

In the Name of Jesus



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Pray For Our LBT-C Missionaries



Prayer is a powerful weapon for Christians, one that we all too often leave in the holster. I noticed this recently as I sat to pray with a group of LBT-C volunteers for our missionaries at home and abroad. It occurred to me that I had no fresh news about any one of them. They're busy, of course, but aren't we all? As a result, my prayer became

dry, rote, hurried, and impersonal: "Bless the Webers, bless the Kuhns, bless..."

Then I remembered how often I have asked family and friends to pray for me. I cannot tell how many times over the years. But what if those persons were praying for me in the same weak manner as I was praying for LBT-C missionaries? Would that be satisfactory for me? For the missionaries? For anyone?

The apostle Paul lived in a time of poor communication and widespread illiteracy, and news travelled very slowly, if at all. The impression we get, however, is that his prayers were never hurried or rote,

even though he prayed for an ever-increasing number of Christians and churches as the faith spread across the Roman Empire and beyond.

But how did Paul do all that? How did he maintain the back-breaking schedule of travel and preaching, and still set aside time for deep prayer? He got the power from the same source as we—the Spirit of Christ living within him. Though we may wish to, we will probably never proclaim like Paul. More than likely we will not pray with such spontaneity and power as he displayed. But we can use the words the Holy Spirit gave to Paul, and use them as our own prayer

Prayer in and through the Holy Spirit

Let's pray for our LBT-C missionaries using Paul's letter to the Colossians, 1:9–14, as a guide:

"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the

knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;..." Lord, fill *Martin and Joan Weber* with the knowledge of your will. Help their decisions to be founded upon your truth alone. Grant to them the pure wisdom which showers down

from above.

"...that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God,..." We ask you to help *Mike, Kara Kuhn and their children* to live lives of

LBT-C Missionaries in Cameroon, West Africa

- MARTIN AND JOAN WEBER—NGAOUNDÉRE
- MIKE AND KARA KUHN—ASSIGNED TO GALIM
- ROB AND ESHINEE VEITH—SERVING IN BOTSWANA
- DAVID FEDERWITZ—COORDINATOR (LBT-USA)



Mike and Kara Kuhn with Tobias and Gideon

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Rob and Eshinee Veith

of prayer and witness, free from discouragement, fear and loneliness. May they produce all manner of good deeds, and let their lives be full of generosity, kindness and love. May they live ever mindful of You and Your will for them.

“...strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;...” Make *Eshinee*

and Rob Veith strong with your glorious power, the power that raised our Lord Jesus to life. Give her victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil, and make her patient in the midst of upsets and delays.

“...giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the

kingdom of His Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.” Thank you, Lord, that you have fitted these brothers and sisters for work in Bible translation and literacy. Thank you for your transforming mercy and power at work in their lives. And may all glory be to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

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There is much work to be done...

From the Director's Desk

This Thanksgiving, I pray that you and yours will be filled with God's richest gifts that He graciously showers upon us. May we always remember the millions of men, women, and children that still do not have God's saving Word in the language of their hearts.

Please consider sending a thank-offering to support LBT-C's ongoing work of translation and literacy promotion. For information, donors may check our website at www.lbtc.ca. May the Lord bless you, and make you a blessing!

Pastor Jim Keller



Martin and Joan Weber