

**26. Shaun & Söndi Carlaw:
Hungary**

Pray for spiritual openness among university students attending weekly English clubs at the RefoRom hostel. Pray for Söndi and music team as they visit and share a concert at a juvenile institute for female offenders on November 27.

27. Church Plants & Pastors

Pray for our Church Plants and Pastors:

All the Nations, Wembley, AB:

Dwight & Sherry Munn

Iranian Church of Newmarket,

Newmarket, ON:

Siavosh Sadeghi

Steveston Church Plant Project,

Richmond, BC:

Allan & Hannah Chang;

Daniel & Joyce Wong

Tokyo Multicultural Church,

Tokyo, Japan: Dale & Ann Little;

Jon & Laura Prins

JIOS Agassiz, Agassiz, BC:

Charlz & Ruth Sebastian

Osoyoos Project, Osoyoos, BC:

Dan & Sharon Williams

28. Rob Stewart:

LPD Superintendent

We are **thankful** that churches are moving forward in mission in the midst of COVID. We are **thankful** for five ordinations/transfers of ordination this fall, as well as several pastors becoming credentialed with the EFCC. Pray for guidance for our LPD Board and Succession Committee, as they prayerfully discern the candidate to become LPD superintendent. Pray for unity in Christ as people differ on COVID.

**29. National Missionaries in
Canada**

Pray for our national missionaries:

- François Bergeron - Quebec

- Dan Byrne - Ottawa

- Ashleigh & Jonathan Deplet,

Quebec

- Arvid Olson - Abbotsford

- Chris Yu - Toronto

30. Love & Unity

Pray that our churches and missionaries would be those who live out the faithful loving presence of Jesus in these divided days. Pray that in the middle of that division we can model what loving our neighbours and our enemies really looks like.

UPCOMING

Join us in praying over the upcoming events in the EFCC|M family!

November 5 - 6
Alberta Parkland District Conference

November 11
Remembrance Day

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Prayer Guide

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PRAYER IN THE FACE OF FEAR

Fear! It seems to be everywhere! I would suggest it is one of the deepest, most profoundly felt, human emotions. Gordon T. Smith, in his book *Wisdom from Babylon*, cites Henri Nouwen saying that fear has become so pathologically present in our culture that it is no longer recognized. He also cites Rowan Williams as saying that our secular society has few skills for managing threats and thus “neurotic fear has free play”. I’m not sure I would go that far, but a quick look at the last few years of public discourse displays fear at every turn.

As followers of Jesus, to what do we turn, when we face fear? Prayer seems like a natural place. Not simply because it is the thing to do, but because it connects us to Almighty God. I remember as a young child relying on the words of Psalm 56:3, “What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee”. And yes, I know I just used King James language, because that is still how I remember that verse after all these years. The Psalmist finds his hope in the person of God. In His character! In His faithful loving kindness!

In framing our praying this month, may these verses from Psalm 27 anchor you:

*The Lord is my light and my salvation so why should I be afraid?
The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?*

*Though a mighty army surround me, my heart will not be afraid.
Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.*

Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.

~ Neil Bassingthwaigtea

1. Maureen & Jerome Harvey: MEMO

Please **pray** that MEMO will find an affordable suitable warehouse for its activities. At present MEMO works out of a small building to prepare things for shipping. There is no storage space so two highway trailers are used for this.

2. Tim Seim & Bill Klumpenower: Interim PD Superintendents

Praise the Lord for our District conference with the theme of Disciple Making Churches facilitated by Steve Sharpe and Neil Bassingthwaighte. **Praise** to the Lord for the confirmation call of Trevor Brawdy to serve as the next Superintendent of the Prairie District.

3. Bill & Deb Taylor: Executive Director

Praise for great conferences in Canadian Pacific District and Prairie District. **Pray** for Dan Carlaw and Trevor Brawdy as they prepare for their new ministries as District Superintendents. **Pray** for Alberta Parkland District Conference, that God will lead the district in a clear way. **Pray** for unity in our churches - that they will remain focused on Christ and the gospel during these days of many distractions.

4. Adam & Luibov Nikkel: Ukraine

Praise for the kids centre reopening their doors to volunteers after a year and a half. **Pray** that we will be able to continue to work with kids even though more restrictions are being reinstated. Also **pray** that we can raise donations to fix our ministry van.

5. Neil & Henrietta Bassingthwaighte: National Missions Director

Pray for a good APD conference. This conference will be one of celebration as they look back over District Superintendent Don Harder's time, and seek God's direction for the next chapter of the district. **Pray** also for a time of rest and refreshment after a busy fall travel schedule.

6. Terry & Peggy Kaufman: Leadership Catalyst

Praise God for his faithful hand on my travels and ministry in churches over the past month. Please continue to **pray** for wisdom as we attempt to speak effectively to our churches and leaders in the midst of this season where uncertainty and division still exist. **Pray** that we can help church leaders make good decisions with whatever opportunities to reopen that they have.

7. Robert & Leslee Oudman: Nicaragua

Here in Nicaragua we'd like **prayers** for the political situation. The presidential election is November 7 and it will be a tense time in the country. **Pray** for 1) justice: for a free and fair election process; 2) peace and acceptance of the election results; and 3) a recognition of God's sovereignty in all things.

8. Joy: Africa

Please **pray** for the poor people in Egypt: for help to come to them during this time of the year. **Pray** they are provided for financially and medically. **Pray** over the Covid situation there. Quite a few people are sick and they are not careful.

9. Joel & Ingrid Chiri: Paraguay

Pray for more rain to end the drought. **Pray** that our container arrives quickly, undamaged and unopened. **Pray** for a successful end to this paperwork as we redo paperwork lost in the mail. **Pray** for our idea that Christmas Wish boxes can be given to the poor children at Christmas.

10. Greg & Shelli Neufeld: Mexico

As we continue to spend our days and nights running the children's home in Mexico, please **pray** for our energy and wisdom as we counsel kids who have been through a lot of trauma. **Pray** that we will find co-workers as God has planned. Please **pray** that we can find the people necessary to take care of the kids for the time we need to go to Canada for our son's wedding.

11. Remembrance Day

Pray for churches that will be holding Remembrance Day services and for people involved in community services today. **Pray** that they would be a faithful loving gospel-presence as they are involved in remembering. May we also give thanks for our country, its peace and freedom, and the brave men and women who have served our country.

12. Dale & Ann Little: Japan

Give **praise** to God that the state of emergency has been lifted for all of Japan, and Tokyo Multicultural Church can once again meet in person. **Pray** for us as we navigate through this new COVID world, for safety and good connections, even with those who have become comfortable watching online.

13. Helen Blackburn: Bolivia

Helen **praises** the Lord for safety and blessings during travel to Regina and Vauxhall and for PDC in Okotoks. **Pray** for her visit to Calgary Nov. 14, for preparations to return to Bolivia Dec. 1st and for Ronaldo at the Boys Home who has fallen ill to Bell's palsy.

14. Dwight & Joanne Johnson: Stewardship Catalyst

Pray for success in ongoing fundraising efforts as we are in the most important fundraising time of the year. **Pray** that Covid will not hinder us from visiting MB as we have a number of donors there we want to see.

15. Kathleen Ngenda: Libera

Praise that God continues to take care of us. **Praise** that our farming project continues to grow with over 30 lbs of tomatoes a week. Please **pray** for James as he has qualified to be a candidate for the election November 16. **Pray** for wisdom as we discuss plans for expansion of our ministry center to include outreach to vulnerable girls and women. **Pray** for someone to take over the pastor training program, either local or international.

16. The Gospel

Pray that the Good News of Jesus would be what we are all about. There are so many distractions that can pull us off of the mission. **Pray** that the Holy Spirit would go before us preparing hearts and minds as we desire to share the Good News.

17. Susana Reimer: Bolivia

We are very **grateful** for health. **Pray** for the Lords leading in my ministry.

18. Graeme & Sarena Rattray: Thailand

Praise God for a healthy birth of our grandchild! No complications, and everyone is healthy. **Praise** God for a new believer's decision to follow Jesus. She is Thai. **Pray** she will be a strong witness to her Buddhist family and that the Holy Spirit will teach and strengthen her. **Pray** for Sarena as she witnesses to a new friend. **Pray** for opportunities and open hearts to hearing the gospel of Jesus.

19. Military Chaplains

Pray for our Military Chaplains:
-Peter Han - Esquimalt, BC
-Shiya Janzen - Borden, ON
-Chris Willis - Esquimalt, BC

20. Steve & Jane Wheeler: Montreal

Praise God that the Bible-Journey translation project is now 75% done. Please continue to **pray** for its completion. **Pray** for a strong start for the fall season of our Thursday evening group in the Book of Acts.

21. Ike & Trudy Agawin: Manager of Personnel & Projects

Our landlord is selling their house. We have been renting this house for ten years. Please **pray** with us that we may find a suitable house to rent. Please continue to **pray** for our missionaries who are facing many challenges because of COVID. **Pray** to the Lord of the Harvest "to send labourers into His harvest" through the EFCCM (Matthew 9:38-39). We need more missionaries to reach the unreached, the poor and the unevangelized.

22. Wade & Adele Hammond: Mexico

Praise for a God-honoring anniversary celebration at Árbol de Vida Evangelical Free Church as we reflect on His faithfulness over the last 25+1 years. **Praise** God for our wonderful *Prayer and Financial Partnership Team*. We are so **blessed** and so **grateful**. **Praise** God that Adele has been able to begin the English classes again. **Pray** that the English classes will be an effective outreach ministry of Árbol de Vida EFC. **Pray** that we will be wise when helping those with many needs. **Pray** that we will continue to improve in our speaking and understanding of Spanish.

23. Daryl & Molly Porter: Affiliates Ukraine

Please **pray** for the Bridge Church in Krivoy Rog Ukraine as they consider a couple of young men for the role of pastor. Summer of 2022 is on our radar. Please **pray** for teachers for the SEI program for next July 2022 to join us.

24. Steve & Myra Neufeld: Cuba

Praise for the 15th Anniversary celebration of our church plant in Matanzas. **Praise** for health and reaching new communities. **Pray** for the church in Cuba facing social conflict and food shortages. **Pray** for the intense struggle with Covid affecting the majority of our partners.

25. Ed & Diana Wallan: Affiliate Mexico

We are **thankful** that Diana's chemo treatments continue to be two days per month, every three months. We look forward (hopefully soon) to complete healing so we can again serve in short-term missions.