

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Join the four workers serving in college ministry in the Shenandoah Valley in praying for the capacity and opportunity to engage new students with the gospel and disciple them in life changing ways.	2 As James T. (name changed) celebrates his birthday today, ask the Lord to bless and enrich his media ministry of sharing Christian content with Muslim-background spiritual seekers and new believers in South Asia.	3 Pray for the discipleship and outreach efforts of VMissions' international church partners: the Italian Mennonite Church, Jamaica Mennonite Church, and the Mennonite Church of Trinidad & Tobago.	4 Lift up Baker Rigg, chaplain at Rockingham-Harrisonburg Regional Jail in Harrisonburg, Va. Pray for the increasing demands of ministry connected to his role, and ask God to direct his appointments with inmates.	5 Pray for leaders of Life Enrichment Church in Thailand who are taking the course, "Disciples Making Disciples," as they follow through with their own goals, even as they train house church leaders to do the same.	6 Join Norma Teles, serving in Lezhë, Albania, in praying that the Holy Spirit will open the hearts and minds of mothers she works with to know God's truth and remove any doubts that may hinder their way to Jesus.	7 As church planter and pastor Juan José Lagos celebrates his birthday today, ask God for favor in reaching neighbors in need of the gospel as Iglesia Cristiana Renuevo invites transformation through Christ in Winston-Salem, N.C.
8 Pray for the Jorge and Ginny Enciso family, who will be traveling for three weeks this month with a volunteer team through northern Colombia, to bring Vacation Bible School to two different indigenous Christian communities.	9 Pray for students at Immerse International, Millersville, Pa., as worker Michael Hershey relates to them. They often face pressures of family life and past trauma. Ask Jesus to meet them and bring life and healing.	10 Leaders of VMissions and Eastern Mennonite Missions are holding partnership meetings today and tomorrow in Harrisonburg, Va. Ask the Holy Spirit to give God-sized dreams to pursue together for the expansion of the kingdom.	11 Pray for unity and creativity for the growing team in South Asia. Members of the team are on different schedules, so meeting together and prioritizing things is a challenge. Praise God that multiple hands make light work.	12 Ask the Lord to provide the finances needed to keep VMissions on track with its spending plan, particularly through the many faithful partners who give at the end of the calendar year.	13 Pray for God's provision of childcare during training sessions and spiritual retreats, a vital support allowing mission workers and other parents in the church to participate while their children are cared for.	14 Pray for the marketplace ministry of Ben and Risa Yutz, Timberville, Va., as they have seen the fruit of their sharing and discipling multiply on their farm—people they baptized are now evangelizing and baptizing their coworkers.
15 Join Marcello Arrostuto and Marianna Vaglica in praying for the Conoscere Gesù church in Italy to surround Elisa, who was recently widowed. Pray also for the Lord to deepen the faith and outreach of Shalom church in Palermo.	16 Pray for workers around the world to enjoy sweet moments with the Lord through daily habits and intentional space for abiding in Jesus.	17 As David and Marta (names changed) serve on the Central Asia Launch Team, pray for language acquisition and opportunities to build relationships leading to faith conversations with their neighbors.	18 Adam and Elise Sauder (names changed), serving with YWAM in Myrtle Beach, S.C., have been connecting with kids through an after-school program. Join in asking God to work in the lives of these children and their families.	19 Pray that the spiritual seekers whom David and Rebekka Stutzman connect with and disciple in Mannheim, Germany and beyond will find spiritual homes as followers of Jesus.	20 Pray for the ministry of the church that Shawn and Laura Green serve in Termoli, Italy, as they proclaim the good news and share the invitation to a deep (and countercultural) relationship with Jesus.	21 Pray for workers to share the gospel among the nearly 1.5 million Muong people, the second largest ethnic group in Vietnam. Mostly animistic, only 1 in 148 people are followers of Jesus.
22 Pray for God's provision, wisdom, and creativity for God's people in producing opportunities for sustainable work, an important need for the health and sustainability of Jesus movements around the world.	23 Lift up Lydia Showalter, serving and studying at Vida220 in Costa Rica, as she learns and grows in discipleship and transitions to service with Viva Youth in Bogotá, Colombia, early next year.	24 Lift up Lewis and Ashley Roberts, serving as interns in recovery ministry in Harrisonburg, Va. Pray for ministry and life balance, for partners to come alongside, and for monthly financial provision.	25 Merry Christmas! On this day celebrating Jesus' birth, pray that VMissions workers' sense of hope and joy will be evident to those around them who are in need of the abundant life and salvation Jesus gives.	26 Lift up the pastoral and outreach ministries of Armando and Veronica Sanchez, church planters of Iglesia Shalom in Waynesboro, Va., and ask God for continued passion and strength to reach neighbors for Christ.	27 Pray for Jesus to be revealed through visions and interactions with believers among the Sayyid, a Muslim people group mostly in India and Pakistan who are completely unreached by the gospel.	28 Pray for Mark and Sarah Schoenhals and several individuals they are working with who are in various stages of preparing to serve among the Isaan in northeast Thailand.
29 Pray for tranSend interns Joy M. and Elaine U. (name changed) as they serve on the Central Asia Launch Team and teach at an international school. Pray for increased opportunities to connect with local people.	30 Next Monday is the orientation session for the 2025 Perspectives class in Harrisonburg, Va. Pray that the Holy Spirit will challenge and inspire students to deeply engage with God's heart for mission to all people.	31 Praise the Lord for the immeasurable ways he has worked in the lives of believers and unveiled his glory to the peoples of the earth over the past year. Pray for God's movement of change in the next year.	<p>"He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. 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."</p> <p>John 1:10-12,14 (NIV)</p>			

Call to Prayer

Prayer isn't something that I just do before I relate to people. I'm praying before, during and afterwards, because prayer means carrying something with you all the time.

Just as I don't need someone to remind me that I'm married to my wife, prayer is a practice that I bring with me. When I have something specific such as an event, I pray specifically for that. I pray for open doors more generally, and when a door opens, I pray specifically for the people inside that particular door.

I'm following my sense of the Holy Spirit's direction. Sometimes I need direction from my ministry team, so I share these things so that they can offer their discernment. Before a Christmas event (which was an opportunity to share good news), I explained two different possible options to my ministry team. One of my teammates asked, "Do you have a sense about this?" I told them that I was waiting to hear from them.

No one had a clear sense of which option we should take. After we prayed together, I felt a sense of the Holy Spirit's direction. I shared with them where I was feeling led, and the team agreed.

In one instance before a ministry visit, members of the ministry team were each praying. We had a plan for the details: what we would do, how long we would visit. But just before we left to go on the visit, I prayed, "Holy Spirit, I need you. Give us ears to hear you in the midst of the situations we encounter today."

Without prayer, nothing happens. I need someone to show me the way. How will I minister without the Holy Spirit showing me the way? Jesus said to ask him. I have to ask, and ask, and ask. And then ask some more!

I believe in what the Holy Spirit is doing, not what I'm doing. He is faithfully at work with or without me. Even when I fail, I believe that the Holy Spirit will show me the fruit that he wants me to see.

—YACOUB RASUL (name changed), serving among Arabic speakers in Harrisonburg, Virginia

Worker Focus



Worker profile:
Mark & Sarah Schoenhals
(Hannah and Heidi)

Service program: transForm

Serving since: 2009

Assignment: We serve with Life Enrichment Church (LEC), a network of house churches in a wide rural area, with the goal of multiplying disciples of Jesus and house churches. We help disciple new believers, train emerging leaders, and advise and help sharpen the vision of existing leaders.

Biggest challenge: Managing multiple schedules and a long and diverse list of responsibilities always keeps us on our toes! There are always surprises in ministry. This, in addition to living in a very spontaneous culture, means that we can expect to encounter the unexpected any given day. We frequently need to regroup, rearrange, and make challenging decisions about how to prioritize our time.

Biggest joy: Our biggest joy is seeing lives transformed by the Lord Jesus! Sometimes, we see baby steps, other times, massive turn-arounds. In our current term, a particular joy has been to walk alongside a family as they have found freedom from addiction and other forms of bondage. They now have loving family relationships, new priorities, and readily give themselves to mentoring, evangelism, and other forms of ministry. They are increasingly able to lead in the church. It gives us great joy to see people walk into healing and freedom that only Jesus can give.

Ways to Pray

Pray for the Isaan people of Thailand:

Pray for the Holy Spirit

Ask the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of the Isaan people, drawing them to Jesus and illuminating the truth of the gospel.

Pray for divine encounters

Ask for opportunities for the Isaan people to meet believers who can share their faith.

Pray for culturally appropriate materials

Ask for the production of art, music, and church forms that are culturally appropriate and provide opportunities for the Isaan people to respond.

Pray for more long-term mission workers

Ask God to call forth teams of missionaries and intercessors who will partner with Isaan Christian leaders in strategic ministry.

Pray for the local church

Ask God to raise up serving, missional local village churches among the Isaan. Pray in particular for Life Enrichment Church, a house church network that focuses on discipleship and outreach by planting churches in villages where the gospel has not yet gone. The VM Missions worker families living among the Isaan serve the Life Enrichment Church.

Pray for an indigenous Christianity

Ask for the development of an indigenous expression of Isaan Christianity that is contextualized in a Buddhist culture.