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Prayer Calendar



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			<p>1. Greg & Sarah Akers— Pray we would persevere in the work. Pray God's Word would break up stony hearts and that those who hear the Word would accept it as being from God. Pray for peace as we trust God to provide the resources to live and do this work.</p>	<p>2. Stephen & Jessica Langley—Pray for our final year of studies at Western Seminary. Pray for creative imaginations as we pursue next steps in our ministry. Pray for stable and edifying community for us.</p>	<p>3. Richard & Geraldine Akers—Pray for good health through 2023. Pray for good relationships between the ZEBS team in Mpumalanga and Mocambique. Pray for God's direction to our children and their families.</p>	<p>4. Andy & Heather Sullivan— Pray for wisdom and guidance as we plan for 2023. Heather will need to do some travelling as part of her duties as BWD president and I will fit my ZEMA ministry with those travels.</p>
<p>5. Matthew Kuehl— Pray I will continue to learn Zulu. I am encouraged with what God has helped me to learn but there is still a long way to go to be where I want to be. Pray God would continue to bless ZEBS. Although many of the schools' numbers are solid and even growing, some of our schools are dipping in attendance. Pray God would provide an influx of new students. Pray I will be His tool to help and go where He wants me to go. Pray God would bless me personally; that He would helping me to walk in His ways and work hard on my own sanctification.</p>	<p>6. Jon & Lauren Emanuelson— Praise the Lord for His faithfulness to us by blessing our third term in South Africa. Pray for our time of furlough in the USA. We plan to return to South Africa around mid-October 2023. Pray that it will be a blessed time visiting family, friends, churches and reporting about what God is doing in South Africa. Pray for continual safety and spiritual growth in our walk with the Lord Jesus. Pray for the ZEBS class and Mukhanyo Theological College distance site in East London, Eastern Cape, for the teachers and the students, that all will be blessed by the studying of God's word. Pray for the schooling of Liesl, Evelyn, and Ethan while on furlough.</p>	<p>7. Paul & Carrie Seelhammer—Pray for our family , for safety from car accidents and crime. Pray for TJ, Josh, and Abbie's school, friendships, and future plans. Pray for Luke and Joe's college and work. Pray for ZEBS and the transformation of Zion church leaders. Pray for expansion into new languages and regions for our radio program. Pray for Children's Ministry curriculum development and SSTT. Pray for wisdom and discernment for Paul as he serves as the ZEMA Field Director.</p>	<p>8. Marius & Nozipho Swart—Pray for Nozipho as she continues with translation and Women's ministry both at Zebs and the church Please pray for our Zebs schools and Mukhanyo classes that they might grow and be fruitful as we go into next year, we will be having a graduations service on 26th of November and see some of our students leave us. God send new ones every year, pray that those ones will find Christ as many this year have. Please pray with us for the expansion and follow up with our couples whom we met with throughout the year and had 4 main functions where we unpack specific issues that relates to the busy environment we find ourselves in.</p>	<p>9. Greg & Carlene Seghers—Pray for God's guidance as the Seghers settle into new routines and their ministry takes on a new look and focus. Pray for the individuals and organizations they will interact with. Pray that the uniqueness of ZEMA's ministry will motivate others to get involved and share the vision of God's work to build His Church among the amaZioni in Southern Africa. Pray for the Seghers as they adjust to focusing on administration, living close to family, travelling in new directions, and embracing being North Americans again.</p>	<p>10. Timon & Anni Steiner— Pray that we would be able to disciple ZEBS graduates with an accredited distance programme through Mukhanyo Theological College. We hope to enrol students beginning of 2023. Pray for more AmaZioni churches to open their doors for the "This We Believe" course. Pray for the children and youth who mostly have no age-appropriate Sunday School. We praise God for answering prayer for a German volunteer to come to help us with home schooling. It has been a huge relief for Anni.</p>	<p>11. Barry & Louise Adkins— Please pray for our ministry in Motherwell that the Lord would continue to open doors as we build relationships. Pray for opportunities at ZEBS, numbers have dropped, but at the same time we have had some significant discussions and ministry with the ladies at the soup Kitchen. Please pray for us as a family, we need more support as well as tools to do life more effectively with ASD and BPD as well as Barry's knee replacement recovery and future knee replacement surgery and recovery.</p>
<p>12. Kit Tishcler— Pray for the university students and myself, that we would see the glory of Jesus and the daily importance of reading God's word and prayer. Pray the Zion university groups would be healthy, and places where students can grow in knowing God, salvation, and holy living.</p>	<p>13. Brett & Evelyn Miller—Please pray for Zion Bible College of eSwatini as we take on the vision of deeper discipleship , shifting focus toward teaching obedience to God. This 4 year plan requires changes in curriculum, delivery, and administration. Pray for us as we work to better equip Swazi amaZioni for service.</p>	<p>14. Luaan & Susanne Goosen—Pray for the gospel to spread and for people to respond in faith and be saved. Pray for safety while travelling to very remote villages, especially when it rains. Pray for Pieter while he is on deployment with the US Navy, for Sarah as she studies and witnesses to her work colleagues , and for Katelyn as she begins grade 10 with more specialized subjects in 2023. Pray for wisdom in daily decision making when responding to needs as they arise.</p>	<p>15. Mark & Barb Hugo—Our church ministry has grown from 15 to 45. Some regulars have begun leading ministries but the church occupies much of Mark's time. Pray for Mark to have time and energy to draw alongside individual Zionist's and teachers, and to explore new open doors for ZEBS which is a need and priority. Pray with us as we put this crossroads before the Lord for His gentle direction.</p>	<p>16. Dennis & Caitlin Boatman— Pray for support raising as we are making steady progress, even if it seems a bit slow to us. Dennis and I are both feeling we are ready to be on the field accepting God's will be done in His timing. Pray also for our kids, as we're trying our best to prepare them for the upcoming move.</p>	<p>17. Tim & Luann Kuehl— Wisdom and strength as we begin the final term of service in South Africa. For the ZEBS and Children's ministry and the many writing projects (the tract, Sunday School, and counseling curriculum). For the electricity and water issues we are facing which make navigating everyday life a challenge. For good physical, emotional and spiritual health. For fruit that will remain among the amaZioni in Gauteng.</p>	<p>18. Jeff & Kim Livingston— Pray for Jeff's teaching responsibilities and Kim as she maintains ZEMA's 2 new websites while operating their business and caring for their children. Pray for their family to find a healthy balance between family and ministry obligations.</p>
<p>19. Eric and Susan Binion— Eric teaches ZEBS and travels to Lesotho to teach Zionists. Pray they would be able to effectively disciple and mentor the UBI students and that the ZEBS would grow in number and spiritual depth. Pray their adult children would continue to walk with the Lord and understand God's will for their future.</p>	<p>20. Sunbury & ZEBS- Pray God's will is clear for the future use of Sunbury. Pray for our ZEBS growth, that locations would be helpful for students having difficulty with transport, that we have a good working relationship with the hosting sites, and that we would have committed teachers for ZEBS to flourish.</p>	<p>21. Field Director Paul Seelhammer & Home Office Director Greg Seghers— Pray God would grant them wisdom as they make decisions that impact the mission work in South Africa and the USA. Pray for unity among the Field Council, Field Director, Board of Directors, and Home Office Director.</p>	<p>22. Field Council— Pray for the Field Council Members as they make decisions and give direction to ZEMA's ministries in Southern Africa. ZEMA Board—Pray God will grant the Board of directors wisdom in their leadership of ZEMA.</p>	<p>23. Children's Ministry & Teacher Training—ZEMA traditionally teaches Sunday School Teacher Training Conferences each year. Class sizes range from 20-100 students teaching ages 4-14. Pray for these teachers to have patience, abundant creativity, and for the love of Christ to be presented.</p>	<p>24. Discipleship & Evangelism Programs-The <i>This We Believe</i> correspondence course, the <i>Zion Banner</i> newsletter and the <i>Trumpet of Zion</i> radio ministry offers bible teaching. Bible schools provide formalized training for amaZioni church leaders. Other training ministries include: Zion Youth & ATEZS/university ministry, camping ministries, and the Jesus film. May God bless His church!</p>	<p>25. Partner Agencies & Personnel— Pray for our partner ministries: TEAM, DMG, SIM International, and the Baptist Union of South Africa and pray also for personnel needs for the camping ministry at Sunbury. Sunbury camp introduces people to Jesus Christ and offers spiritual renewal for believers and church leaders.</p>
<p>26. Zion Youth—Pray the ZEMA missionaries would clearly show God's love and have wisdom as they minister in challenging circumstances. Pray for the youth ministries through the Association of Tertiary Zion Students, and through other means of mentoring and discipling. Pray God would raise up a new generation of strong, evangelical amaZioni believers.</p>	<p>27. amaZioni Bible School Teachers & Students— Pray for the financial and family needs of Bible school students and our ZEBS and ZBC teachers. These men and women give of their time and have made a commitment to ministry, often in the face of financial challenges and the constraints it places on their families. Pray for God's blessing, provision, and wisdom.</p>	<p>28. ZEMA Online Resources/ Availability -South Africa does not offer unlimited data plans for internet service and data must be purchased by the MB. Please pray God will open the way for ZEMA to be approved for a 'zero rating' so our curriculum can be downloaded for free by all our students.</p>	<p>29. Finances— Pray for all financial needs to be met, for ZEMA to be good caretakers of funds given to us by the Lord, and blessings on those who faithfully provide support to our missionaries and ministries.</p>	<p>30. New relationships with Churches & Bible Schools— Pray more churches in Southern Africa will get involved by supporting schools and Zion Ministries in their areas. Pray more USA churches will get involved by sending short-term teams for specific ministry and conference support. Pray more Bible Schools will send interns and eventually full-time missionaries.</p>	<p>31. Home Office— Please pray God would grant the Home Office Staff wisdom as they make decisions which impact missionaries and programs. Pray blessings upon the many volunteers that help meet the needs of the Home Office.</p>	