

August 2018

Mission Central Prayer Calendar



1. On August 1-2 we are moving to our new place of service, from Tamale, Ghana to Prague, Czech Republic. Pray for safety in our travels as well as the Lord's blessing as we transition to a radically new culture, language, and service. Kaster – Ghana
2. Pray for my transition back to the United States. That all the small details will be taken care of. Guenther - Korea
3. Please pray for us and the whole Eurasian team as we meet in Vilnius, Lithuania from August 13-17. We ask for safety in travel, a good meeting, and a good connection for Suzanne and I as we meet the team.
4. Pray for the presentation at Mission Central by Missionary Arthur Rickman and family from Panama today. Mission Central
5. Pray for continued health, safety and stamina as we serve in our various roles, including our life together in our marriage, our life together as missionaries in Uganda, and our life together as co-workers with the Lutheran Theological College Uganda. We pray we remain centered on Christ and grace filled in all we do and say. Mantey - Uganda
6. Pray that our relationships with the local church leaders continue to grow and strengthen as we serve alongside one another and work together to share the love of Christ in Uganda. Mantey – Uganda
7. Pray for the Lutheran Theological College Uganda as they start their third year of classes on July 30th. Please pray for all students, faculty and staff that they love and serve one another in Jesus' name. Mantey - Uganda
8. Pray for the first class of vicars for the Lutheran Church of Uganda as they begin their yearlong vicarage and that they may continue to grow in their knowledge, learn as they serve, and share the love of Christ in their villages. Mantey - Uganda
9. Pray for God's blessings on our grandson, Christian as he continues his recovery from surgery that removed a cyst from his brain-but left some of the cyst behind that is attached to some key blood vessels. Cortright – Eurasia
10. Pray for Christian's parents, Ryan and Sarah, who have been under tremendous strain with the situation. The family has four other children, so we pray for them all. Cortright - Eurasia
11. Pray for the presentations by Missionary Eric Stinnett and family from Ethiopia East Africa, Missionary Anthony Diliberto and family from Puerto Rico, Missionary Rev. Jacob Gaugert from Togo, West Africa and Missionary Robin McCoy from Thailand today at Mission Central.
12. Pray that God would prepare the hearts of

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- people in Seville, bless my work, and make it fruitful.
Hoem - Spain
13. Pray for multiplication of our network, increase of students at our school, and growth of the Confessional Evangelical Church in Gary and Northwest Indiana.
Campbell - Indiana
 14. Pray that, God-willing, my Tanzanian work visa and permits would be issued so that we can work there.
Clausing - Kenya
 15. Pray for my wife Anita, who has had several serious health problems during our summer home service in the U.S. Clausing – Kenya
 16. Pray the Lord will open new doors on the West side of Seine Bight, the Spanish speaking sector of that village. Burch - Belize
 17. We have opportunity to add Vicar Benjamin Flores and his wife Karina to our Belize Mission Team for the next year. Please pray the Lord will grant our request for support from our Foro members and the resources to fund his vicarage for the next year. Burch - Belize
 18. Pray for the Refugee Word and Sacrament ministry in East Africa, that the Gospel will be shared with many and that God will send pastors to be able to baptize, confirm and administer Holy Communion to His people.
Cunningham – Africa
 19. In Papua New Guinea, we missionaries are working on a statement against sanguma, or Sorcery Accusation Related Violence. (See Insert) On August 26 every year Papua New Guinea has a national holiday called PNG National Day of Repentance. Since August 26 is on a Sunday this year, it will be held on August 27. Please pray for us and the people Papua New Guinea. MD – PNG
 20. Pray for the victims of sorcery accusation related abuse and violence and that those who perpetrate it may be held accountable and repent of their sins. MD – PNG

STATEMENT OF FAITH TO CORRECT FALSE IDEAS ABOUT SANGUMA

(Papua New Guinea)

Due to the ongoing sorcery related violence and increasing accusations of “sanguma” or “witchcraft” where women, men, and now even children, are falsely accused of possessing spiritual powers and are then tortured and often killed, we as missionaries in Papua New Guinea feel it our Christian duty to make a statement against these un-Godly practices. Current beliefs about sanguma powers and the horrible actions taken by some in Papua New Guinea do not follow the Word of God. These beliefs and actions are in complete opposition to the Christian faith and how Jesus wants us to live. We implore all Papua New Guineans and Christians everywhere to join us in rejecting these false beliefs, speaking out against those who hold and act upon them. We pray that God would lead all to repentance and that these actions would cease.

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21. Thank God for His perfect timing and faithfulness in getting my Tanzanian nursing license. Kanoy - Kenya
22. Pray for the presentation today by Missionary James Sharp and family from Uruguay at Mission Central.
23. Pray that, according to His will, God would pave the way for me to get my work and resident permits in Tanzania. Kanoy - Kenya
24. Pray that God would continue to encourage me and grant me joy in serving Him in East Africa, even during times of transition and uncertainty. Kanoy - Kenya
25. Pray that God would sustain and show His mercy to refugees in Kenya—that they might come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior through the work of local pastors and evangelists. Kanoy – Kenya
26. Our Missionaries Statement (see insert text box) may make some people very angry, so besides praying for the victims and perpetrators, please pray for protection for us and those who speak against Sorcery Accusation Related Violence. For more specific information on this problem, visit <http://stopsorceryviolence.org/> MD - PNG
27. English Bible Camps (EBC) are happening in Poland this month throughout Poland. Pray that God uses these camps to connect children and their parents to the Lutheran church in Poland. Helge – Czech Republic.
28. Pray that God would strengthen the relationship between the LCMS and Lutheran congregations in Poland. Helge – Czech Republic
29. Several Mayan children here need help with their reading skills. Pray the Lord will give us the resources to teach them how to read, especially about Jesus. Burch - Belize
30. Pray we can grow the members of God's kingdom in Macau. DB – Asia Pacific
31. Pray for the missionaries who are on home service. May God grant them safety in all their travels. Cunningham - Africa