

MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR

1st : Pray for National leaders in the **Philippines** - for **BPACCI** Bishop (President) Rev Efren Miranda and the Secretary and Treasurer of the Philippine Advent Christian Conference. There is much to do and resources are limited. Pray also for the Pastors and Pastoras and their families who often live in very poor conditions. May they remember and know the reality of the Lord's promise through the Apostle Paul that "... my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

2nd: Pray for the ministry of Ruth Devairakkam, her husband Wilfred and daughters Joanna and Jerusha in **Kluang, Malaysia**. Pray for the Lord's blessing on their one-to-one ministry of witness and encouragement to neighbours and other contacts - that their dedicated service may touch many hearts for Jesus Christ. Pray for the small group which meets for worship and fellowship on Sunday mornings in their home.

3rd: Pray for the Chairman and Trust Board members of **Advent Christian Missions New Zealand**. Pray for wisdom for them as they deliberate and make decisions concerning AC Missionz's support of Advent Christian ministries in India, Thailand, Myanmar, Malaysia and the Philippines. Pray especially for Chairman Ernie Schache and Treasurer Mrs. Glenise Burge.

4th: Pray for the President and officers, Pastors and Bible Women of the **Advent Christian Conference of India**, based in Chennai, India. Pray that the ministries of their 67 churches in and around Chennai may touch the hearts of many for the Lord Jesus Christ and that they will grow spiritually and numerically. Praise the Lord for the 699 baptisms reported during 2012 from those 67 churches.

5th: Pray for John Middlewood and his wife Maeo at **Christian Mission ban Naratchakwai** in Nakhon Phanom north-eastern **Thailand**. Pray especially for good health for them both. Thank the Lord for their ministry to children and young people especially. Pray for John's **ministry of teaching English** to Elementary and High school children in more than 30 schools in their area. Thank the Lord for and pray for the team of teenage girls who assist John with organising and teaching English Camps held on Saturdays.

6th: Pray that **the Lord will raise up additional workers**, especially leaders, both national and foreign, with a burden for outreach ministry in Asia and worldwide where the Church has the huge, unfinished task to share the blessings of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour with the billions who are still unreached with the Gospel.

7th: Pray for AAM's new organisation in India - **Yesuway Jeevan Mission** - and for Mission Manager Immanuel as he heads up this organisation. Pray for the 11 Christian organisations which YJM partners with and supports financially. Five of these organisations are involved in the care and welfare of orphans and underprivileged children; one is a rehabilitation centre for those affected by HIV/AIDS and/or alcohol or drug addiction; one is a job training ministry for Gypsy women; one is a large school for poor children and three are outreach ministries of the Advent Christian Conference of India in other States.

8th: Pray for the **Advent Christian Conference of Myanmar** (Burma) and for the four leaders of the Conference who are leaders of the four organisations that make up the ACCM. Praise the LORD for progress towards democracy during 2011/12 and pray that there will continue to be progress. Christians and Christian ministry are still under pressure/persecution on many occasions - pray that the LORD will keep our AC leaders and their co-workers safe and strong in their faith.

9th: Thank the Lord for our many **prayer supporters** in New Zealand and other countries, who pray faithfully for our ministry and for the ministries of those we support in Asia. Praise the Lord also for the **financial supporters** who give so generously to help meet the practical needs and cost of important projects and ministries carried out by those we support in Asia.

10th: Pray for the growth and development of the ministries of the Christian Mission ban Naratchakwai in north-eastern Thailand. Pray that the LORD will lead suitable workers to assist John Middlewood on a long term or short term basis with teaching English and with their ministry to children and young people. Pray that the LORD will bring a suitable Thai pastor to join their team to take some of the responsibilities for the ministry off John's shoulders.

11th Pray for the **Fellowship of Blessed Hope Churches** in Tamil Nadu, **India**. The organisation is at present divided as a group of 10 rebel pastors continue to cause problems, including taking legal action, for the FBHC and are causing many problems within the Fellowship and for the Mission. Pray that the Lord will touch these men's hearts and bring them back to His ways and precepts. Pray for much blessing for the 12 pastors and 1 Bible Woman who now make up the group loyal to the Mission, the Fellowship and God's ways and precepts, and pray that they may be led by the Lord to work together in ministry rather than as individual churches. **Pray especially for wisdom and patience for President of the Fellowship Rev T. Regi Christopher.**

12th: Pray for the staff of the **World Outreach Department of the Advent Christian General Conference** in the United States. Pray for World Outreach Director Rev Jeff Walsh; Asia Pacific Area Directors Revs Jeff and Penny Vann; Africa and Europe Director Rev Russell Carle and Latin America Director John Gilbert. Pray also for Administrative Assistant Mrs Trena Efirid.

13th: Pray for the **Advent Christian Conference** in southern **Japan** and for the ministry of their 17 churches. Pray especially for Conference President Rev. Minoru Shojaku and the 17 pastors of the churches. Pray too for the ministries of the three **Agape Houses** - their homeless feeding ministry which envisions providing jobs and livelihood for homeless Japanese who will commit their lives to Christ; their reaching out ministry to Japanese and Filipino wives in Japan; and their leadership development ministry.

14th: Pray for the Director, faculty and staff at **Oro Bible College in Cagayan de Oro**, in the **Philippines**. Pray too for the students as they follow the Lord's call to train for service for Him. Pray especially for financial support for them so that they have sufficient food and other essential resources during their stay at College. Pray too for the students' families - that they may be totally supportive of their children's desire to honour and obey the Lord.

15th: Pray that the Lord will raise up **new prayer and financial supporters for Missions**, especially among the younger generations. Thank the Lord for websites and social networking and pray that He will use these modern media and short term Mission trips to give young people especially a passion for evangelism and mission.

16th: Pray for **ACMissioNZ's** web manager Tarnya Burge Wessels who spends long hours keeping the website - www.acmissionz.org.nz - up to date and developing. Thank the Lord for her skills and ability and for her willingness to serve the Lord in this very important area of communication.

17th: Pray for **leaders, Pastors, Pastoras and Bible Women of all Advent Christian Churches and ministries worldwide** – that they may all use their leadership skills as servants of the Lord and of their people. Pray that they will be students of the Word and that they will be kept from nominalism and from conforming to the world. Pray that all our churches and pastors will have a **mission focus** – to reach out to others.

18th: Pray for the **outreach activities** of the **AC Conference of Myanmar** leaders to unreached tribal areas of their country – in northern and southern States. Thank the Lord for the burden they have for their fellow Burmese and their willingness to go in spite of the arduous travel and living conditions they experience as they take the Good News to these areas. Pray for their safety and security as they travel and minister and for the provision of funds to enable them to make these trips.

19th: Ask the Lord today to use **His written Word** to touch the hearts and minds of those who read it or are taught from it, and to grow His people spiritually. Thank the Lord for other written literature – tracts and books – and pray that **recent translations into Tamil and Spanish** of important books on Advent Christian distinctives will be blessed by Him as they bring important Biblical truth to many.

20th: Thank the Lord for **ministries to orphan and underprivileged children and young people** being carried out in the Lord's name in **India, Myanmar, Thailand and the Philippines** by Advent Christian organisations. Thank the Lord for making resources for these ministries available through His people. Thank the Lord especially for those who respond to the still, small voice of the Lord to support these ministries financially.

21st: Pray for the **schools operated by the Advent Christian Conference of India** in and around Chennai. Sixteen Primary, Middle or High schools are approved and aided by the Government of Tamil Nadu and provide free education to children from poorer families. Pray especially for Rev Paul Aruldoss who as Correspondent has the overall responsibility for the schools ministry. Pray especially for Principals and teachers.

22nd: Pray for the staff and students at the two **Bible Colleges** operated by member organisations of the **Advent Christian Conference of Myanmar**. Thank the LORD for graduates of these Colleges who are willing to go out as **church planters** to unreached areas of their country. Pray for the provision of financial resources to enable them to follow the LORD's leading. Pray especially for Sister Th. in the north-west of the country. (Full name withheld for security – God knows her!)

23rd: Thank the Lord for the members of the AC churches in the United States who support the **funding of World Outreach Department activities** through the **Penny Crusade** each year. Pray that this year's Crusade will reach the target and that ministries around the world will not be hindered by lack of resources.

24th: Pray for wisdom and patience for Ernie Schache, Advent Christian General Conference's **Asia Team Leader**, as he encourages and advises the leaders and members of AC ministries in India, Thailand, Malaysia and Myanmar. Pray for safe travel as he visits those countries and for the provision of necessary visas.

25th: Pray that the Lord will **teach us all to pray**, that we might be faithful and regular as we pray for those who are still in the darkness of their sin. Pray for yourself and all others who use this list as a prayer guide, that we may all grow in the discipline of prayer so that we may "strive together with [those who serve] in our prayers to God for [them]". (Rom 15:30)

26th: Pray for the **missionary outreach ministries** of the Advent Christian Conference of India in **Khagaria, Bihar State** carried on by Pastor Paul Sunder Raj and his team of 11 assistants and at **Adda Road in Andhra Pradesh State** led by Pastor Paul Gantham and at Baluthanda in Andhra Pradesh by Rev B Baluk Nayak . Pray for the **St. Xavier's English School** in Khagaria, Bihar as it provides a very important "bridge" into the local community for the proclamation of the Gospel. Pray especially for the provision of land and buildings for the school as the lessor has given notice to quit the present property.

27th: Pray for the **leaders and officers of the Advent Christian General Conference** in the United States, whose Mission Statement includes "...to Encourage, Equip and Empower Advent Christian churches worldwide to be obedient to His great Commandment and Great Commission." Pray for President Rev Brent Ross; Executive Director Rev Ron Thomas, Executive committee members and the Directors of Operations, Finance, Communication, Nurture and World Outreach. Their responsibilities are very great.

28th: Pray for the **9 high school/university girls who are living on the Christian Mission compound at Natchakwai, Thailand** with some attending special English medium school programmes at their schools. Thank the Lord that these girls are able and willing to assist John with his English teaching program, and especially with weekend English camps. Pray for Bee, Nun, Ploy, Lita, Bpun, Beem, Jaeub, Pan and Toom – who have accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour. Pray for strength of faith for them to withstand the many pressures they encounter. Pray that John and Maeo's Christian witness will lead the rest of the girls to faith in Jesus Christ.

29th: Pray that the Lord will remind all of His people that all that we have and are is from Him, and that we have a **great responsibility to be good stewards** of what we have been blessed with. Pray that He will bless those who already give generously, and that He will **raise up new donors** so that Advent Christian worldwide ministries are not hindered by a lack of financial resources.

30th: Pray for **Mission Manager** in Chennai India, M. M. Immanuel and his wife Rani and thank the Lord for Immanuel's godly leadership of the American Advent Mission team there. Pray for the rest of the **Mission staff and their families** also. Pray too for the Mission's **Advocate** (lawyer) Mr Ravi Paul, who provides much needed legal assistance.

31st: Pray for the **leaders of ACGC's World Outreach Department and leaders of AC organisations throughout the world** as they guide their organisations, that they might put in place structures and procedures which will ensure **the maximum effectiveness of ministries**, and maximise the physical and psychological health of mission partners, employees and volunteers to enable them to fulfil their call to service and reduce rates of attrition.

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