

March 2017

¹"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you."
- Isaiah 43:1-2 (NIV)

Theme Prayers:

- ☐ Pray for those who are facing fearful or stressful situations and struggling to find peace.
- ☐ Pray God will provide his assurance to peoples' hearts.
- ☐ Ask God to be our guide as we journey forward in the midst of, and in spite of, our fears, stresses and struggles.
- ☐ Pray we would keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, and we will not be overcome.

Around our BIC Canada churches:

- ☐ 'Coffee & Conversation' Meetings throughout the month
- ☐ March 3-5 BIC Young Adult Conference
- ☐ March 29 Leadership Event: The Inner Life of an Effective Leader

Around the World:

BIC Canada Missionaries - Zambia

- ☐ Joel & Julianne Percy (Micah, Caleb, Nathaniel)
- ☐ Jamie & Arja Sanfilippo (Kannah, Talya and Ranen)
- ☐ Amanda Schwartzentruber – Pray that God's love will be shown through me, as I share my wisdom with those who are just beginning their career of caring even when the words are not easy to find in Tonga.

BIC Canada-Global Associates:

- ☐ Bruce & Merly Bundy (Spain): Intercede with them for young Christians to grow into mature spiritual parents who lead others to Christ and help them grow.
- ☐ Mike & Lori Cassel (Guatemala)
- ☐ Kris G (Thailand): Pray that she will make a smooth transition back, and for wisdom as she deals with a recent traffic accident. May God grant an opportunity to share the gospel with the family involved in the accident.

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BIC Canada-Global Associates (continued):

- ☐ D & M G (ME): Praise God that the family all have visas! Pray for the Tuesday morning Bible Study M is involved in, for the protection of her student's heart, and that she will fully know who God.
- ☐ Earl & Lois Hess (Malawi): Praise God for the gift of hospitality that is generously used to pour into their students, both on and off the school campus.
- ☐ Chris & Kara K (Spain): Pray for God to give clear direction for the future of the church, for a larger worship site to become available, and give praise for a potential job opening for Kara.
- ☐ T & S M (ME): T has been asked to return to the ME for one month for his work. Pray for God's hand to be on S and the kids while he is away.
- ☐ Doug & Barb Miller (Malawi): Thankful for a newly acquired reliable vehicle for traveling to remote villages. Pray for refreshing visits and deep fellowship as they are presently on home ministry in North America.
- ☐ Melissa S (Spain): Pray as Melissa settles in for 3-6 more months in the US; that she will find housing, and get her work visa.
- ☐ Jay & Judy Smith (England)
- ☐ John & Esther Spurrier (Zambia)
- ☐ Pray for God's purposes to be accomplished during Doug Sider Jr.'s trip to Malawi, Kenya and Zambia this month.

BIC Canada Partners:

- ☐ Mennonite Central Committee (MCC): Pray God would raise up young people who are ready to be challenged, be changed and live out their faith in MCC's 1-year SALT (Serving and Learning Together) program. (mcc.org)

Praises:

- ☐ We praise God for all those engaging in, The Meeting House's "Peacemakers" initiative this month. This initiative provides resources and finances for peace projects through MCC.
- ☐ Last month members of the International Brethren In Christ Association (IBICA) met in Germany. We thank God for the diverse and collaborative relationships the network offers.
- ☐ We celebrate the many peace-focused ministries that those in our communities volunteer in, work for, or otherwise support. We pray that God continue to bless those sharing Jesus' peace in the world.
- ☐ Pastor Henry Choongo graduated from Evangelical University in Zambia. We thank God and the church for Henry's development & the opportunity he has to serve.