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BLF Day of Prayer & Fasting - February 2nd, 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: BLF USA



Some prayer requests from Tom Rice, President and acting executive director of BLF USA:

- Search for Executive Director
- Recruitment of 1 or 2 new board members
- Successful launch of book 3 in the Manga series
- Wisdom & discernment for the interim team handling the administration of BLF/USA.



On the heart of Sue Gross - Office Manager at the BLF USA home office:

- Search for new Executive Director.
- Bill Ingram (from Journey of Faith) is the leader for our April 2011 Impression Team, but he is currently in Egypt. Please pray for safety for Bill.
- Praise for God's provision of a full team for May 2011! Please continue to pray for the recruitment process for the other 2011 teams.
- We still have a slot open for an Impression Team for July 14-25, 2011.



On a side note ... - pray for the staff at the Wheaton office in Carol Stream - for travel and safety.

- A very large snow storm is hitting the Chicago area at this time and can be a real challenge!



Walter and Nancy Zurfluh
West Coast Reps for
BLF USA

From BLF US Reps Walter & Nancy Zurfluh:

- Praise the Lord that Nancy's health is improving. On January 26 she had a CT Scan and on January 28 she saw her surgeon who said that the scan showed a favorable report. She will still need a PET Scan to check on a lesion on her liver as well as have hernia surgery. Please continue to pray that she will get a good report from all this diagnosis. We are encouraged as God is answering prayer. She still needs to regain some of her weight which was lost during the treatments.
- Praise that neither one of us has had a cold or a flu bug this past winter. We are grateful for the Lord's protection in this way.
- Praise for the good time during the Christmas holidays especially with our great grandson David.

- Pray for our nephew Paul who has liver problems and suffers from dehydration. Pray also that he and his wife will surrender to the Lord.



Russ & Mary Ann Miller
East Coast Reps
for BLF USA

From BLF US Reps Russ & Mary Ann Miller:

- Please pray for the May team. St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Belleville, IL is sending three people for the team and three from Florida also plan to go, plus the two of us, which makes a full team. Pray for our orientation and preparations.
- Please pray for granddaughter Shiloh (22 months, with her parents serving the Lord in Chad) is still sick. PTL she is cheerful anyway.

Prayer & Praises from our partners: BLF Canada



From Mark Larson, BLF Canada board member:



- Pray for my daughter Megan as she continues assisting a Wycliffe [ethnolinguist](#) in [Burkina Faso](#) until the end of February, that God will give insight into future ministry He has for her.
- Praise for [Break Forth Canada](#) weekend just held in Edmonton, that all who attended will be doers of the Word they received from the Lord.



Daniel & Isabelle Julien

In cooperation with Hope for Today Ministries, BLF Canada is providing radio programming for a CIAM radio station in Prince Albert (<http://www.victoryfm.ca>). The program "A Travers la Bible" will be broadcasted on a weekly basis to French communities in that area, starting in February. Recently, the local RC bishop officially endorsed the the radio station, increasing demand for more French programming. Pray for the ministry of Scarborough Baptist Church, which is committing to the follow up of those who hear the program and want to learn more. Praise God for this opportunity to witness to French people in Western Canada, and please pray as the station continues negotiations with CRTC for a better signal.

Please pray for Daniel Julien and Toe-Blake Roy as they travel in Manitoba this week.



Toe-Blake and Linda Roy

- Pray for clear gospel presentations in schools, articulate sharing of vision in churches, and for more workers to be recruited while they represent BLF Canada at MissionFest Manitoba 2011 (<http://www.mfest.mb.ca>).
- Toe-Blake will be at Manitoba Mission Fest in Winnipeg on Feb 4-6th, and Alberta Mission Fest in Edmonton on Feb 25-27. The rest of the time he'll be in churches raising support and awareness, and in schools with BLF missionary Daniel Julien doing evangelism. Pray for safe travels, connections, more workers for the harvest, and an openness to the gospel.

From Zak & Jael Kenney:



Zak & Jael Kenney
(photo yet to come)

- Jael is now 20 weeks pregnant. Continue praying for a healthy pregnancy. This pregnancy has been the hardest one on her, though nothing too extreme. Pray for energy and health. Today is the ultra sound, and hopefully we'll find out if it's a boy or a girl.
- Pray for increasing spiritual awareness for our children (Zoe age 3, Silas age 2, and Titus 11 months). Silas is starting to get more used to the idea of "church" and doesn't cry when the worship starts anymore (but only if he's on daddy's lap the entire time)
- In January we started Zoe and Silas on a homeschool Christian preschool curriculum. Zoe is like a sponge, eager to learn and absorbing everything, for which we are thankful.



• We recently got internet at our house so that I (Zak) could work from home most of the time, and go into the BLF office once a week for filing and finances. Pray that I can figure out how to balance my time between work and family (I'm even writing this with both boys on my lap while Jael does school with Zoe :)

• Currently I (Zak) have several things on the go - we're still ironing out details regarding our new accounting program; I'm putting together promotional material for some mission teams this fall, and developing a BLF Canada newsletter (which I hope to have ready for March); plus a number of smaller routine tasks. The accounting is more of a learning curve than I anticipated. Pray that I won't make any big mistakes.

• We're thankful for technology. On January 29th, the BLF board got together in Winnipeg for a board meeting,



and I was able to be there via Skype from the comfort of my basement.

- We are not fully supported, so at this time we can't afford a health plan. Right now everyone is relatively healthy, but that could end in a moment! Pray for continued health, and increased support.

Prayer & Praises from our partners: BLF Europe



Africa ...
over 22 countries whose
primary language is French

As we mentioned last month, BLF is partnering with SIM (Serving in Mission) on a beautiful project called [the Francophone Pastors' Book Set Project](#): 18,000 book sets donated to Christian pastors throughout French-speaking Africa. We are still seeking funding (\$34,240) for **Manga Messiah** to be included.

Meanwhile, we have more good news! Starting Monday, January 31, the Desiring God Conference for Pastors is raising funds in order to add a sixth BLF French title to the SIM book set project: **The Dangerous Duty of Delight** (John Piper). Already \$7,000 has been raised. **Please pray** that the full amount will be funded (\$18,000).

For more info, please go to:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/blog/posts/god-is-already-providing-for-the-french-book-project>



From Kevin Eggleston:

- I could sure use some prayer for health issues I am facing. Specialist appointment next week.

From Bud & Char Kroker:



Bud & Char Kroker

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

- Congo Open Heart program is moving ahead but we realize that there is enemy opposition as we wrestle with decisions.
- The countdown has started for my departure February 28.
- An encouragement: my official invitation from Congo arrived. This makes it possible to turn in my visa application.
- There is a lot of paperwork including a certificate from the mayor of our town that I have not been in jail during the past six months.
- I will recheck my medical requirements at the Institute of Tropical Medicine.
- Just received word from Congo that a Chinese electrical generator costs at least \$1500.
- Once I arrive, there will be a lot of building supplies and lumber to purchase.
- I plan to stay two months this time.
- Please pray for my arrival and all that needs to be done for rebuilding Matende.
- Pray that this trip will make it possible for other team members to come.
- Praise God that the Belgian committee is helping with responsibilities.



Mary Cayot
BLF US Missionary in
Marpent, FR

From Mary Cayot:

- Please continue to pray for my sister-in-law Deb who has ovarian cancer. She is experiencing heavy bleeding more frequently. Pray for me, too, as I miss my family. It was difficult for me to be away from them during the holiday season, especially with the emotional impact of last year—the uncertainty of Deb's health followed by my dad's passing.
- Last month I asked prayer for safety driving in the inclement weather. Thank you for praying! What I didn't realize was that I needed safety due to vehicle problems, not just the weather: Twice the clutch went out on me. I'm so thankful that God allowed it to happen when I was close to home and could get by without shifting the remainder of the way.



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