

**26 Ruth Thomson, LAM, Brazil.** On Nov 28 Ruth met her adopted son David in São Paulo, where he has joined her in the work—OT scriptures and primers to be printed, Psalms to be checked, and many villages to be visited. Pray David may get a visa for Canada while there.

**27 Laurie Armstrong, Power to Change, Guelph.** Pray for 1000+ students and exhibitors at the P2C conference in Toronto, Dec 28-31, that students would be equipped for a lifetime of ministry.

**28 Rosemary Walker, AIM, PQ.** She needs ongoing prayer for her plans for next year. She is asking the mission for more work in DRC or elsewhere.

**29 Bill Fitch, Listen to Learn, E. Africa.** Bill returned from Africa Dec 6 and prepared for knee replacement surgery on Dec 20. Pray for his recovery.

**30 Elizabeth Matthias, Mission to the World, Germany.** Thanking God with awe for the grace to submit the DMin last month, she's catching up on counselling needs and strength.

**SUN Mary Jane Fandrich, Lebanon.** “As we help the children to consider the God of Abraham, we tell them how important those stars are and how big the God is who made them. When we practice all day to count to ten, we apply our skill at night and find out that there are a lot of stars to count. Then we return to our dorm to learn that believing God, counted for Abraham as righteousness.”



*Mfaume, one of Hanneke's kids, volunteers in the local hospital during his pharmacy training.*

## December 2017

**1 Jack & Mary Anne Voelkel, Arizona.** Jack teaches at the IFES Regional student Leaders' conference in Querétaro, Mexico. Dec 4-8. Jack & Mary Anne will participate in InterVarsity's National Staff Conference during which their friend Geri Rodman will be honoured for her many years of fruitful leadership as President.

**2 Luke & Yuko Elliot, OMF, Japan.** Today they plan to attend *Joy of Christmas*, a joint event in Toronto area Japanese Churches. Luke will preach Dec.10 at Grace Toronto (Japanese).

**SUN Bill & Sheila McKelvie.** Pray for the Saline Process (witness in medical workplace) workshop that Bill is helping to facilitate in Karachi Dec 8-10. Pray that the Lord will be glorified in all their Christmas activities. Sons Mark and Ben with their wives will join them Dec.12-29.

**4 Leah Hopp, OPC, Uganda.** Pray for their mission retreat to be held Dec 5-8. Their mission is good at the theological teaching aspect, but she hopes they can feel encouraged with some missionary care time, too.

**5 Paul & Mary Beth McLean, PCC, Taiwan.** Paul is meeting with the Tayal Bible translation team these days. May God grant them smooth progress as they review the OT draft translation.



**6 David & Angela Morris.** Pray for their outreach to every home in Ferguson and Elora. They will distribute 2 DVD's: one is the Gospel of Luke and the other 9 testimonies of people who came to the Lord.

**7 Donna Dong, Inver-Varsity, Canada.** Pray for IVCF Canada's National Staff Conference Dec 4-8. 200 staff & guests will study John's Gospel to see how God's Word of truth and grace shape us as Jesus' disciples and leaders. Pray for various Christmas settings where Donna has opportunity to connect the celebration with Jesus' coming.

**8 Ann Chow, Event & Project Management.** Ann just started to work with International Justice Mission on their 20th anniversary staff conference and celebration in Dallas in Fall 2018. She will be the global staff travel coordinator which includes flights and US visa application processes for 700 global staff.

**9 Barbara Rahn, Cambridge, Thailand.** Each weekday Mr. Jaruek and his wife, evangelists at Manorom Christian Hospital, Thailand, have the opportunity to share Jesus with those who come to clinics. Pray that during this time many will find and accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour.

**SUN** **Jacob & Natasha Chandler, MoveIn Toronto.** They are expecting the birth of their second son this month. Pray for them as they prepare for this big transition in their life and ministry. **C & C.** "C will be travelling this month to Malaysia to train business leaders, and then to Ethiopia to look at a BAM investment opportunity. Pray for grace and wisdom in a busy start to the new year. Pray for significant capacity building developments underway in the global team."

**11 Carluci & Christina Dos Santos, LAM, South America.** They have 3 new board members and hear good reports of God's Spirit moving in Latin America. Pray for wisdom as they work with the new board, new missionaries and new ministry opportunities. Daughters Nicoli and Hannah are finishing another U of T year. Isabela, now home, is praying for next steps.

**12 Devanand & Rani.** They are very concerned about Deepak's lack of interest in school work. Do pray for them all. Rani and Dave plan to invite Hindus & Sikhs to their home to talk about the Christmas celebration.

**13 Geri Rodman, President of Inter-Varsity Canada.** Praise God for the National Staff Conference, Toronto, Dec.4-8. The theme was *Shaped by the Word*, with topics: biblical love, conviction, truth & love & mission being one. Pray for continued conviction for the staff as they shape campers and campus students.

**14 David & Susan Jeffery, CanIL, BC.** Pray for K, one of their alumni who has returned to CanIL to teach the Intro to Linguistics course in the spring 2018 term. Pray for her as she prepares to teach, and that God will use the stories she shares of her time on the field to challenge and motivate students.

**15 Threefold Ministries, Wayne & Helen Hancock, Nicaragua.** Remember the staff at the Skylark Centre in Los Medranos as they close for a few weeks over Christmas. Pray that after a very busy time this Fall, they would be refreshed physically and spiritually, and for God's protection over the Centre.

**16 Gus & Marliese, London, ON.** Pray for their transition to London, for good relationships with Gus's cousin, and for open doors that will lead to a new ministry.

**SUN Hanneke Cost Budde, AIM, Tanzania.** Pray for Hanneke as she helps care for Naomi who has TB in a lymph node, high BP and needs help to watch her diet. Hanneke is looking forward to Christmas with her kids and Don Nicol, will get help with the house repairs he will undertake.

**18 Knox Youth Dinner/Food Bank, Alvin Kim.** Pray for the volunteers to get used to the shift in leadership and changes in policy, and for guests to also adapt to changes. Pray for youth to rediscover KYDFB as a place to be loved, well fed and given their physical necessities.

**19 Sylvia Dresser, Papua.** The Bruces have moved into their house in Saman to study language in order to translate the Bible. Pray for an accurate grasp of the Asmat dialect and a good adjustment to village life. Simson's wife didn't need surgery.

**20 Xerggyo & Hil.** Xerggyo has lost about 90% of the hearing in his left ear and has ringing in the other ear. Specialist gives no hope but they trust the Lord and our prayers.

**21 John & Deborah Bowen, Hamilton.** In retirement John continues to preach, teach, write and mentor. Deborah, also retired, continues to teach part time.

**22 Jim Mason, SIM, Kitchener,** had successful open heart surgery Nov 20. Two heart valves were repaired and he is doing remarkably well. He is recovering at his daughter's in Guelph.

**23 FFM, Norine Love.** Diane Dadian, who wrote the FFM prayer bulletin for almost 3 decades, has been struggling with some health issues. Pray for God's peace, strength and wisdom --- all those good blessings--- on one of His faithful ones.

**SUN Phase 2 Workers:** Pray for Mrs. Owen without sight, with little hearing and without her dear husband of 69 years; Beth Huddleston, Clarence & Cathy McMullen, Marg Roth, Patsy McCarthy, David & Joan Evans, Elaine Esser, Glenn & Fern Byerly, Gladys Linthicum, Eleanor Crabtree, Pam Stedman.

**Christmas** *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* (John 1:14)

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