Gobalda MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR of Central Heights Church Missionaries MAY 2024



MAY 1

Matt & Teresa Guynup P2C (AIA) - Abbotsford guynups@hotmail.com

The time has come for our tours! Please pray for our teams! We have soccer teams heading to South East Asia, and Mauritius, and the basketball team that I'm travelling with is



heading to Madagascar. Pray for safety, pray that hearts would be soft, and ready to hear from God. Pray that we would be successful in helping boost the ongoing ministry of our in-country partners. Pray that many would hear and respond to the gospel, and the athletic communities in these countries would be changed. And as always, pray for our connection with the athletes that travel with us. Pray that we would be able to have a lasting impact on these athletes, even after returning. God is at work in so many of these athletes, and we want to connect well with them so that we can be a part of that long term. Thank you so much for your prayers! I'm looking forward to sharing stories of God's work when we return!

MAY 2

Ruth Maxwell SIM - Abbotsford ruth.maxwell@sim.org

Preparation for the July sessions in Thailand are going well. I've learned now that the workshops will be translated into Thai. That involves an extra level of preparedness on my part. I'm



thankful for the confidence I have that God will be doing a work of preparation in the hearts of each person that will be attending. His preparing work is vital. New requests for connections and conversations are coming up weekly. Pray I will know what calls to be available for. Pray for God's purposes to be realized in each conversation.

Ricky & Karen Sanchez YWAM - Thailand sierrasanchez@hotmail.com

Praise God for the team from MEI who came and helped us do evangelism and slum ministries, pray for much fruit in the lives of the people who heard the gospel. Please pray for



our teens and elementary kids at ALH who are on summer break and going to several Bible Camps and a Revival Youth Camp, that they would grow in their walk with God. Please pray for 1 house of girls in our orphanage who just got a new house mom, that the children would bond to her quickly and know that God is with them. Pray for several of our teens who are planning to get baptized soon, for courage and strength to share their faith at school. Pray for 'Joy' who ran away recently.

MAY 4



Megan Rintoul
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MAY 5



S&CPlease pray for our Missionaries in Restricted Access Countries

MAY 6

Wendy Eros Multiply - Japan wendyeros@gmail.com

Please continue to pray for the thousands of people still in temporary shelters after the Jan. 1st earthquake in Noto and Ishikawa. Pray for the housing, that is very slow in being built, to



be finished before summer. Please pray too for the movie times at Komaki Hope Chapel and Fujigaoka Christ Church. We are having very good discussions afterwards. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Cynthia FriesenMultiply - Thailand kainos.warrior@gmail.com

Praise God for Aire and Nui who are leading our team's church plant in their village.

Pray for the regular discipleship, Bible studies, and evangelism that is happening. Recently one

and evangelism that is happening. Recently one of our poorest members ~ Kong (married with 5 kids) led her younger brother to Christ. Please pray for God's truth and transformation to work deep in the heart of this new believer Ong. Pray as we equip the Rim Khan Fellowship church. For even more fruit, more multiplication and many more transformed lives. Pray for discernment to find ways to help provide sustainable work and incomes for this poorer community. This group of newer believers are faithful and passionate for Jesus. Thank you for continued prayers and amazing support for

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Maceo and me.



Toño & Giovanna Guzman La Cantera Church Guadalajara, Mexico **MAY 9**



Dave & Rushia Klassen P2C (AIA) - Abbotsford davek@athletesinaction.com

MAY 10

Amanda Doerksen SIM - Niger Amanda.Doerksen@sim.org

Hello Central Heights family! May marks the end of our school year. What a year it has been! We had a coup that delayed our start of school, closed borders that kept some of our



school supplies from arriving, families and teachers that didn't come back or were delayed in coming back, daily power cuts, and a student body reduced by about 50%. This has certainly been a year to remember. As we begin our last month of school, please pray for all our staff and students as we say goodbye. We have families leaving for good, some leaving for a short time, students graduating, and staff finishing their terms of service. Pray that people will be able to say goodbye well even though it is hard.

Gene & Grace FoxInt'l Messengers - British Columbia grace@gracefox.com

The workload for everyone in our office increases this month as we help volunteers prepare for our evangelistic camps. Pray that every necessary detail is addressed accurately



(ie: that everyone's airline ticket takes them to the right country on the right day). Pray that our short-term volunteers will go deep with Jesus, for confidence in His ability to provide the necessary finances, and for servant hearts. Continue praying for clarity and peace for our displaced Ukrainian missionaries. Continue praying for our neighbors' salvation: Andrew (65), Eric (73), Jaden (29) and his brother Byron (34). Praise God for Sandra's salvation. Now pray for her husband, Trev. Pray for Grace's clarity of mind as she writes her book Names of God: Knowing Peace. Praise for Gene's recovery coming along nicely now.

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Doug & Cindy RintoulWycliffe Int/CanIL - Langley doug-cindy rintoul@sil.org

MAY 13



T&GPlease pray for our Missionaries in Restricted Access Countries

MAY 14

Warren & Dorothy Janzen SEND Int'l - Abbotsford wjanzen@send.org

This month I (Warren) will be gathering with our SEND team in northern Thailand for some days of prayer, discernment, team building and planning. This is a key moment for a team that



is rapidly expanding. Pray with us for open hands, minds and ears as we seek to have the Holy Spirit be the loudest voice in the room. Thanks for standing with us!

Trever & Joan GodardMultiply - BC trevergodard@gmail.com

Bryan and Carolina (former students at the Matthew Training Center in Mexico), are from Colombia and are global workers in Asia. Pray for them as they learn the language and culture, and



connect with people from the MB churches and make new contacts as well. Also pray for Matthias and Yadira (also former students at MTC), from Brazil and Mexico, as they are waiting for government paper work from Brazil to go to Angola as global workers.

MAY 16

Rob & Judy Griffioen GNI - Canada robandjudy2thai@gmail.com

Since moving away from Abbotsford, Judy's pain has spiked. She is easily exhausted. Pray that God will supply healing and strength for Judy to engage life here and abroad. Please pray for our



ministry partners in Thailand and Myanmar. Pray for Pia, our partner in South Thailand who is struggling with a serious bout of emotional health. Pray for God's protection for the 25 children in our ministry home in Shan State, Myanmar as the military junta actively seeks to conscript young people. Pray for 5 young people who have come to faith through our partner outreaches in Shan State and were recently baptized. Finally, please pray for God's provision for our ministry to continue to support these life changing opportunities.

MAY 17

A&K Himalayas

Our family will be traveling to Albania next month for a conference with our organization. It will include workers from over 10 of our ministry bases in Asia, Africa, South America,



and the Middle East. The intention is to gather for refreshment, receiving counsel/teaching, and simply build one another up with testimonies of all the Lord is doing across the unreached people groups we work with. Pray for amazing connections to be built, and refreshment for all those that are able to be present.

Kent & Inga Friesen TeachBeyond - Ukraine kdfkentyc@yahoo.com

We have presented an idea to the pastors of our church with regard to home groups, and they acknowledged the importance of such ministry. A strategic plan was presented several



years ago and church members were expected to participate. The plan was good, but lasted less than a year. The leaders realized that a ministry like this would need to be born naturally out of desire and sincere interest among the church members. After our meeting, the pastors agreed to talk with one of the deacons, whom we already sort of know, about considering the idea of starting a home group with us. We have since had our first home group meeting and will meet every second week until the end of May before taking a summer break.

MAY 19

Brent & Jody NesbittP2C - <u>Abbotsford</u>
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Thank you for your prayers. And praise the Lord for the central place that prayer is (once again) taking both at Central Heights, and at Power to Change. Jody and I have been leading a Sunday



Morning prayer meeting at Central Heights for the past couple of years, which seems to be gaining some traction. Please pray that God would continue to lead us in how to pray for Central Heights in ways that He will surely answer. And likewise for Power to Change, that God would give us discerning hearts so that we can pray rightly for the ministry and its needs. Pray also for Joseph and Anilee as they consider life partners. Joseph has had a girlfriend (Selena) since last summer, Anilee has not yet found anyone that interests her.



J&CRestricted Access Country

We are back to studying language full time after a break. Please pray for our relationships with our teachers to continue to grow deeper and for opportunities to share the hope that we have. Also, we have a few possibilities that could



provide a visa for our next year, please be praying for discernment and God's leading in this process.

MAY 22

Mike & Karen Woodard Power To Change - Abb. <u>mike@familylifecanada.com</u>

Salvation and Celebration of Life... Through our pre-marital work, we met a couple that friends sent our way. They both believed in God but had not made commitments to Christ. After spending



time with them, the husband has phoned from time to time to ask for "pastoral care". He calls me - Pastor Mike. Before Christmas he called with sad news. His wife, who was in stage 4 cancer, had no more medical options. On our visit a few days later, she embraced Christ! They asked me to do the celebration of life service in March. I had the honor of telling the story of how this dear woman came to Christ to a largely unchurched audience. Prayer that the seeds sown would bear fruit.

MAY 23

James & Carolanne Warkentin P2C (Digital Strategies) - Abb. james.warkentin@p2c.com

Happy Spring! Carolanne and I are glad to see the weather getting warmer and the garden starting to grow. I love seeing and hearing the birds back again after their winter travels. We



are seeing growth in the ministry as well. Some areas in particular that I've been involved with have been continuing development of live-chat as well as building a mobile app. We hope that these tools will help our mentors communicate even more effectively with those coming to us for help and prayer. Please continue to pray for these opportunities that they would be used effectively for God's glory.

Thank you for keeping us and this ministry in your prayers.

Greg & Becky OuelletteMultiply - Abbotsford grego@multiply.net

Thank you for taking the time to pray for me. It sure makes a difference. On May 12th, I will be in Winnipeg to help debrief a group of people who just finished our FOCUS Internship training



program. Part of their internship was spending 6 months working alongside global workers in either Thailand, Uganda or Central Asia*. The final component of their training is 2 weeks of debriefing and discerning what's next. I'll be working alongside our Central Canada team to help with this debrief time. I am looking forward to it. My part is to lead an exercise that helps give better clarity on God's shaping work in us by remembering what he has done in our past. I love this part of my job! Pray for us as we prepare. Pray that each person would hear what the Holy Spirit is saying. Pray that this will be a powerful time of surrender & discovery.

MAY 25

Richard & Becky Szmutko P2C Films - Abbotsford richard.szmutko@p2c.com

Pray for our team as we are about to provide two athlete profiles for the upcoming Olympics, we have the athletes identified but need to discuss with them they are the right fit, these

videos will be promoted internationally so we want to do a good job that clearly shares the gospel in a sporting context.

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Central Heights Staff & Ministries **MAY 27**



BCMB

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MULTIPLY Mennonite Brethren Mission Agency

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Pray for the Province of BC

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Pray for Abbotsford

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Pray for Canada

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