary Lou Wunker, Retired**
Pray for final preparations for Christmas programs and activities around the world, that Christ's love and forgiveness will be clearly presented to all who attend.

Sun., Nov. 26 **Clara Heebner, Retired**
Continue to pray for Clara to have peace and be aware of God's presence.

Mon., Nov. 27 **Stan Dyer, Retired**
My health has not been very good. Please pray for God's touch upon my body, so that God will be glorified.

Tue., Nov. 28 **Mark Kroes, Executive Director**
Please pray with us that God would send more labourers into the harvest and that He would continue to be pleased to use OMS Canada to mobilize those workers.

Wed., Nov. 29 **Larry & Susan Weil, Washington**
Praise the Lord, Susan's US citizenship papers were registered properly and she is able to receive medical insurance and her social security benefits. Pray for the Lord's leading as we get involved in opportunities for ministry here in Sequim, WA. Pray for Larry as he continues to work with the finance department remotely.

Thu., Nov. 30 **R., Retired**
Time is truly short! Please pray for the peace of Israel and let the violence of this hour create an urgency in us to be a strong witness to our families and unsaved around us.

"The very purpose of Christ's coming into the world was that He might offer up His life as a sacrifice for the sins of men. He came to die. This is the heart of Christmas."
—*Billy Graham*



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Fri., Dec.1 Mark Kroes, Executive Director Please pray for the various areas of the world undergoing conflict. Pray that God's voice of warning would be heard by many and that there would be a turning toward the only source for righteousness, Jesus Christ.

Sat., Dec.2 Lisa DeGraaf, Special Assignment Pray for 4VEH broadcasts to be a daily encouragement, a reminder through Bible study, music, engaging conversations and devotionals to focus on God and the hope He offers whatever the circumstances.

Sun., Dec.3 Colleen Taylor, Retired I'm thankful for being part of a growing (physical and spiritual) home church. Pray that our many activities will continue to bring unity and training as we reach out into the community.

Mon., Dec.4 Heidi Purvis, Finance

I pray for light as we enter the Christmas season, and that those that do not know you, will come to know you. May all hearts be turned towards You with gratitude for the special gift that you gave to us, Jesus, as our Light and Saviour of the World. May this be a time of reflection on our True Love for our Lord and Saviour and a time to repent of our sins. Also may this be a time to welcome the new year ahead, with our eyes on you as we ask for your direction in our lives.

Tue., Dec.5 Gord & Doreen Wallace, Retired Haiti is preparing for an international police force that will help strengthen and support their police force. May the Lord work in and through them as they tackle the gangs in Port au Prince. May the Haitian people truly experience 'Peace on Earth - good will towards men.'

Wed., Dec.6 Mark & Livia Nelson, Estonia Christmas is the one time of year when ultra-secular Estonians are willing to go to a church (at least for a Christmas concert) but many have never heard that Christmas is in any way related to Jesus. Pray that the message will get through this year!

Thu., Dec.7 Charlotte Kroes, Men for Missions As we approach the Christmas season, please pray for many of our OMS families whose loved ones have gone to glory during this year. Pray that family and friends will know the peace and comfort of the Saviour as this will be their first Christmas without their loved ones.

Fri., Dec.8 Nathan Krampitz, Retired

Continue to pray for the believers in many parts of India who are suffering persecution because they are Christians. Pray that they will be able to celebrate Christmas peacefully.

Sat., Dec.9 Carmen Messam, Donations & Recepting Please pray that we would all embrace the true meaning of Christmas in our lives and that we would encourage others who do not yet know our wonderful Saviour, Jesus.

Sun., Dec.10 Flo Epp, Retired Pray for fractured families to set aside their differences to enjoy celebrating Christ's birthday together, and rejoice in possibilities of continuing to be together in the future. Pray especially for family members to put their faith and trust in Jesus.

Mon., Dec.11 Stan Dyer, Retired Christmas is always a wonderful time in Japan to explain to the people the meaning of the event. Pray that many Japanese will understand more fully the reason for the season and accept Jesus, the Christ child into their hearts. Pray for the Christmas pamphlet that I send to many of my unsaved friends across Japan

Tue., Dec.12 Susie Heinrichs, Special Assignment Pray that the spiritual hunger of many will be satisfied this Christmas season and that our local churches would openly proclaim the Gospel to a starving world.

Wed., Dec.13 "Brother Jim", Ireland Pray that when international students return to their home countries they would share the gospel with unreached people groups.

Thu., Dec.14 Bill & Julie Edler, Ireland Pray for our missionaries, many of whom are serving far away from home at Christmas.

Fri. Dec.15 R., Retired
It is becoming more evident that many of our believing, yet prodigal young people (including our son), are under spiritual attack and struggling to follow Christ. Please pray that they would put on the armor required and stand firm against the enemy.

Sat., Dec.16 P., Professional Overseas
Pray that we would have a good connection with family over Christmas. We have been feeling disconnected from family, especially our children, since moving to our new role and living in Korea. Pray for wisdom as we lead our Asia Region.

Sun., Dec.17 Helmut & Tina Markeli, Extended Missionary Service
Christmas celebrations on the South Pacific field are opportunities to tell the Gospel story. Ask God to help believers be both bold and wise. Pray also for God to direct the outcome of the presidential election in February.

Mon., Dec.18 Retirees
Pray that those who have served the Lord through OMS for many years might rejoice in this season and be reminded of and pray for those whose lives they have touched.

Tue., Dec.19 Pavlo & Halya Lozynsky, Ukraine
Our ministry team remains small, so we need to have wisdom and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit for the use of time and resources. It can be discouraging to not see more solid commitments to Christ. Please pray!

Wed., Dec.20 Larry & Susan Weil, Washington
Pray for Christian Academy in Mozambique as they have Christmas break and accept new students for the year ahead. Pray for sufficient finances. Pray for the leadership of Maputo Biblical and Theological Seminary and for the professors and students, that they will seek the Lord's will in all that they do.

Thu., Dec.21 Wayne & Sherry Schock, Retired
Both Wayne and Sherry have ongoing health concerns. Sherry is experiencing low energy and some joint pain. Wayne has a follow-up with a surgeon on Dec. 22 to discuss the likelihood of knee surgery. Please pray for wisdom for doctors as we trust God in the aging process.

Fri., Dec.22 C., Professional Overseas
As I am preparing to make short term trips next summer and the following late winter, please pray that we would get a good team of people to join me and see what the Father is doing in the Asia Pacific region (Thailand and Taiwan).

Sat., Dec.23 Gord & Doreen Wallace, Retired
Haiti is preparing for an international police force that will help strengthen and support their police force. May the Lord work in and through them as they tackle the gangs in Port au Prince. May the Haitian people truly experience 'Peace on Earth - good will towards men.

Sun., Dec.24 Christmas Eve
Many who do not regularly attend church will be in special services tonight. Pray that the true meaning of Christmas will be clearly presented.

Mon., Dec.25 Christmas Day
"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet, the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."
-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Tue., Dec.26 Rod & Jan Dormer, Theological Ed.
Pray for our kids and their families as they face larger than usual challenges at this time. And pray for us to discern God's will for our priorities for 2024.

Wed., Dec.27 Mark Kroes, Executive Director
Please pray for generosity at the calendar year end. We rely on generous donors to continue to provide the support required by our missionaries and projects around the world.

Thu., Dec. 28 Bob & Norma Jean Erny, Retired
Praise the Lord for progress in the enrollment and a new building on the campus of Nusantara Bible Seminary in Indonesia.

Fri., Dec. 29 Mary Lou Wunker, Retired
Pray for follow-up from Christmas outreach around the world. May those who heard the Good News respond, become involved in a local church and become faithful disciples.

Sat., Dec.30 Rebecca Cooper, Office Admin.
Thank Him that He is our help in ages past, and all through these months of 2023, and He will be our hope in the coming year.

Sun., Dec.31 Kyle Martin, Men for Missions
Reflect back on the year and praise God for everything He has done through MFM/OMS Canada and all of the many blessings He has showered over us. Pray also for His continued blessing and direction in ministry for the coming year.