



DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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. Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.</p>		<p>1 This month, the new Head of School arrives at the school in Central Asia where J.W. has been serving as the interim Head of School. Pray for a smooth transition during the second semester.</p>	<p>2 As Jacob celebrates his birthday today in South Asia, pray that he and his wife Hosanna will be fruitful in their ministry work, even when it can be discouraging. Pray for perseverance, love, and self-control (2 Peter 1:6-8).</p>	<p>3 Lift up tranSender Lydia Musselman as she plans for Advent celebrations with college students in Harrisonburg, Va. May they grow closer to each other as they prepare for celebrating the incarnation of our Lord.</p>	<p>4 The Schoenhals and Horst families are both in Virginia until Thailand reopens for volunteer/religious workers. Pray that the doors will soon open for their return.</p>	<p>5 As COVID-19 cases rise around the world and tightening restrictions prevent large gatherings, pray that churches will find meaningful and safe ways to celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons this year.</p>
<p>6 Five men at a halfway house have decided to work the Twelve Steps with tranSender D.J. Mitchell in weekly meetings in Harrisonburg, Va. Pray that they will be transformed by God's gracious work and that they will find long-term recovery.</p>	<p>7 As Juan José Lagos celebrates his birthday today, pray for him and his church plant in Winston-Salem, N.C., as they continue to meet together over Zoom for church services and Discovery Bible Studies.</p>	<p>8 Tyler and Kendra Yoder, who are planting a church in Richmond, Va., are planning to hold a Christmas celebration on December 20, if regulations allow. Pray for creative ways to hold the celebration in a safe way.</p>	<p>9 Pray for Jason Wagner, jail chaplain in Harrisonburg, Va., as he leads a study on <i>Sit, Walk, Stand</i> by Watchman Nee. Pray for those participating as they work through different themes in the book of Ephesians.</p>	<p>10 Pray for empowerment and discipline for tranSender Hannah Shultz to set aside time to pray and plan for the new things that God has for children's ministry at Enciende Una Luz in Harrisonburg, Va. this upcoming year.</p>	<p>11 Grace is leading a prenatal group for young expectant mothers in Southeast Asia. Pray for each participant, and that the group will enjoy learning and growing together. Pray for Grace as she leads.</p>	<p>12 TranSender Vicki Barnes serves in college ministry at Eastern Mennonite University. Pray that she will have sustained energy to continue connecting with students over the holiday break and a restful time with family.</p>
<p>13 Last month, a group including tranSender Elena Buckwalter de Satalaya held the first-ever Sunday service in a new building in Iquitos, Peru. Pray for them as services continue and they invite neighbors to attend.</p>	<p>14 Pray for God's help as jail chaplain Jason Wagner seeks to build bridges between churches and the Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail and as Jason communicates God's heart for this ministry.</p>	<p>15 Pray for resilience and perseverance for Shawn and Laura Green, and also for wisdom in knowing how to best meet the needs of the believers in Italy in light of this season of uncertainty and difficulty during the pandemic.</p>	<p>16 Pray that Christ's light will shine through J. and M. W. and other believers in Central Asia, as well as through dreams of Jesus. Pray that the people of Central Asia will have a deep hunger for God's word.</p>	<p>17 Pray for church planter Alfonso Alvarado as he continues to disciple others in Harrisonburg, Va. through meeting in small groups in homes, evangelizing new families in one-on-one meetings, and visiting people at the local hospital.</p>	<p>18 Pray for Mark and Sarah Schoenhals as they work at developing and updating resources for worship, evangelism, and discipleship for the church in Isaan, Thailand while working remotely from the U.S.</p>	<p>19 The church that the Campbells are part of in Montenegro is meeting online. Laura has been offering online Sunday school classes for kids, but attendance is low. Pray for wisdom in knowing how to do and be church more effectively.</p>
<p>20 Jaden Hostetter, who serves in Quito, Ecuador, finds it difficult to relate to the youth there. Pray for creative ways to get to know them and to build relationships with them.</p>	<p>21 Pray that Life Enrichment Church celebrations in Thailand, where the Horst and Schoenhals serve and are waiting to return, will be refreshing and faith-building for all who gather together.</p>	<p>22 Ask the Lord to send signs, dreams, and visions to Yugo and Grace's neighbors in their community in Southeast Asia, that they will meet Jesus through these means, and that they will desire to have a relationship with him.</p>	<p>23 As Dan Hess celebrates his birthday today in Albania, pray for him as he engages in leadership training, to train others to train others (2 Timothy 2:2). Pray for many opportunities to mentor others and share God's love.</p>	<p>24 Pray for Mosaic of Grace, Mike and Risha Metzler's church plant in Harrisonburg, Va., as they continue developing relationships with people of peace. They desire to see people come to know Jesus Christ as king and God's kingdom as home.</p>	<p>25 On this day of celebrating Jesus' birth, pray that VMissions workers' sense of hope and joy will be evident to those around them who are in need of hope and encouragement. Pray for opportunities to bless others today.</p>	<p>26 Lift up Norma Teles in her work at the Joshua Center, a preschool in Albania. Pray that each of the children attending will know that they are loved by God and will be able to share about God's love to their families.</p>
<p>27 Pray for Armando and Veronica Sanchez as they continue to tirelessly sow gospel seeds in Waynesboro, Va. Pray for more opportunities for Armando to share the good news through his construction jobs.</p>	<p>28 Pray that Hosanna, who serves in South Asia, will see herself as God sees her. Pray that this next year will be a year marked by God's grace and freedom from judgmental attitudes and shame.</p>	<p>29 The Mennonite Church of Trinidad and Tobago praises the Lord for His healing, deliverance, protection, guidance, forgiveness, and other ways that God has worked in the lives of God's people during this year.</p>	<p>30 As Lee Martin celebrates his birthday today, pray for wisdom for the SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) team in West Virginia as they envision how they might minister safely and effectively next year amidst the pandemic.</p>	<p>31 Pray for wisdom and boldness for Dan and Mary Hess and Rafael and Solange Tartari as they work together to help lay a foundation for a new fellowship in the town of Milot, Albania.</p>	<p>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. <i>John 1:14,16-18 (NIV)</i></p>	