



FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.</p> <p>2 Corinthians 5:14-15</p>		<p>1 Pray that a family serving in South Asia now on home assignment in the US will have a clear sense of what God wants them to share with churches and supporters. Pray for open ears to God's leading and creativity in sharing mission stories.</p>	<p>2 Pray for John David Thacker, a church planter who is building relationships and worshipping with other pastors and churches in Charleston, W.Va. Ask God to bring the right people into his ministry.</p>	<p>3 As tranSend intern DJ Mitchell celebrates his birthday today, lift up his work with those in recovery from addiction in Harrisonburg, Va. He has resumed a weekly Bible study and now lives in the Recovery House as a volunteer house coordinator.</p>	<p>4 Lift up the two interns serving with Yosiah and Anita Rahma* in Southeast Asia. They are building relationships with neighbors. Pray for Yosiah and Anita as they mentor these two through all sorts of experiences and discussions. (*pseudonyms)</p>	<p>5 Join Shawn and Laura Green in praying for Afghan refugees Abbass and his family, as the family figures out how to thrive in their new culture in Termoli, Italy. Pray for them to continue to be open to the gospel.</p>
<p>6 Pray for jail chaplain Jason Wagner and his transition into the Middle River Regional Jail in Augusta County, Va. Ask the Lord to empower his work to help inmates find freedom and redemption in Christ and a new life as they leave jail.</p>	<p>7 Pray for Mark Schoenhals and local teammate Wit as they make weekly evangelism trips to a cluster of villages near Det Udom, Thailand. Pray that the Lord will be preparing the hearts of individuals and families who are receptive to the good news of Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>8 TranSend intern Ashawrie White has answered God's call to go into full-time campus ministry with Every Nation Campus when her internship ends this May. Pray for her in the planning, training, and fundraising for her new role.</p>	<p>9 Lift up current and potential local ministry leaders that are being disciplined and trained by workers around the world. Ask God to guide them to positions of leadership with humility, integrity, and Christ-centeredness.</p>	<p>10 As Steve Horst celebrates his birthday in Nam Yuen, Thailand, ask the Lord to fill him with both boldness and with patient expectations of God's movement and renewal in that place.</p>	<p>11 With COVID variants, many worker locations around the world still face changing regulations regarding in-person worship and other gatherings. Pray for continued wisdom in the best way to safely navigate these issues and regulations.</p>	<p>12 As Steve and Laura Campbell are preparing to transition from their assignment in Podgorica, Montenegro, pray for a local person to take leadership of the Sunday School program that Laura started.</p>
<p>13 Pray for tranSend intern Nathan Carr, who works with those recently released from jail in Harrisonburg, Va. He is working with a local church to start a jail outreach that will utilize Celebrate Recovery material to help people find Christ and sobriety.</p>	<p>14 Ask the Lord to fill his children with a deep love for others, with care, compassion, and words of encouragement that echo through the ages, so that the world will see the nature of God and the transforming work of Jesus.</p>	<p>15 Lift up the work of intentional prayer in the ministries of VMissions as a fundamental underpinning of every program, assignment, and campaign. Ask God to call more persons to pray regularly in support of this work.</p>	<p>16 Join tranSend intern Hannah Shultz, serving in Harrisonburg, Va., in praying for the next generation to love God and the way of Jesus more than their own ways or acceptance from others. Pray for undivided hearts firmly set on Jesus.</p>	<p>17 Join Norma Teles in praying for the mothers and the girls she regularly meets with in Albania. She loves them deeply and desires them to find hope in Jesus. Ask the Lord to speak into their hearts.</p>	<p>18 Pray for tranSend intern Becca Gaines, serving in college ministry at James Madison University, as she seeks deeper reverence for the Word, increased intimacy, and constant renewal of her passion for lost college students.</p>	<p>19 Lift up the ministry of the Iglesia Cristiana Shalom church plant in Waynesboro, Va. Church planters Armando and Veronica Sanchez have connected with many members of the Latino community to share the gospel.</p>
<p>20 As Mosaic of Grace church planter and co-pastor Risha Metzler celebrates her birthday tomorrow, pray for her relationships and gospel outreach in her Harrisonburg, Va., neighborhood, alongside her husband Mike and family.</p>	<p>21 As tranSend intern Lydia Musselman celebrates her birthday today, lift up her ministry to college students at 264 OSH in Harrisonburg, Va. Pray that they will find the love of God and a purpose-filled life in Jesus.</p>	<p>22 Lift up Rafael and Solange Tartari in prayer as they minister in Shkodër, Albania, bearing witness to Jesus and leading disciples into a daily life of prayer and knowledge of the word of God.</p>	<p>23 As Yosiah Rahma* celebrates his birthday today in Southeast Asia, lift up the children and families of the House of Hope ministry that he and his wife Anita run. Pray for this family to be a light in the slum community that draws people to Jesus. (*pseudonyms)</p>	<p>24 Lift up David and Rebekka Stutzman as they serve in Mannheim, Germany. Pray for the Wayfarers E³ Collective to France and Germany this spring as participants learn what sharing faith looks like in this post-Christian context.</p>	<p>25 Join Steve and Laura Campbell in praying for Luka, a young man in Montenegro who is committed to the church and plans to go to Bible School this fall. Steve is discipling him and working with him on preaching and leading small groups.</p>	<p>26 Pray for Raleigh and Opal* and their family serving in North Africa. As they build connections among a minority people group and demonstrate integrity and true peace, pray that Jesus will be revealed to many. (*pseudonyms)</p>
<p>27 Ask God to call and send the right persons to serve as childcare and homeschool assistants in northeastern Thailand, where the Horst and Schoenhals families serve, to enable these workers to pursue more opportunities in church/outreach engagement.</p>	<p>28 Join Diomedes Franco, serving in La Vega, Dominican Republic, in praying for at-risk children that his ministry connects with. May they receive God's love and encounter Jesus through the discipleship and care of the ministry.</p>	<p>So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!</p> <p>2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (NIV)</p>		<p>This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by:</p> <p>Weaver's FlooringAmerica where friends send friends</p>		

Call to Prayer

“I see a picture of a strong tree... You have deep roots, but I sense that in this next season that your roots are going to go even deeper; they are about to hit an underground water table, and you will see growth like never before!”

My husband, four children and I had just finished up serving in India for nearly nine years. We were headed back to the States for a one-year sabbatical. On the journey back, we stopped for an annual prayer conference for workers from all over the Muslim world. A woman was praying for me who had never met me before. I recorded her words and cherished them in my heart.

Truly, the next season proved to be a season of much growth. We spent time reflecting and asking God how and where he wanted to take us deeper. He was faithful in pointing out and leading us through areas that were ready for growth and increased fruitfulness. There was a point where I sensed him speaking to my heart: “You’ve done it! Your roots have reached the underground water table! This water is my deep love for you. Just soak it in. Let it fill you up until it is overflowing out of you.” I saw a picture of a vast ocean, with me floating on top of the water, resting in his love. The view zoomed out. I became a speck and the view of the ocean became more and more vast. I was amazed to think about how he has an ocean of never-ending love like this for each one of us!

It dawned on me that, as we are filled with his love, we can move from place to place with his living water overflowing in every place that he takes us. As strong, rooted trees, we can move, as Jesus described, “like the wind,” wherever the Spirit leads us.

I realized that in our 14 years of our marriage we have moved 14 times, not to mention all the transitions each time we came back to the States for home ministry assignments! I wondered sorrowfully how that reality has impacted our children. Then God brought me comfort by reminding me that we have not only survived all of this transition but have been able to thrive. He showed me how our children have felt secure because their roots are in us, their parents. My prayer is that they will be rooted and grounded in the never-ending ocean of God’s love for them.

—RUTHY HERSHEY

Answers to Prayer

- D.J. Mitchell, a tranSend intern serving in healing ministry, is thankful to the Lord for his own recovery and his return to active ministry events with Healing Refuge in Harrisonburg, Va. “Thank you to all who have offered encouragement and support during this difficult time. Life has returned to a kind of normal, and I’ve been focused on finding ways to help people,” he wrote. This includes a weekly Recovery Bible Study and leading meetings at a local recovery house where he is now serving as the live-in, volunteer House Coordinator.
- Dan and Mary Hess, serving in Milot, Albania, are praising the Lord for the core group of believers and seekers that come every week to their worship service. They are also thankful that a REACH team from the US is with them to help with outreach efforts in their town for the next several months.
- In December, Yosiah and Anita* had the opportunity to share by Zoom in two Bible school classes. As a result, one student came to visit them during his Christmas break. “It was exciting to have a young man visit us. He spent two days/nights here. Although his time here was brief, it was still an energizing encounter and we are grateful,” they wrote. May this encounter and continuing relationship bear fruit as he becomes rooted in the message of the Word. (*pseudonyms)

Ways to Pray

Ask God to grant these qualities to VMissions workers as they serve:

Pray for Favor

Mission workers need the favor of God to access places that they otherwise would not on their own. Pray that God will give them the favor to travel freely, meet those in authority who can help them, and succeed in their mission trips.

Pray for Wisdom

Some instances call for wisdom on the mission field, and one prayer we can pray for mission workers is one of wisdom. God gives us wisdom when we ask, and God finds no fault with our asking (James 1:5).

Pray for Courage

Some situations require courage to deal with and overcome. God has promised to be with us wherever we go, and we do not need to fear what is around us (Joshua 1:9). Pray for mission workers to have courage as they navigate their ministry environments.

Pray for Strength

It is normal for workers to get weary as they do their work in the mission field. God promises that he will give strength to the weary, and increase the power of the weak (Isaiah 40:31). Pray that God will give mission workers the strength they need to do God’s work.

Pray for Faith

Mission workers need to have the faith to believe for miracles in the lives of those they minister to every day. We know that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Ask God to fill his missionaries with the faith that moves mountains.

Pray for Patience

It is important to be patient when you are ministering to others because not all people learn at the same rate or do things at the same pace. Abraham waited patiently and saw the Lord’s promise for a son manifest (Hebrews 6:15). When workers are patient in the mission field, they will see what God promised them when they started their journey.