

Seeds sown decades ago still produce harvests. Praise God for Simson (on the right) and his pastoral and missionary work in Papua, Indonesia. (Sylvia Dresser)

#### 1

"Behold! the mountain of the Lord in latter days shall rise... to ploughshares men shall beat their swords, to pruning hooks their spears... they hang the trumpet in the hall, and study war no more." (Michael Bruce, based on verses from Isaiah 2). We pray for Christ's peace in Palestine/Israel, Lebanon, Sudan, Myanmar, Ukraine....)

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### 3

#### Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel, Arizona.

"Praise the Lord that Mary Anne has finished writing her book. Pray that within these first two weeks of October her family "book team" can help her get it formatted and off to the publishers in time for Jack and Mary Anne's 90th birthday celebration, November 8-10."

### 4

# Colin & Rachel McCordic, AIM, Chad.

"Please pray for Colin and several Chadian church leaders as they travel to Cameroon October 5-16 for the Francophone Africa launch of the Perspectives course. There will be 40 students in total from several countries, who will then help start the course in their home country."

#### 5

#### Ann Chow, Event & Project

**Management.** "Please pray as we launch <u>#HACK2024!</u> This global, Christian innovation weekend happens from October 25-November 23 in 75 cities and 35 countries. "We are also connecting, praying and ideating online. I've been the project lead and now global trainer for the past 4 years. Please pray our 90 city hosts and participants will engage with the challenges they face in their churches and societies and combine their skills, talents and faith to bring digital solutions."

#### SUNDAY

**Xerggyo & Hil.** "H. is feeling much better. Much of the political unrest has subsided in Xerggyo's parents' town. They're still travelling around Chiapas, evangelizing and encouraging many there. The church in T. is growing steadily."

### 7

**Sylvia Dresser, Waterloo.** Sylvia and her husband Dr. Ken served Christ as medical missionaries in Papua until 1999, and also sponsored Simson through seminary. Through difficult years, Simson has been the only trained pastor, evangelist, and missionary for a very large area of the Asmat and visits Auyu villages "because no one else goes there." Praise God for Simson and pray for safety and good health as he travels out. Sylvia still supports him, paying for drums of fuel. The labours of our retired missionaries are ongoing, and not in vain!

#### 8

**C & K.** "C. had his first Board meeting with the company in Central Asia, which has now helped create 16 thousand jobs. Pray for wisdom as C. had been asked to lead a project examining the company's expansion into two other Central Asia countries. A decision should be made this month. Pray for C&K as they work to formalise the launch of a new BAM company this month. Other projects are in the pipeline to advance the Kingdom through impacting the marketplace for and with Jesus."

### 9

Susan Jeffery, CANIL, Abbotsford. "I have managed to clear three-quarters of the CanIL library shelving so far. Interest in the journal section has been encouraging. This month my focus will be on dealing with 1,600 books that Alloway Library didn't accept because of their condition, or because they already have them. Please pray that the library shelving doesn't go to a new home before I've been able to give away most of these books."

### 10

I & S. "Last month, we learned our teammates cannot return because their baby has a rare condition which

compromised his immune system. We are very sad. Please pray for this grief, and hope with us for healing. We are meeting another prospective family this month. Please pray for a great fit! We are feeling the reality of a small church very acutely. Luke 10:2"

#### 11

**Chyrl Basa, FFM.** Please lift up plans for FFM's November Global Day of Prayer for the Muslim world. And praise God for the blessing of a new Board member who is excited to join in the work. 12 Leah Hopp, OPC, Uganda. "The Verdick family will return from their six-month furlough at the end of October. Praise the Lord for seeing us through this challenging season. Tina and Aleper have been the most helpful partners in the local mission work. We will be happy for these capable teammates to share the workload again. Where we are weak and weary, He is strong!"

### SUNDAY

Gord & Brenda Nickerson, Josiah

**Venture.** The Nickersons will take a 10-day ministry trip between Dallas and Chicago in mid-October, visiting Josiah Venture Alumni along the way. Pray that they will be able to bring encouragement from Christ and strengthen relationships. They will also represent Josiah Venture at a youth ministry conference in Charlotte, NC. Pray that God will use Gord as he seeks to speak with wisdom and discernment.

#### 14

**THANKSGIVING DAY.** Praise God for the blessings He gives as Knox continues to pray for and support witness around the world, as well as locally. May we have a growing passion to support our workers with prayer and with finances.

#### 15

### Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change.

"We're thankful for several regional Summit retreats at the end of Sept! Pray for students as they continue to seek and find community on campus and churches, and for fruitful conversations with those considering Jesus. In our CC department, we're celebrating the arrival of 2 editorial interns as well as a new cohort of Meaning Makers (group for student writers) and getting closer to the completion of 2 major projects (website redesign & new student resources!)"

# 16

### Khevna & Sharon, Knox Missions Hub.

"Pray for relationships with new and returning students to deepen as we journey alongside them for missions. Pray for God to raise up partners as we continue seeking individual, church, and agency partnerships for The Missions Hub. Pray for ongoing efforts to send missionaries from the Hub."

### 17

#### Luke & Yuko Elliot, Aomori Christian

**Center, Japan.** "Towards the end of October, we will begin the demolition of ACC's old main building and bring in a new electrical line to supply power to all our new, remaining and future buildings. Please pray for us as we face the challenging task of organizing and disposing of decades of accumulated junk."

### 18

Aina Dobilaite, Lithuania. "I am grateful that the Lord has been blessing the writing of the songs for the new Psalter. May He continue to help and write through me. In November, we will have a worship evening, please, pray for God's wisdom in planning it, His help during the rehearsals, and His encouragement for each person that will sing or play."

# 19

#### Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan.

"May God bless all the Bible translation teams Paul supports in Taiwan as they meet together in person throughout November."

#### SUNDAY

**Elizabeth Matthias, Germany.** "My Discovering Change course for the church begins on the 15th for the next five Tuesdays. The mentoring group is also meeting 1-2 times per month on Saturday mornings. Counseling and mentoring are in full swing. Prayer for the work of the Spirit in all hearts and minds much appreciated, as well as financial still needed."

# 21

**KWM.** Pray for wisdom for committee members as they weigh the various great needs against the shrunken resources. Pray for generous hearts and the "cattle on a thousand hills", to allow for sustained witness as well as for fresh initiatives and visions.

### 22

**Eleanor Crabtree, Owen Sound.** "Pray for a joyous [90th birthday] celebration on Oct 22nd, and may God be glorified in all that is said and done."

#### 23

#### Dave & Rani, Mission Go, Brampton.

"Please continue to pray for Deepak to be disciplined and focused so he can do well in his courses at McMaster. Devanand will be in India and Nepal (Oct. 23-Dec. 18). Please pray for safety and wisdom as he lectures in seminaries, encourages 'Shepherds' and international Workers, and does a fair bit of travel. Rani will miss her two most favourite men during this time!"

### 24

**Sylvan Payne, Japan.** "I'm so thankful for my improved mobility and balance. I haven't fallen in months. Please pray that my classes will go well this fall, and I can have good relationships with my students and colleagues."

# Carluci & Christina Dos Santos, Mesa

**Global.** In September, Carluci started a six-week workshop on how to preach from the Old Testament. "This is a new group of Bible expository preaching in Montreal. Please pray for the participants and instructors."

### 26

### Hanneke Cost Budde, Tanzania.

"Thanksgiving as most of my teens are doing well." Mfaume came home and is waiting for his exam results. Pray he did pass. "Pray for Baraka as he avoids prayer times, services, etc. Pray the Lord will take hold of him! Daniel will have his 3rd birthday! WOW! How time flies! Kiri's lumps in her breast are Fibroid tissue. She will need checkups. Everyone else is fine! God is good!"

#### SUNDAY

#### Jim Mason, Challenge Enterprises,

**Ghana.** "Pray that the church in Ghana will be light and salt to the people of this country. Pray the Church will exhibit these qualities in the face of global hardship that has affected many in Ghana."

### 28

**Refugee Sponsorship.** Praise God for the Haidary family's progress in adapting to their new life in Canada and pray for Amin's requests: 1) to locate an electrician he can volunteer with, to gain Canadian experience; to find possibly cheaper accommodation for the family when Knox's official year of sponsorship ends.

#### 29

**Bill Fitch. Listen to Learn.** Bill missed a weekly Zoom meet-up with L2L Kenya leaders, "but our CEO Brian said they were bubbling with enthusiasm. The trigger was our funding for the first couple of used boda-bodas to enable quicker travel for our regional leaders. Their desire to spread the news about L2L from village to village is strong! Pray that smart decisions will be taken re: purchases, insurance and distribution. Pray for safety. And pray for effectiveness!"

### 30

**Gus & Marliese, London.** "We're involved in an Alpha course starting this month. Pray for this and the continuing contacts with the Yazidis." 31 Phase II Workers. John & Debra Bowen, Glenn & Fern Byerly, Eleanor Crabtree, Gladys Linthicum, Norine Love, Patsy McCarthy, David & Angela Morris, Barbara Rahn, Pamela Stedman, Diana Wadsworth and Rosemary Walker.