

1 Revitalize: Look Up Reach Out
Pray that EFCC people will *come and adore Him* this Christmas season as they live out the truth of *Immanuel, God with us* in their interactions with their neighbours. For more information on *Look Up Reach Out*, see <https://vimeo.com/208740017>.

2 Muslim Community
Pray for Christians in Egypt as they face increasing persecution. Recently, seven people were killed and 20 injured in a terrorist attack in upper Egypt. Please **pray** for the poor as they suffer more and more from inflation.

3 Jerome & Maureen Harvey: MEMO
MEMO has been waiting for approval from the Cuban government to ship a container with furnishings, tools and other supplies for a conference centre and children's camp in northern Cuba, as well as supplies for caring for the elderly at home. Please **pray** for government approval for shipping.

Don & Shirley Harder:
Alberta Parkland District Superintendent
Praise God for an excellent time at the district conference. **Pray** for district churches as they seek to share the meaning of Christmas as they have opportunity this Advent season. **Pray** for the district board as they meet on January 4 to plan for 2019.

4 Steve & Myra Neufeld:
Latin America Area Director
Pray for Steve and Myra's visit with missionary staff in Hermosillo in December as they gather to envision the future together, encourage one another and work on details to have maximum impact. **Pray** for the yearly Partnership Work Team heading to Cuba in mid-January, that they would serve well during their visit.

5 Jenia & Marina Dilevskiy: Dnepro, Ukraine
Pray for opportunities for Jenia and Marina to share the message of Christmas with their non-Christian friends, family and SEI students. **Pray** for God to reveal His truth and for hearts to believe.

6 Shawn & Söndi Carlaw: Tapolca, Hungary
Please **pray** for Söndi and her friends as they hold a Christmas concert in Tapolca on December 8 and in other communities on December 15, 17 and 23. **Pray** for spiritual growth and understanding for believers and seekers attending Sunday fellowship times in Tapolca.

7 Stephen & Jane Wheeler: Montreal Team
Pray for the Christmas banquet and outreach to the immigrant population in the St-Laurent neighbourhood. **Pray** for God's wisdom as Stephen and Jane establish priorities for the coming year.

8 Graeme & Sarena Rattray: Chiang Mai, Thailand
Please **pray** for the Neighborhub building to sell and for the process to go smoothly. **Pray** for Neighborhub to find a new location in a good community for outreach as the focus changes to more vulnerable people. **Pray** for students' hearts to be open to hearing the good news during the Christmas celebrations.

9 James & Kathleen Ngenda: Liberia
Pray for God's anointing on the vision team traveling from Minnesota to Liberia in January, as they prepare to lead a reconciliation time with pastors who have experienced a church split. **Pray** for peace and patience for the Ngenda family as they continue to serve God. **Pray** for the message of Good News to be heard clearly and for a new harvest of believers in the church.

10 Adam and Liubov Nikkel: Krivoy Rog, Ukraine
Pray for the ministry centre as it is taking a lot longer than anticipated to complete the smaller building. **Pray** for the graduate ministry, that kids will come to the programs, hear the Word of God and make a change in their lives. **Praise** God for great times spent with the kids recently and for friends from Canada visiting and joining in the work!

11 John & Naomi Hall: Latin America
Pray for John and Naomi as they launch another ministry trip to El Salvador, Bolivia and Panama (January to March). The schools with which they work play a very important role in ministries to their specific target groups. **Pray** for staffing needs, finances and special projects.

12 Helen Blackburn: Tarija, Bolivia
December and January are summer holidays for school children in Bolivia. **Pray** for Heather as she plans extra activities, for God to be raised up during the Christmas celebrations, and for safety as some of the boys visit their families. **Pray** for the right workers to do maintenance on Helen's house.

13 Greg & Shelli Neufeld: Hermosillo, Mexico
Praise God that some of the families have gone to church at Arbol De Vida since returning to Mexico after the Canada SMILES Burn Camp. **Pray** for Greg and Shelli's trip to Mexico in December as Shelli teaches and they attend the Hermosillo retreat with other EFCCM missionaries. **Pray** for strength for Gus Konkell as he teaches the SUNEIS course in Mexico in January. **Pray** that God will grant wisdom and understanding to the pastors, leaders and lay people who attend.

14 Dale & Ann Little: Tokyo, Japan
Pray for upcoming Christmas outreach events at Tokyo Multicultural Church: December 16 outreach to families, December 23 Sunday worship, potluck and caroling in the city, and Christmas Eve candlelight service. **Pray** for strength and wisdom for all who serve, that they will be able to reach as many as possible with the Good News of Christmas. **Pray** for the start of a Japanese language worship service in 2019.

15 Missionaries in Creative Access Countries
The EFCCM has 12 missionaries whose names cannot be published for security and privacy reasons. **Pray** that God will open doors for Creative Access Missionaries to spread the gospel, make disciples, and see churches established.

16 Rich & Lynn Peachey:
Black Forest Academy, Germany
Please **pray** for Black Forest Academy as they seek creative ways to address legal issues. Several large problems exist with German labor law, with missionaries serving as teachers and boarding staff. There are also financial issues causing BFA to explore creative ways to generate more income and charitable giving. **Pray** for the Peacheys as they address these issues with long-term implications.

17 Frank & Susan Janetti: Zimbabwe
Praise God for Frank's stable health. All of his doctors are amazed that Frank still wants to travel to Zimbabwe! **Pray** that containers will arrive in Zimbabwe without tampering and that projects will go well. **Pray** for the community to see the Holy Spirit at work and to join the church being built.

18 Scott & Shannon Crawford: Nikolipola, Ukraine
Praise God that the Crawfords landed in Ukraine on November 20! **Pray** for them as they transition into life in Ukraine and the ministry of *Hope For Each*. Please **pray** as they begin to work on learning the Russian language.

19 John & Neta Banman: Latin America
Praise God for Neta's improved health and for John's successful surgery. **Praise** God for their online and electronic ministry which reaches hundreds of people every day with the gospel. **Pray** for a pastoral couple in one of the colonies in Mexico who were saved and subsequently excommunicated from their church. **Pray** for the large group of people who followed them and the gospel.

20 Rob & Karen Stewart:
Lower Pacific District Superintendent
Praise God for effective and fruitful outreaches in district churches. **Pray** for joyous celebrations and fruitful outreaches over the Christmas season. **Pray** for "pioneering" pastors to be found for two churches on Vancouver Island.

21 Rob & Cherise Cave:
Prairie District Superintendent
Praise God for an encouraging and challenging district conference! Please **pray** for a growing passion for everyone in the EFCC to share their stories of how Jesus has changed their lives. **Pray** for outreach events leading up to Christmas. **Pray** for churches looking for pastors: Saskatoon, Neilburg, Cut Knife, Delia, Brooks.

22 Jonathan & Laura Prins: Tokyo, Japan
Pray for the Christmas events at Tokyo Multicultural Church and with the English students, that the gospel will be shared boldly and clearly and that hearts will be opened. **Pray** for Jonathan and Laura as they work with Japanese churches to plan two-week summer programs for which they will need short-term helpers. **Pray** for wisdom as they pray, research, and choose the area for the next church plant.

23 Church Plants and Pastors
All the Nations, Wembley, AB: Dwight & Sherry Munn
Charis EFC, Scarborough, ON
Grace Point, Winnipeg, MB: Trevor & Nicky Berg
Mercy City Church, Toronto, ON: Chris & Stacey Yu
Mosaic, Williams Lake, BC: Dan & Liz Smith
Steveston Church Plant Project, Richmond, BC:
Allan & Hannah Chang, Daniel & Joyce Wong
Tokyo Multicultural Church, Tokyo, Japan:
Dale & Ann Little, Jon & Laura Prins

24 Martin & Sheryl Perren:
Canadian Pacific District Superintendent
Please **pray** for smaller churches looking for bi-vocational pastors, as these are often difficult positions to fill. Bi-vocational positions include Dawson City in the Yukon, and Sorrento and Pritchard in the Shuswap region of BC. **Pray** for these faithful congregations as they continue to serve while waiting for their next pastor.

25 Larry & Diane Willems: Chiang Mai, Thailand
Praise God for the outreach to two schools with the team from Burnaby Chinese EFC. **Pray** for the children and teachers who heard the gospel and for the church's Christmas outreach in the same vicinity to bear fruit for the Kingdom.

26 Neil & Henrietta Bassingthwaight:
EFCC National Mission Director
Praise God for a time of rest following busy fall travels.
Praise God for His continued stirring of hearts toward deeper gospel-sharing across the EFCC family. **Pray** for Neil and Henrietta to have good family times with their children as they gather for a "late Christmas" in January.

27 Daryl & Molly Porter:
EFCCM Europe Area Director
Please **pray** for the Zacharias family as they settle into their new home in Hungary, the Crawford family as they settle into their new place in Ukraine, the M family as they return to the Tea House, and the Dolsky family as they begin support team building in order to go to Black Forest Academy in Germany. **Pray** that the smaller building of the Lighthouse ministry centre in Krivoy Rog can be occupied soon.

28 Wade & Adele Hammond: Mexico
Praise God for Wade and Adele's safe travels this fall.
Praise God for the many new ministry partners who have joined their team as either prayer and/or financial partners. They are so encouraged! **Pray** that Wade and Adele's prayer team will grow to exceed 100 members and that their financial team will expand until they are 100% supported.

29 Dave & Wendy Penner: EFCCM Director
Pray for a short-term team going to Rwanda in January to participate in visitation evangelism along with several churches in the Kigali area. **Pray** for the team's preparations in December and for the trip in mid-January. The churches in Rwanda are very excited for the opportunity to partner together.

30 Bill & Deb Taylor: EFCC Executive Director
Praise God for a refreshing vacation. **Pray** for energy and wisdom to know how to reengage and equip lay people to share the gospel in their marketplaces and to mentor disciples across the EFCC movement.

31 EFCCM Missionaries currently raising support in preparation for service:

- **Zel & Yemmy Mengistu:** Ethiopia
- **Terry & Sandra Ginter:** Bolivia
- **Wade & Adele Hammond:** Mexico
- **Tim & Erica Dolsky:** Germany

Pray for their financial and prayer support and preparation for the major life transitions their families are facing.

Please e-mail info@efcc.ca if you want to receive the prayer calendar by e-mail. Thank you!



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A Christmas Desire

The word "Christmas" used to make me shudder. Years ago, I worked as a toy department manager. Christmas shoppers were probably the crankiest people I'd ever seen, but I couldn't blame them. They were often searching for something elusive and had been to 16 stores already. They were tired, frustrated and about to spend far more money than they desired. Now I get it! I'd be cranky too!

Over the years, the great gift of Jesus has become the primary thought for me at Christmas. It is amazing how quickly the joy of the season returns when this is the focus. This Christmas season, let's pray for the hope and joy of Jesus to touch our lives and the lives of those around us.

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