

ministry center. **Praise** for the continued construction of our sanctuary in our ministry center!

22. Church Plants & Pastors

All the Nations, Wembley, AB:

Dwight & Sherry Munn

Eckville Community Church,

Eckville, AB: Ron & Helena

Swanson

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

23. Ed & Diana Wallan:

Affiliates Latin America

Praise and **thanks** that Ed is mostly recovered from his hernia surgery. **Pray** for Diana as she continues chemo. **Pray** for the illness she feels after each treatment. **Pray** for full strength that we may take advantage of ministry opportunities.

24. Wade & Adele Hammond:

Mexico

Praise for continued health in the midst of active ministry. **Praise** for the new students joining online English Club. **Pray** for our planned home assignment scheduled for May. **Pray** for the details surrounding our summer plans, and hopes to talk to churches and supporters.

25. Shaun & Shöndi Carlaw: Hungary

Pray for the Lord to be working in the hearts of English students attending Bible chats in Obuda and in Ujpest and for Shaun as he leads the studies from passages in the four gospels

26. Pastor Paul Yang: Jubilee Chapel

Please **pray** for a good decision on the lead pastor who can lead the Jubilee Chapel following Pastor Paul Yang.

27. Jay Pinney: Montreal Team

Please **pray** for a dozen Quebec church planters doing their once a month training and their ability to apply the training to their ministry. Please **pray** for the group of trainers as well, training them and coaching them over a two year period as they plant their churches! We will be doing church planter evaluations in June for 6 couples. Please **pray** as we plan how to do these within Covid guidelines.

28. Neil & Henrietta Bassingthwaighte: National Mission Director

Pray for the final plans to come together for our 2021 Theology Conference. **Pray** that Neil would have wisdom in dealing with some on-going issues with national mission projects. **Pray** that Henrietta would be able to find the employment that suits her when her job at H&R Block is finished at the end of tax season.

29. National Missionaries in Canada

Please **pray** that our national missionaries would stay

encouraged, and find creative ministry opportunities in this continuing health crisis:

- François Bergeron - Quebec

- Dan Byrne - Ottawa

- Arvid Olson - Abbotsford

- Chris Yu - Toronto

Also pray for our military chaplains:

- Peter Han - CAF Chaplain, Esquimalt, BC

- Shiya Janzen - CAF Chaplain, Borden, ON

- Chris Willis - CAF Chaplain, Esquimalt, BC

30. Don Harder: APD Superintendent

Praise for the hopeful signs of springtime and the opportunities of outdoor gatherings that affords. **Pray** for patience and unity with the continued restrictions churches face. **Pray** for pastoral searches happening in High Level and Eckville. **Pray** for a couple of churches facing deep financial challenges during this pandemic.

UPCOMING

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

April 2
Good Friday

April 4
Easter Monday

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Prayer Guide

April 2021



THINGS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

Let me remind you, dear brothers and sisters of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you...I passed on to you what was most important...Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. 1 Cor. 15:1-4

In our day and age, it is vital that we are reminded of what is most important. There are a lot of things that clamor for our attention. Many of them are good and needful. Some are mere distraction. In the cacophony of voices attempting to reach our ears we must attune to the voice of God, and intentionally come back to things of first importance regularly.

1 Corinthians 15, that glorious chapter on the resurrection, opens with these reminders of first importance. And this month kicks off with our celebrations of the passion week, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. I hope as you pray through this calendar you will also ponder, meditate on, and be in awe of the Good News again. We have a tendency to let it grow stale. To forget. To put in on the back shelf. To know and recite the words but not really revel in it. This month, I pray that we would bask in the vast ocean of the goodness of God on our behalf and as April ends, we walk away different people because of it.

~ Neil Bassingthwaighte

1. Larry & Diane Willems: Thailand

Pray for our family as we take a break from the smoke in Chiangmai. We have gone south until mid to late April. **Pray** we can be a help to the small church here and spread the Word. **Praise** we will have a sunrise Easter service on the Gulf of Thailand.

2. Robert & Leslee Oudman: Nicaragua

Please **pray** that as we share knowledge with the people of Nicaragua during these months of the dry season, that **knowledge** of God working in our lives, and **knowledge** directly related to agriculture would be fertile seed that produces a harvest! **Pray** too for details of travel that we have planned for the end of March, flights from Nicaragua to Canada. Travel is very complicated these days so **pray** that all the little details are in God's hands.

3. Rob Stewart: LPD Superintendent

Praise: We are thankful that two pastors have recovered from COVID and that our online LPD Conference went well. We are **thankful** for new people reached through online ministries. **Pray** for creative and effective Easter celebrations. **Pray** for hope and unity in our churches in the midst of the uncertain and changing COVID restrictions. **Pray** for preparation for summer ministries.

4. Graeme & Sarena Rattray: Thailand

Give praise to Jesus for new life: Kyra is expecting her first child. **Pray** for continued health for her and the baby. **Pray** for Kyra,

Nolan and Connor as they have finals this last month of university. **Pray** that they finish strong and keep focused. **Pray** for us as we mentor close friends going through very difficult situations. **Pray** for the outreach class that many will participate and be encouraged.

5. C & E: Europe

C&E are currently in Canada as Europe Area Ministry Coaches as our kids finish off High School. E is taking some Masters courses and so the first half of April will be very busy for her as the semester comes to an end. **Pray** for E that she would have energy and focus to finish off these courses well. Also **pray** for wisdom for C&E as they continue to come alongside Europe Area missionaries in this coaching role.

6. Susan & Frank Janetti: Zimbabwe

Praise that again Frank's medical shows no change in cancer tumors. Thank you for your **prayers** on this. **Praise** that the Government of Zimbabwe will be supporting clearance of our containers into Zimbabwe. **Praise** that the government will also be supporting our clinics and schools.

7. Steve & Myra Neufeld: Cuba/Mexico

Pray for the new church plant in the city of Jaguey Grande, Cuba. A house has been rented, the pastoral couple trained and the move to the new city is planned for this month. A core group has been formed over the past year and will now start meeting as a congregation as soon as they can.

8. Tim Seim & Bill Klumpenhower: PD Superintendents

Pray for wisdom and guidance from the Lord as more ministry doors open and that we will take what we have learned into the future. **Pray** for the search for our next Superintendent as the search begins shortly.

9. Bill & Deb Taylor: Executive Director

Praise and thanks for a good online leadership day with leaders from across the EFCC. **Pray** for Rich Peachey's recovery from open heart surgery. **Pray** for those who are weary from the isolation of Covid-19. **Pray** also for safety during construction, and for additional donors to support the Fosmark Centre building project.

10. Joy: Africa

Please **pray** for the situation in Egypt. The Covid-19 situation continues to be bad; I know several people who are fighting it, and others who have passed away. **Pray** for their families as they navigate these times. **Praise** the Lord for the health and safety for many others I know. **Pray** for their continued safety and good health.

11. Kathleen & James Ngenda: Liberia/Grassroots

Pray for **wisdom**. Especially concerning staff and planning. **Pray** for **renewal**. As we wait on the Lord may He renew our strength and guide us through daily management as well as reaching the lost. **Pray** for **vision and action**. May God give us the ability to match our actions toward the vision He has for Liberia. **Praise** God for continued

security in a country where our president said we must all be responsible for our own. God is our safety and protects us. We **thank** God our generators are working, our water is pumping, our library is open and we are able to be about God's business.

12. Daryl & Molly Porter: Affiliates Ukraine

Pray for wisdom as we try to decide about going to the Ukraine this summer. We want to but it may not be reasonable to go. **Praise and prayer** for the completion of the Ministry Centre project in Krivoy. It is moving ahead step by step through your continued generous gifts!

13. Stephen Wheeler: Montreal Team

Pray for a good start to our group study series in the book of Acts. Continue to **pray** for wisdom in keeping touch with contacts in this COVID hot spot area.

14. Martin Perren: CPD Superintendent

Please be **praying** for three of our churches that are searching for their next pastor: Fort St. James, 100 Mile House, and Dawson City EFC. **Pray** about preparations to reopen churches. **Pray** that we will be able to apply some of the good things we have learned in this pandemic. **Pray** that our pastors will have a vision for the future that is stronger than any longing for the past.

15. Jerome & Maureen Harvey: MEMO

Pray that the Cuban government official will be moved to sign the authorization form to ship a

container of desperately needed medical supplies for Cuba.

Praise for the response to the appeal for chainsaws to return tree-overgrown farmland in Zimbabwe to produce food for subsistence farmers who have renewed interest in caring for their families since turning to Christ. **Pray** for safety of the wood cutters.

16. Shiya Janzen: CAF

Please **pray** as I have received my posting message to Borden, ON for mid-July. Our house in Quebec is on the market and we need to find a home in the Borden area. **Pray** it sells as it is a difficult market due to many people moving out of Toronto. **Pray** for the challenges that quarantine brings during this transition. We are trusting God to provide through all of this,.

17. Dale & Ann Little: Japan

Pray for wisdom for the leadership at Tokyo Multicultural Church as we open our facility and navigate the COVID 19 world, now that Tokyo is no longer under a state of emergency. **Pray** that the Lord will provide a missionary/pastor to lead TMC's English language ministries.

18. Dwight & Joanne Johnson: Stewardship Catalyst

Pray for contacts being made with both churches and individuals regarding donating towards the national office building addition at Fosmark. **Pray** that construction will continue smoothly, and everything will be complete and ready for move in by this summer.

19. Mat & Cheryl: Asia

Pray for discernment for when it's safe and effective to go back for work in NW China; the cost of quarantine is high. **Pray** for travel restrictions and other factors when contacting locals in XJ. **Pray** for two church planting partnerships in progress, and discerning how best to help them. **Pray** for us engaging and promoting general mission work in conjunction with the largest seminary in Taiwan for a first meeting in January 2022. Leading 3 different local Mission small groups, **pray** for opportunity to build relationships at this stage.

20. Rich & Lynn Peachey: Interim Coordinator of Care & Development

Praise that Rich's open heart surgery (March 15th) was a "routine" surgery and his heart looks good now that the valve has been replaced. **Pray** for recovery and strength to return as he heals. **Praise** that he was able to complete some larger projects for the home office as well as complete his current course for his masters level studies before the surgery date. **Pray** for the home office team as they operate without him for the next three months of recovery.

21. Adam & Liubov Nikkel: Ukraine

Pray for our ministry as we continue to figure out new way to interact with the kids as tighter restrictions might be coming again soon. **Pray** for our ministry funding to grow and for us to find new sponsors to support our projects. **Praise** that we are still able to visit one of the orphanages and meet at our