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BLF Day of Prayer & Fasting - January 5th, 2011

Dear Friends,

This month's BLF Day of Prayer & Fasting is quite long - God is doing a lot of things with the BLF family on the field. We apologize for the length of this month's e-newsletter, we would ask you to pray through all these items as these needs are real and important to the work. **THANK YOU** for your persistence and participation to bring these items before God's throne in prayer!

Prayer & Praises from our partners: BLF Canada



Toe-Blake and
Linda Roy

Toe-Blake and Linda Roy, Director for BLF Canada ...

- **Pray for our new assistant** to the director, Zak Kenney, as he begins his new role with BLF Canada at the field office on Wednesday, January 5th.
- **Pray for the upcoming board meeting** on January 29th.
- **Pray for our 2011 Leadership Pack** project as we seek to raise the funds for 60 Leadership Packs and 50,000, mini-Bibles for Haitian Pastors.
- **Pray for Missionart 2011**, that God will provide the teams for this very special evangelism and ministry opportunity in French Canada.
- **Pray for our missionaries** as they seek to raise their support:
 - Daniel and Isabelle Julien
 - Zak and Jaël Kenney
 - Toe-Blake and Linda Roy
- **Pray about the Roys** as they are fighting the cold & flu season



Pray for Daniel Julien and Toe-Blake Roy as they minister in Manitoba and Alberta in January and February 2011. Daniel will be ministering in French and English public schools, sharing his testimony through Mime.

Pray for those who will hear the message of the Gospel during these presentations. Pray also that through these students, the Gospel will be presented to their parents as well.

Daniel & Isabelle Julien, BLF Canada Missionaries

Prayer & Praises from our partners: BLF Europe





Bud & Char Kroeker

To see their latest report on the Congo outreach, click [HERE](#)

Bud & Char Kroeker - The countdown has started for my trip to the heart of Congo tentatively scheduled for February 15. **Please pray for all the preparations:**

- Please pray about Visa, Correspondence, Travel schedule, housing and transportation in Congo, meetings with Christian leaders in Kinshasa, Kikwit, Idiofa and Gungu.
- Please pray for safe travel from Kinshasa to Kikwit will probably be with MAF this time.
- Please pray for the three to four weeks will be spent at Matende mission to prepare for rebuilding, farming and church growth.
- Please pray for Visa applications and funds for travel and housing.
- Pray for the new Congolese organization: Congo Open Heart, the leaders, the registration formalities, the activities under way.
- Praise: a tractor has been promised for the mission by the government.
- Pray for training, maintenance and a new vision of agriculture by the local Christians.



Frédéric Mondin -

- **Praise God for His blessings in 2010:** consolidation of our marriage, provision of time and strength for sermons and studies, provision of house and car.
- **Pray that Leny and I will strengthen our daily devotional time** individually and as a couple, and that we can better know and follow God's will in 2011.



Bruno Payen -

- **Pray for my church in Valenciennes:** our project of extending the room where we hold services because it is too small to welcome visitors; we need 50 000 EUR (\$67,000) by 13 February 2011. We have already received 12 500 EUR (\$16,700) in donations.
- **Project of collaboration with Éditions Clé:** that God would enlighten us and give us the green light.



Nicolas Devins -

- **Praise for the youth retreat** held Dec 30 - Jan 1, which exhausted Sabrina (6 months pregnant) and me who helped lead the event.
- In spite of many organizational challenges, **Praise God for:**
 - The messages given, which caused a fire and awakening in hearts (confession, taking a stand, letting go of a comfortable lifestyle, a return to the foundation of the Gospel, sincere and authentic relationships)
 - Two days of evangelization and work in preparation for the opening of a coffee/juice bar (Lens and Douai churches).
 - Youth who were touched by God through this experience (lots of text messages and e-mails sent).
 - Enough funds donated to cover the speaker's and the hosting missionary's expenses.



Mary Cayot -

- **Praise the Lord for helping me get through Christmas away from my family.** I am thankful for friends who included me in their holiday celebrations.
- **Please continue to pray that I can find an apartment.** It has been a challenge to find something that fits my budget AND is close to the print shop.



Nathan Phillips -

- **Praise God for the safe travels** to see my sister and her husband (stationed in Germany) for Christmas and New Years. It was an eight-hour drive that took much longer because of the heavy snow.
- **Please pray for my resident card.** I learned that the records department in Maubeuge lost my file and now, more than six months later, I have to start the renewal process all over again. Please pray that it comes quickly so I can see my M.S. doctor in Seattle.
- **Please pray** that I would learn to slow down each day and take more time with God.
- **Pray** that I would have opportunities to share Jesus, the reason for my joy, with all those around me.



Olivier Drogue -

- Pray for a renewed creativity in design for the creation of books and the development of BLF Europe projects.
- Pray for the creation of the future special website «La Bible manga» which will reinforce the Manga Bible collection and promote this material among the French-speaking people and the world.



Alain Stamp
President, BLF Europe

Alain Stamp -

- **Pray for two young evangelists who have agreed to write their first books:** Aurelien is writing an evangelistic book on apologetics, and Saotra is working on an evangelistic book for youth. Pray that God inspires and directs these authors and me, who is coaching them.
- **Pray for two testimonial books that are in the process of being written:** Brigitte is telling the story of a women searching for her identity after divorce; Martine is her coach. Anne Sophie (20 years old) is telling of her life and illness (mucoviscidose et nanisme); Agnès is her coach. Pray that God directs these women. The authors will be faced with many delicate questions in the disclosing and exposing of personal lives--what to say or not say, and how to say it.



Stéphane Kapitaniuk -

- In January, I will be finishing my survey of all the members of my local church. (The elders requested that I meet with everyone for them to determine the needs of each member, their vision for the church, and simply share a meal together. I love it!) **Please pray that God will give me much love for people and wisdom in our conversations.**
- I'd like to finish two articles requested by a French Apologetic blog, RaisonsdeCroire.org. (English) **Please pray for wisdom, intellectual rigor, and personal discipline.** I'm struggling to finish this assignment.
- **Personal devotion.** Simply pray that I would have a thirst to know God more closely in this new year.



Philip Kapitaniuk
Director - Responsible for publishing, marketing and communication

Philip Kapitaniuk -

We are currently working on the translation of Sacred Marriage: What if God designed marriage to make us holy instead of happy? (Gary Thomas). An all important book on marriage for the French-speaking world! So much has been said about marriage that is not true ... What is the real purpose of marriage? This book sets the record straight. **Please pray that God would help us use the right words** to put this book into the French language.

BLF Europe is involved with a beautiful project for Africa. It is called the SIM African Pastors Book Set project. 18,000 sets of 30 French books each will be shipped to Africa and given to pastors and church leaders in 2011. So far, four of BLF's books are included in that SIM project. We are looking for the funding of a fifth title (Manga Messiah) to be included in that set. We need \$34,240. Please pray with us. For more info on this SIM project, click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

Prayer & Praises from: BLF USA



Tom Rice
Interim Executive Director,
President BLF USA Board of Directors

Tom & Sue Rice -

Please pray for the following critical items of concern - Your prayer is crucial to BLF USA at this time.

- **Pray for our search for a new Executive Director for BLF US.**
- **Please pray regarding financial improvement** during the first quarter of 2011
- **Pray for wisdom** as the interim team seeks to put a couple of fund raising initiatives in place
- **Pray for time to manage** the BLF needs along with personal and family needs
- **Pray for Sue Gross and John Saucedo** as they carry the bulk of the work in the absence of an Executive Director
- **Please pray for God's guidance** in finding two (2) additional Board members.

On a personal note:

- **Please pray for our Grandsons**, Elijah and Thad, as they continue to work on controlling their PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease)
- **Of great concern - please pray for our daughter** who is not walking with the Lord
- **Pray for several close friends** who are managing through parental care issues.



Russ & Mary Ann Miller
East Coast Reps
for BLF USA

Russ and Mary Ann Miller -

Praise

- For the opportunity that Christmas offers to reconnect with many friends. We've heard from so many and feel greatly blessed.
- that we hope to become grandparents again, this time through Jon and Heather who worked with Samaritan's Purse for three years in S. Sudan. Thank the Lord that SP is willing to assign them to a project in Nashville, so they can be in this country for the birth in June.

Pray

- that St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Belleville, IL will be able to send a team in May. Many people said they want to go, but pray that enough will commit themselves by sending in their application and the down payment by early February.
- that there will also be an opportunity for those here in Florida who desire to go on a team. for granddaughter Shiloh (21 months, with her parents serving the Lord in Chad) who has been sick for two months and no medications have helped so far.



Roger and Rosemary Saxe -

Pray for God's grace in recovery and healing for Rosemary for her foot surgery on the 17th. The surgeon is a Christian friend of ours which is comforting but the greatest comfort is being in the hands of a loving God!

Roger and Rosemary Saxe, Northwest Reps for BLF USA



Walter and Nancy Zurfluh
West Coast Reps for
BLF USA

Walter and Nancy Zurfluh -

- **Praise for good family time** during the Christmas holidays. The Lord kept us healthy so that we could meet together for food and fellowship. Pray for our family and especially for our son who has not been feeling well lately. We were thrilled to see David, our first great grandchild, who with his parents came down from Utah. Pray for safety in traveling as they return home.
- **Praise God that Nancy** had strength to do some Christmas baking. **Pray for her when she has her CT Scan on January 26, 2011** to ascertain the effectiveness of the treatments she received during this past year.. We are praying that she will be completely cancer free.
- Since we cannot make any lengthy ministry trips at this time because of Nancy's health, **pray that we will get openings for meetings for BLF locally this spring.**



**BLF US Office
Staff Leaders -
Sue Gross and
John Saucedo**

From BLF US Office Staff Leaders - Sue Gross and John Saucedo -

Please pray for God's provision and direction as we seek a new executive director.

Pray for a smooth transition to the new accounting software. Our previous software was significantly out of date and no longer supported. Praise God for a contributor of the new software.

Please also pray for God to strengthen and guide the various IT leaders for 2011 especially during this time of recruitment of team members. We also currently have one slot still open for July 14-25, 2011.



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