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## Contending In Prayer

**September 2023**

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**Fri., Sept. 1 Mark & Livia Nelson, Estonia**  
Pray for the start of the school year in Estonia: for Mark in the Seminary - that hearts would be united in seeking God's Kingdom, and for Livia in public school - that Jesus would be seen reflected in her life in a way that impacts the children and co-workers.

**Sat., Sept. 2 Bill & Julie Edler, Ireland**  
Please pray for our boys going back to school for another year.

**Sun., Sept. 3 Lisa DeGraaf, Special Assignment**  
I'm thankful for the summer youth programs that took place at 4VEH. Please pray for much fruit among this generation, that the Lord will draw young people to Himself, raising up leaders who will seek His face and lead themselves, their families, communities and nation in the ways of God.

**Mon., Sept. 4 Pavlo & Halya Lozynsky, Ukraine**  
Please keep my father in your prayers. Ask for wisdom for doctors and God's healing work that would lead to a full recovery. Pray for wisdom for us, as to whether I should come to ON to be with him and help. It would be a challenge in leadership for our church, as another key leader has recently moved to Europe.

**Tue., Sept. 5 Carmen Messam, Donations & Receipting**  
Please pray for all students, teachers, support staff, and parents as a new school year begins.

**Wed., Sept. 6 Mark Kroes, Executive Director**  
Please pray for more workers. Jesus told us that the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Then he told us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers. So, please pray with us for more labourers.

**Thu., Sept. 7 Rupesh Joshi, Finance**  
Pray for Rupesh Joshi as he begins in the finance position. Ask the Lord to give him quick understanding of the procedures.

**Fri., Sept. 8 Nathan Krampitz, Retired**  
I thank God for my children who lovingly are concerned for me in my old age. Pray especially for Susan and Larry Weil who will be moving back to Washington state from Greenwood Indiana this month and son Paul who will be driving back to BC this fall after visiting me in Ontario.

**Sat., Sept. 9 Susie Heinrichs, Special Assignment**  
Pray for patience for James and I as our visa process is nearing its completion.

**Sun., Sept. 10 C., Professional Overseas**  
Please ask that the Father would bless the different forms of follow-up that we will be doing after our Aug 24-25th outreach. May there be many people to follow-up with and may He bless the connections between two generations in the faith.

**Mon., Sept. 11 Helmut & Tina Markeli, Extended Missionary Service**  
English Second Language program resumes September 11. Helmut will again assist in the Beginner class. Ask God to open the hearts of students to hear the Good News along with the desire to learn English. Ask for wisdom for the teachers both in teaching English and in sharing God's love.

**Tue., Sept. 12 Stan Dyer, Retired**  
Please pray for my health as God has given me opportunity to preach several times in the last few months. Even without sight, God has given me his message for his people. Pray for ongoing health issues.

**Wed., Sept. 13 Rebecca Cooper, Office Admin.**  
Lift up International Students, Missionary Kids, and Seminary Students that are starting a new school this September. Pray for wisdom, knowledge, understanding, God's guidance, and provisions, and to meet them at their points of need.

**Thu., Sept. 14 Cheryl Muirhead, SFK**  
Please pray for OMS Canada and the current staffing changes and challenges. Pray that as we trust in our gracious God's direction His hand will be evident in the process.

**Fri., Sept. 15**      **Kyle Martin, Men for Missions**  
MFM is hosting a first annual BBQ on September 16<sup>th</sup> in BC. This is an event intended to give an informal opportunity for people to come out and hear about the ministry of MFM. Please pray that lots of new people come out to hear about what God has done and is doing through MFM and that those He brings to this event would respond and get involved.

**Sat., Sept. 16**      **Colleen Taylor, Retired**  
Pray for wisdom for the committee of the Bwa Neuf Church in Haiti as they think through the request from parents that the church start a primary school.

**Sun., Sept. 17**      **Larry & Susan Weil, Indiana**  
Pray for traveling mercies as we make the transition from OMS HQ in Indiana to move "home" to Sequim, WA. Our departure is scheduled for September 18th and we will be driving across the country taking about 5-6 days to cover the 2500+ mile trip.

**Mon., Sept. 18**   **Bob & Norma Jean Erny, Retired**  
Pray for the Lord's guidance and protection day by day.

**Tue., Sept. 19**      **Missionary Kids**  
Pray for MKs that are settling in to new schools, that they would adapt quickly and find friends that will encourage them in their faith.

**Wed., Sept. 20** **Charlotte Kroes, Men for Missions**  
Please pray for MFM as we seek out opportunities for short-term trips. Pray also for young men to become involved in missions through Men for Missions Canada.

**Thu., Sept. 21**      **P., Professional Overseas**  
Praise God for a productive summer in North America, fruitful meetings and good connections with supporters, churches and family. Pray for our 7 day trip to a South Pacific country. It is our first visit to this field. Ask for good connections with locals and missionaries and clarity on how to support the field and help the ministry to grow.

**Fri., Sept. 22**      **Mark Kroes, Executive Director**  
Please pray for the OMS Canada staff as they make preparations for the fiscal year end on September 30. It is a lot of extra work on top of the regular monthly and quarterly reporting. Pray for patience and perseverance.

**Sat., Sept. 23**      **Wayne & Sherry Schock, Retired**  
We praise God that we are feeling more settled in our house after the move to Lakewood, Washington this spring and are beginning to get involved in various activities in a new church.

**Sun., Sept. 24**      **Gord & Doreen Wallace, Retired**  
Pray for the Haitian church. Pray that the Pastors will encourage their people to keep trusting the LORD. This has been a very difficult time for the country. Pray that the LORD will bring forward honest men of integrity for the government.

**Mon., Sept. 25**      **R., Retired**  
Please pray for the Lord to direct and lead us in starting/organizing a ladies' Bible study for new believers and women with non-Christian husbands in our neighborhood/community.

**Tue., Sept. 26**      **"Brother Jim", Ireland**  
Ask that the Lord would provide us with Christian Asian students to work with in the outreach to international students in Belfast.

**Wed., Sept. 27**      **Mary Lou Wunker, Retired**  
Pray for effective follow up and discipleship for those that made decisions to follow Jesus in various summer camps and programs.

**Thu., Sept. 28**      **Flo Epp, Retired**  
The weekend of September 28 -30, Koreans celebrate Chuseok, sometimes thought of as thanksgiving. Typically families visit the graves of their ancestors and take along specially prepared food. Pray for Christians to honor their ancestors without taking part in the traditional worship of them.

**Fri., Sept. 29**      **OMS Global**  
May the Lord give unity of purpose and good relationships between the various ministries and programs of OMS worldwide.

**Sat., Sept. 30**      **Maud McHardy, Retired**  
Ask the Lord to give Maud a sense of His presence each day and an awareness of His provision.

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become.

-Henry Martyn

*How will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"*

*-Romans 10:15 (NLT)*



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### **Sun., Oct.1 Wayne & Sherry Schock, Retired**

We are grateful that recent lab tests show that Sherry is showing an immune response from her most recent covid shot. This helps her feel more confident going to church and other public places.

### **Mon., Oct.2 Lisa DeGraaf, Special Assignment**

I'm thankful to find a new groove as I recently reduced my hours at my paid profession and devote all day Fridays to the ministry of 4VEH.

### **Tue., Oct.3 Mark Kroes, Executive Director**

Please pray for three families who are considering serving with OMS as full-time missionaries. Pray that God would give them wisdom and discernment as they work through this process.

**Wed., Oct.4 Rupesh Joshi, Finance**  
Continue to lift up Rupesh as he learns his new position, particularly as he prepares fiscal year end reports.

**Thu., Oct.5 Supporting Churches**  
Praise the Lord for the churches that faithfully give prayer and financial support to OMS. May the Lord richly bless their local and worldwide outreach.

**Fri., Oct.6 Mark & Livia Nelson, Estonia**  
Pray for the development of the Estonian Methodist Church as pastors gather to discuss the future. Pray that God's Spirit would lead and encourage the leadership to be courageous in following His calling.

**Sat., Oct.7 Charlotte Kroes, Men for Missions**  
Please pray for me as I work with men preparing to travel on a short-term mission trip to Colombia from November 11 - 21, 2023. Pray for all the final details to come together. Pray also for the men to have great opportunities to share the gospel and to come to greater faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ both as they prepare, go and are on the field.

**Sun., Oct.8 Nathan Krampitz, Retired**  
Let us lift up our hearts in prayer for the Christians of Manipur, where violence and unrest have left scars on the lives of the people. Let us intercede for the rebuilding of churches and homes that were affected, that they may once again be places of worship and refuge for those seeking solace in the Lord. Through the years students from Manipur have come to Allahabad Bible Seminary for training.

**Mon, Oct.9 Thanksgiving Day**  
*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High. Psalm 92:1*

**Tue., Oct.10 Flo Epp, Retired**  
Every two months our pastors share Communion with church members living in a senior's residence. Pray for seniors around the world who know and love Jesus but don't have opportunity to share in fellowship or worship services together with other believers.

**Wed., Oct.11 Clara Heebner, Retired**  
Pray that Clara would be aware of the Lord's love and provision through those that care for her daily needs.

**Thu., Oct.12 National Partners**  
Praise the Lord for the many partners in each country where OMS is ministering. Pray for the Lord's provision, protection and blessing on each individual, family, and ministry.

**Fri., Oct.13 "Brother Jim", Ireland**  
Pray that the Lord would work in the hearts of international students and help them see their need to know Christ.

**Sat., Oct.14 R., Retired**  
It is evident the God is working on some of our family members. Please pray that He bring other Christians into their lives to bring clarity of His purpose for their lives.

**Sun. Oct.15 OMS Canada Board Members**  
Thank the Lord for those that serve on the board. Ask for direction as preparations are made for the November meetings.

**Mon., Oct.16 P., Professional Overseas**  
Pray for special lectures for the seminary in Korea and for good meetings with missionaries travelling to Korea and Japan this week.

**Tue., Oct.17 Helmut & Tina Markeli, Extended Missionary Service**  
The OMS-related seminary where we once taught needs government accreditation for their Christian Education program. This will enable graduates to teach religion in the public schools, (religion is a compulsory subject), even in out-of-the-way places. Ask that the officials responsible for accreditation will act promptly and that the seminary will meet all the requirements very soon.

**Wed., Oct.18 Rebecca Cooper, Office Admin.**  
Remember countries experiencing unrest of any kind. Pray for Peace, Comfort, Wholeness and that they get to hear about the good news of Jesus.

**Thu., Oct.19 Larry & Susan Weil, Washington**  
Pray for good health and adjustment into life and our home in Sequim, WA. Pray for God's call and ministry opportunities with our church and community. Pray for Larry as he works remotely for the One Mission Society Finance department and Susan volunteers with Dynamic Women in Missions. Pray we can be a witness to our neighbors.

**Fri., Oct.20 Colleen Taylor, Retired**  
My home church, Bethel, will have their annual mission convention Oct 27-29. Pray that there be responses to God's call to 'do, give or go'."

Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. Psalm 103:2 (NLT)

**Sat., Oct.21 Pavlo & Halya Lozynsky, Ukraine**  
Pray for God's Design church, for God's guidance, unity, wisdom and protection. Remember the team that serves the refugees and does humanitarian work. Also pray for discipleship. Following our recent retreat, we want to focus in the next months on getting everyone in the church into discipling relationships, something we haven't been able to focus on as much since the start of the war.

**Sun., Oct.22 C., Professional Overseas**  
Please remember me as I transition into a new role as the OMS Canada recruiter for a time. It is a big temporary change! Would the Father call many people to go and serve! Would people willingly respond to the call to go!

**Mon., Oct.23 Gord & Doreen Wallace, Retired**  
We are going through a difficult time - Gord's mom is 92 and now blind but she keeps going. We are planning to travel to Ontario for a visit. Pray for the details to come together.

**Tue., Oct.24 Carmen Messam, Donations & Receipting**  
Please pray for all of the changes from Starfish Kids to Mercy Kidz. Pray for a smooth transition with everything that needs to be done in a timely and efficient manner.

**Wed., Oct.25 Bill & Julie Edler, Ireland**  
Continue to pray for Melvin Kelly the new Director of OMS UK.

**Thu., Oct.26 Susie Heinrichs, Special Assignment**  
Pray for Kacie St. Fidor, Director of Cap Haitien Christian School, as she balances being a mother of two and guiding the school through financial and political turbulence.

**Fri., Oct.27 Mary Lou Wunker, Retired**  
Pray for MKs (missionary kids) who are beginning a new season of life away from family, that the Lord would provide friends and mentors to encourage and support.

**Sat., Oct. 28 Mark Kroes, Executive Director**  
Please pray with us for the 125 by 125 initiative. OMS Global is praying for 125 new missionaries by the 125th anniversary in 2026. Let's do our part in Canada and encourage the folks in our networks to consider what God might have them do for the sake of the gospel among the nations.

**Sun., Oct. 29 Kyle Martin, Men for Missions**  
Please pray for our upcoming MFM cabinet meetings Nov. 2 - 5th. Pray that plans for the meetings would come together and that God would lead our conversations and plans for the upcoming year during the meetings.

**Mon., Oct.30 Rod & Jan Dormer, Theological Ed.**  
Pray for the planning, travel and outreach of international training done by Rod and Jan.

**Tue., Oct.31 Stan Dyer, Retired**  
I thank God for his leading in the book God Speaks Outside the Box. Please pray that God will arrange translators and publishers, so that the message focused on soul winning may be available in several language groups. This is only for his glory, and for the encouragement of his people around the world.