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UKRAINE

Leah Schwartz

Today is the last day of *Significant Woman* training with Baptist Union leaders. Pray that these women will train other leaders. Pray also for me as I continue to make connections in Kyiv and determine new ministries for this term of service.

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CROATIA

Brian & Debby Stout

Praise the Lord that in recent months four disciples of Christ, including our daughter, were baptized in the sea here in Zadar, Croatia! Thank you for praying for more to come to Christ, be baptized, and discipled here in Zadar.

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SEND NORTH

Several SEND North workers have contracted the Delta variant despite being vaccinated. Pray they will recover quickly and not spread the virus to others in their village. Ask the Lord to give wisdom to our teachers in how to keep the children in their classes safe from Delta.

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DIASPORA

Detroit - Pray for two Discovery Bible Story (DBS) groups that have started in the South Asian Indian community. Pray for unbelievers to continue to engage with God's Word and come to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

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MUSLIM SE ASIA

This month our university team is dedicating time to pray for campus ministry. Students have not been on campus since the pandemic started, so we are examining past ministry and seeking God for the future. Ask the Lord to give us wisdom and lead us with his Spirit.

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SPAIN

Basque Country — As our English conversation groups begin again, ask the Lord to guide conversations and open doors for the gospel to go forth. We have six groups meeting in three villages. Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to add more workers to our team.

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JAPAN

Steve & Belva Kotlarczyk

Tokyo — COVID continues to keep many campers from coming to Okutama Bible Chalet. The camp committee meets this month via Zoom to discuss the 2022 schedule. Pray for the Lord's direction. Camp plays a vital part in Japanese evangelism and discipleship.

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MUSLIM MINISTRIES

KH

We are looking for rental space to work with refugee women and children, but space is at a premium as refugees pour across borders. Ask the Lord to provide the perfect space with good neighbors where we can love these refugees and create opportunities to share the Good News with them.

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CANADA

Merla Gogel

Praise the Lord that Bible colleges in Canada are welcoming mobilizers on their campuses again! Pray that God will raise up many Canadian college and university students with an urgency to take the gospel to the nations.

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NORTH THAILAND

In the Shan village, where SEND has served for a decade, COVID cases have spread to many families and the village is locked down. Pray that the Christian scholars will show compassion for their neighbors and demonstrate the peace of God as fear grips the village.

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ALBANIAN MINISTRIES

Major transitions for the local church in P city will begin in October. Praise God for a new family, fruit of earlier ministry, who will take on leadership and pastoral roles. Pray for unity in the church under their leadership. Zs and DS, the only expat workers, will begin home service.

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THAILAND/PHILIPPINES *Eric & Jodee Obado*

Pray for the virtual mission trip October 14-18. Grace Gospel Church (Manila, Philippines) will hold English conversations with Isaan contacts, students, and professionals in Thailand. Ask the Lord to prepare the sending and receiving teams, provide good internet connectivity, and the right equipment in Thailand.

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SE ASIA

The National Unity Government declared war against the Burmese military junta last month. This could bring increased bloodshed and violence. Pray that the church in Myanmar will rise up with compassion, courage, and an unswerving dedication to declare Jesus Christ as Lord. Pray protection for ministries right across the border in Thailand.

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GLOBAL CHINESE MINISTRIES

V&M G

Today we have a long flight back to Indonesia after ministry in the USA. Ask the Lord to have mercy and heal M from constant back pain. We will quarantine for eight days in Jakarta before flying back to our island. Pray for negative results on our COVID tests.

15**PHILIPPINES**

Pray as we train trainers among our missionaries, appointees, and mobilizers in modules of the course *Introduction to Strategic Missions*. May they mobilize believers and their churches resulting in more workers for the Harvest.

16**JAPAN****Karen Johnson**

Tokyo — Thank God for time with Japanese friends and the work God is doing in their lives. One of them has become very interested in reading the Manga Messiah illustrated Bible. Pray that God will continue to work in their lives so they know how much God loves them.

17**DIASPORA NORTH AMERICA**

October 17-21, the Diaspora North America team is having its first group conference. Pray for a great time of refreshment, community, and sharing of ministry strategies for working with internationals in North America.

18**SPAIN**

Pray for our annual area conference October 18-23. Ask the Lord to bring encouragement, unity, and spiritual refreshment. We were not able to meet together last year due to COVID. Pray for safe travel for the conference speakers and our team members.

19**USA**

Thirteen US members on home service will gather in Michigan, October 18-22, for Reconnect to debrief their term in a supportive community, and to receive encouragement and equipping. Pray for a Spirit-led time of connecting and learning together as each one processes their own unique journey and God's sovereign purpose.

20**SEND NORTH**

Pray for the many adopted and foster children in the care of SEND North families. Pray that they will grow strong in faith to break generational chains of sin and addiction. Pray for SEND North parents to know how to best express to these children God's love, and their value and worth.

21**UKRAINE**

Pray for many evangelical churches who will celebrate a Sunday of thankfulness to the Lord this month. It's a great time to reach out to those who do not know God and be a witness. Ask the Lord to use this day for his glory.

22**MUSLIM SE ASIA**

Pray for God's timing, guidance, and provision for J&L F, first term workers, as they search for permanent housing in their area of service. Pray for AS, Area Director, as she juggles the varied ministry here. Ask God to give her wisdom in all she does, and sustain and refresh her spirit.

23**EURASIA**

Praise God for his provision for the Z family as they launch a new ministry area in Eurasia. Ask the Lord of the Harvest to guide their steps as they seek to engage this unreached people group with the gospel.

24**UKRAINE****Dave & Sharon Benzel**

Kyiv — Ask the Lord for encouragement and challenge for our small group which has resumed meeting on Sunday evenings in our apartment. Pray also for Sharon as she mentors two Ukrainian young women through English study each week.

25**RUSSIA**

Pray that Leif and Jami G. and Nettie S. will deeply engage with the Buryat people in Spring Village. Pray that Buryat unbelievers attending a small group will understand the Bible as they read it for the very first time. Ask God to redeem many in this village.

26**JAPAN****Jonathan & Chieko Reasoner**

Tokyo — We thank the Lord for the privilege of serving some local Japanese churches without a pastor in an itinerant preaching capacity. Ask the Lord to provide a new pastor for Adachi Christ Church and for Josui Grace Christ Church. In both cases, candidates are considering the call.

27**CROATIA****Johann Go**

Youth group begins this month. As we seek to help these teens grow in their walk with Jesus, pray they will be motivated to invite their friends to join them.

28**RUSSIA**

Pray that God will meet every need for Eurasia appointees Maricel B. (Russia), Susan D. (Russia) and AF (Central Asia). These ladies hope to arrive in their target country of service by the end of 2022.

29**GLOBAL CHINESE MINISTRIES****Carol Vuong**

While in Canada, I praise God that I have been invited to lead a Bible study and share about my ministry in Taiwan in small groups, Sunday school classes, and prayer meetings (in Mandarin, Cantonese, and English). Ask the Lord to raise up committed prayer partners and donors.

30/31**THAILAND**

We have an amazing opportunity to reach students at Mahasarakham University. Pray for our team of workers as they share the gospel. Ask the Lord for the salvation of the 160 students who attend our weekly Bible storytelling times via zoom.