

## Mission News – September 2024

(please try to use prayer guides daily)

**MONDAY** – Today, please remember and pray for our partnership in Ghana with **the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu, Bishop of the Diocese of Ho**, our Companion Diocese. A Ghanaian, now living in Canada, shares these two prayer requests with us following a recent visit to Ghana to attend her sister's funeral: (1). pray that honesty and integrity will prevail throughout the country and at all level of government and (2). pray for the people of Ghana that God will give them wisdom and love for one another. These are prayers we can pray for ourselves both as a country and as a church..

**TUESDAY** – **Reverends Rod & Lisa BrantFrancis (Parish of Tyendinaga, All Saints Church, ON)** are grateful for many recent blessings: (1) approval of two grants which have significantly improved their church's finances for this year; (2) the move from their very old trailer which needed considerable repairs into a comfortable home owned by Lisa's cousin; (3) the support and concern of their new Bishop; (4) a new church warden and a layreader-in-training, and (5) a new Mother Tongue Project which aims to restore the Mohawk language to the community in partnership with the Community Language Circle and the community's Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Anglican churches. Along with these praise items, R & L would appreciate prayer for (1) Lisa's Dad who has dementia and Parkinson's and requires much supervision and support, (2) R & L's own health issues, (3) the church's Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study in their home (saves heating the church!), and (4) Nuggets & Noodles program (Wednesdays from 4:30 - 6:30 during the school year) which provides a meal and help with homework and seeks to build family relationships. This program is for kindergarten to Grade 8 and R & L are excited to have 20-40 people turning out - children. parents and even grandparents. They are so grateful for our prayers.

**WEDNESDAY** – Recent months have been very eventful for **Charlie Ritchie (Pathfinders Fellowship, Vietnam)**. In March, Charlie married **Lydia**, a single mom with 2 girls, 9 and 14. Charlie has also taken two ministry trips that led him to California and to Chiang Mai, Thailand: The first to attend a Christian businessmen conference to learn whether a similar model could be replicated in Vietnam and the second to investigate how evangelistic content might be made available in Vietnamese through interacting with people actively engaged in producing such materials. Charlie has also taken a coaching course and begun a PhD program with Kairos University(online) in Organizational and Global Leadership. In addition, he is crafting a course for Christian business people to be run at the beginning of October. It is designed to help Christians understand their calling in the market place. Please pray God will enable and prosper Charlie in these endeavours and for continued adjustment to a new family and the direction the Lord would have them take as a family.

**THURSDAY** – At the end of a busy summer, you may not remember how you celebrated July 1<sup>st</sup>. On this date, July 1<sup>st</sup> in 1899, three businessmen interested in circulating the Bible met at a YMCA and formed an organization later to be called the **Gideons**. Nine years later, their first Bibles were placed in hotels. Today this organization is known as **ShareWord Global** and is working hard on a campaign focused on Displaced People. Canadian Global Development Officer, **Cees Brouwer**, explains the efforts are directed at refugee camps in Africa and the Middle East. However, despite partners who are plenty in number and full of zeal, it has been difficult to provide sufficient Scriptures for them. Hence the campaign. ShareWord is seeking to raise \$600,000.00 to reach

100,000 people. This can result in a potential reach of 430,000 people when looking at family size. Please pray for these funds as well as for the Canadian team members who are adjusting to new roles: **Ava** as VP and **Athena** as Director.

**FRIDAY – Rev. David Bown (Executive Director, Threshold House, Saint John)** sends us the following prayer requests for Threshold House: (1.) Pray for the men. Some of the guys are coming up to graduation and we will be looking at taking more guys so, please pray for the application/selection process. This is big for the House. (2.) Pray for the leadership of the House. We have new leadership, **Donnie Foster** and **Jeremy Robinson**. They both gave up good jobs to do this, so please pray that God is with them in this calling. (3.) Pray for Threshold Ministries. The world of addiction and recovery is fast paced, with lots of bumps and a need for the presence of Jesus Christ in the lives of the men. Our mission is under review and our place in the recovery community. Please pray for this process. “Thank you for reaching out. I love it that you want to pray for us- and you do!”

**SATURDAY – News from Bishop McAllister College and Anglican Seminary (Uganda)** relates that the school community has experience a great term and year with students enjoying athletic competitions, music, dance and drama in addition to their academic studies. Prayer is requested, however, for the recovery of two staff members who were seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident which required surgery. The school is grateful for the steady progress that has been made with the construction of the music facility, performance room and the choral rehearsal room and the procurement of new musical instruments. Other prayer requests include: computers for the library, the roofing of the extension to the girls’ dormitory, those students who are preparing for national exams, and sponsors for students who come from less privileged families. Finally, the school gives thanks for the guidance and counsel of their Rector **Rev. Paul Jeffries** and asks us to “kindly keep them in prayer for enabling as they minister to this generation.”

**SUNDAY –** *“The thought of my pain, my homelessness, is bitter poison; I think of it constantly and my spirit is depressed.” Lamentations 3:19.* Pray today that **Reverends Terence & Jasmine Chandra and part-time staff Miriam Westin and Clare Andrews (Pennies & Sparrows)** will seek God’s heart for wisdom and direction in their outreach to those in our community who face many challenges: the homeless, those dealing with economic hardship and domestic difficulties, newcomers, those with disturbed personalities, those struggling with addictions, and the lonely. Pray those they reach out to will be given the desire to take God at His Word and allow Him to give them wholeness, hope, and a new beginning. Pray, too, for Terence, Jasmine, Miriam and Clare as they minister to social, material and spiritual needs that they will have good contacts and relationships with community partners and that their love and consideration will reflect the nature of their Master.