



## Prayer and Praise

*Prayer is one of the most loving gifts we can give. When we bring the needs of others before our heavenly Father – whether it be for healing, encouragement, comfort or more – we invoke the most powerful help available.*

- ♥ Please be in *prayer*, encouraging our shut-ins: **Vic Brown** (Perley-Rideau), **Darrell and Glenna Dickinson** (home), **Cora Greene** (New Orchard Lodge), **Lil MacNaughton** (Grace Manor), **Frank and Betty Moir** (P.D. Clark), **Jean Mulder** (home), **Cheryl Osborne** (home), **Daphne Phillips** (West End Villa), **Marion Rotar** (Billingswood Manor), and **Audrey Rourke** (home), **Ida Sharpe** (home).
- ♥ Continue to *pray* according to God's will for **Jeanette Dahms**; she has finished her third round of chemo treatments. *Pray* for God's grace, mercy and peace for her, Donald and family.
- ♥ *Praise* God that the infection is gone from **Frances Elliott's** shoulder area. Possible surgery date August-September. Please continue to *pray* that **Ben's** ongoing pain and discomfort would continue to subside. *Pray* that his blood counts would continue to recover, and that they would hear the word "remission" between the dates of June 21-28 when a bone marrow biopsy will be performed.
- ♥ *Pray* for those who are **ill** and **in hospital** or **facing tests**.
- ♥ *Pray* for **unsaved** family members, friends and co-workers.
- ♥ *Pray* for our **ministry development and growth** here at AV.
- ♥ *Pray* for those in **work situations** where pressures and stresses are great.
- ♥ *Pray* for **Tom Kartzmark** and family (Airport Chaplain), his mother passed away last Tuesday, June 16th.
- ♥ *Pray* for **Kamp Agappae** which is scheduled for the week of July 27-31. **Prayer partners** are needed along with other opportunities for ministry. Check your schedule and then speak with Pastor Jim.
- ♥ *Pray* for **David MacBain** who is recuperating after a severe fall and is in much discomfort.
- ♥ Continue to *pray* for the search of a **Youth Pastor/Children's Ministry Director**; *pray* for wisdom for Pastor Jim and our Elders. Also, *pray* that God would be preparing this individual for ministry here at AV, and that all things would go according to His plan for us.

## Mission Focus and Prayer Requests

The Flemmings

FEBInternational, Japan

Dear Friends,

We are all feeling the effects of the downturn in the world economy. Like in Canada, Japanese friends have lost jobs, seen work hours and bonuses cut, rearranged lifestyles, moved to cheaper apartments, cut kids activities, etc. But God is still God, and His promises still hold true. Recently our new FEBInt'l Director, Dan Baetz, visited Japan and asked if we were feeling any pinch from the world wide recession. I answered that God has always met our needs through generous supporters. We are so thankful to God for His generous ways with us!

Julia is charging through grade 4 (which began in April) and has 9 cm to go before mom is the shortest person in the family. She is especially enjoying her friendship with Aska, a Christian girl who lives nearby. Grady is in second year Japanese Jr. High and has earned the title ACE on his school volleyball team. Tess has enjoyed a great grade 10 year at Faith Academy in Manila. We already know our summer highlight will be June 5, when Tess comes home to Japan for two months. We anticipate a great summer together as a family.

Our neighbourhood outreach, Oasis, continues to grow with two groups meeting on alternating Saturday evenings. We are encouraged by the kids who come back week after week. We hope to have a baptismal service at the ocean this summer, but that brings us another challenge. There are those who want to be baptized, but we have found that once this is mentioned at home, the parents apply the brakes, often stopping their kids from coming to Oasis altogether. Some parents have allowed their kids to attend freely, but if they come home with the Bible, even in comic book form, mom and dad won't let them read it. *PRAY!*

We have asked often for prayer for Yu. We first met when she was in high school. She accepted Jesus as Saviour about 6 years ago but has never connected with a church or other believers. She has just given birth to a baby girl this past week, her second child. The father was planning to marry her, but instead fled, offering money only for an abortion. We are thankful she chose not to

about the baby as most in her situation would. *Pray* that God would bring her back to himself, and to a church of believers who can disciple her. She still lives near our first church plant, Hitachi Hope Church. *PRAY!*

Neighbours of ours and friends of our kids are the S. family. Kathryn has studied the Bible with Mrs. S. on and off for several years. She comes to a point of faith in Jesus and backs away, citing the cost of losing face in her Buddhist home. Dad has been transferred several hours away\* (Hitachi Co.) and the eldest son is rebelling by quitting school and refusing to leave the house at all. The only time in over a month he left his house was to visit Grady, play Risk, and have pizza at our house. Mom acknowledged God led him to call us and come over, but she is still not ready to face Jesus as Saviour. (\*In Japan, many men are transferred every 2-3 years by their companies...They leave the family behind, and move by themselves, coming home occasionally. Obviously, it creates a huge family problem in this country) Their other son is in grade 6 and a regular at Oasis. *PRAY!*

One of our Oasis groups is made up of kids within our subdivision. They all walk to Oasis (which is good because none are old enough to drive.) We have been trying to get to know more people in our subdivision of about 400 homes. God gave us two different ways we hadn't thought of on our own. First, we took part in a 6 family garage sale recently. This is pretty normal stuff in Canada, but almost unheard of here. It turned into a kind of neighbourhood festival, and most stuff "sold" for free to whoever would take it. Second, Rob has become the block leader for our neighbourhood of 20 homes. He doesn't know quite what it entails yet, but it has introduced him to many people he would not otherwise have met.

Could we ask you to consider supporting FAIR - FEBInternational's relief arm? Project "Hand-Me Downs" sends boxes of used clothing and toys from Japan to street kids in the Philippines through Faith Academy, Tess' high school. Each box costs about \$80 to send and provides dozens of kids with stuff they need as they hear the life changing message of Jesus. The more FAIR receives for this, the more boxes we send.

God's best this summer!

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*Praying Through the Week*

Monday – Our Missionaries

Tuesday – Our Ministries

Wednesday – Community and Country

*Pray* for our leaders and for those that don't know Christ.

Thursday – People

*Pray* for our church family.

Friday – Church

*Pray* for our Elder Board, Deacons and the financial needs of our church.

Saturday – Staff

*Pray* for Ministry and Pastoral staff.

Sunday – Services

*Pray* for our service/programs and for those who are involved in ministry during this time.

OUR PRAYERS SHOULD be in accordance with the nature of God, therefore the answers are not in accordance with our nature but with His. We are apt to forget this and to say without thinking that God does not answer prayer; but He always answers prayer, and when we are in close communion with Him we know that we have not been misled

Prayer A Holy Occupation - Oswald Chambers