

ACMissionNZ Mission Statement: Advent Christian Missions New Zealand exists to support world-wide, outreach ministries of the Advent Christian General Conference, with particular emphasis on ministries in the Asia-Pacific region.

MARCH 2017

Wednesday 1st March 2017

THAILAND | Leadership and Ministries

Pray for the continued provision of the Lord's power, grace, guidance and finances for the Ministry in Thailand. Thank the Lord for the following that makes the ministry possible:

- Maeo's commitment to allow her property and its wonderful facilities to be the centre of the ministry which she and John developed over many years.
- Pastor Boonta's availability to teach and preach from God's Word.
- Ploy, Parn and Lita, with their abilities and commitment to use them to serve their Lord, and their willingness to spend considerable time and effort in planning, preparing and carrying out the various activities, and leading and encouraging the other **three** girls who are also critical for the ongoing ministry. Please thank and praise the Lord that the three younger girls – Jobe, K'kaew (pronounced "gow") and Guitar - recently committed their lives to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Please pray that they may grow in grace and I the knowledge of their Lord.
- Commit to the Lord additional financial needs which need to be met in the future; in particular, the replacement the 16-year-old, 12 seat vehicle used for transporting the children and young people.

Thursday 2nd March 2017

THAILAND & TAKANINI COMMUNITY CHURCH |Project Barnabas Team

Thank the Lord for the blessings that the folk at Christian Mission Naratchakwai and the members of the Kiwi team experienced during December and January. Much was accomplished – as far as maintenance is concerned – painting, electrical improvements, a virtually new sound system - wonderful fellowship and fun within the two groups of teenagers and new relationships begun; many opportunities to reach out to the community in the Naratchakwai area, and some sightseeing. Please pray that there will be on-going impact of this experience on the lives of the young people in Nakhon Phanom, Thailand and in Auckland, and on the lives of all those the team met, visited and made connections with.

Friday 3rd March 2017

MYANMAR | Water

Commit to the Lord the goal that each of the four member organizations of the ACCM has a bore-well to supply water and a proper water purification system for that water at least for their respective "head-quarters" locations, to ensure that their families and the orphan children they care for are protected from water borne diseases.

Saturday 4th March 2017

MALAYSIA | Believers

Please continue to pray for the small group of faithful Advent Christians in Kluang, who meet for worship each Sunday in Ruth and Wilfred's home and who gather in member's homes for prayer meetings, Bible study and communion during the week, with the sharing of God's Word twice a month.

Thank the Lord for the group's ongoing fellowship with fellow Christians in their city. Ruth and Wilfred also keep in touch with pastors and leaders of other churches in Kluang. Pray that this fellowship will be a blessing to all and a support and encouragement to Ruth and Wilfred.

PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday 5th March 2017

INDIA | Ministry Partner – Pastor Ahaj Kumar Pani in Odisha

Thank the Lord for Pastor Pani, in Odisha. Thank the Lord with him for funds from ACGC World Outreach's BREAD of LIFE 2016 and 2017 mission project which provides funds for the feeding of underprivileged and homeless folk. He has been able to greatly increase the scope of this ministry because of these gifts. **Please pray for this programme and thank the Lord** for those who have given generously in the United States to enable these gifts to be sent to India and other countries. **Thank the Lord** too for Pastor Pani's care and compassion for the underprivileged and for his ongoing ministries. Pray for the new tribal/hills groups he is reaching out to this year.

Monday 6th March 2017

MYANMAR | Advent Christian Conference of Myanmar President

Pastor Kenneth was elected to the position of President for 2017 – please pray for him as he carries out his duties for the conference as well as those of his own organisation (Gospel for Myanmar) and his Vernacular Bible College.

Praise the Lord that he has been able to move into their new, three storey building which brings together his church, his Bible College and the home for his family including the 15 orphans that he and his family care for. Please pray for the provision of funds to complete the building and thank the Lord for the significant savings that will accrue because they no longer have to pay rent.

Tuesday 7th March 2017

PHILIPPINES | OBC

Sister Nely Gamayon, Director of Oro Bible College, Cagayan de Oro asks us join her in committing to the Lord the needs at Oro Bible College after serious flooding:

- Thank the Lord for the faculty, staff and students who worked so hard to help us save most of our things in the college and for the backbreaking and tedious clean-up. Thank the Lord for the provision of funds to provide medicine to protect the students from infection and to replace some of the damaged items. Thank the Lord also for the provision of funds to the food programme that enabled the College to provide some financial gifts to the students for their labour.
- Pray for provision for the replacement of damaged furniture and infrastructure.
- Pray that the Lord will continue to provide givers for the work for food program.

Pray that the Lord will continue to provide finances for the ongoing costs of the College.

Wednesday 8th March 2017

INDIA | YJM | Ministry Partners - CHRIST SPECIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Commit to the Lord the Christ Special High School: a residential High School for the physically and intellectually challenged at Sangkarapuram, Tamil Nadu.

Please pray for Pastor Paul Nilivan and the staff, teachers, Correspondent, Headmaster, Managing Trustee, Financial Trustee and their families.

- Thank the Lord for the provision of funds for a solar water heater.
- Please pray for their students' health and their families.
- Thank the Lord for funds from a donation from a supporting church in Australia which has enabled them to purchase some physiotherapy equipment.
- Thank the Lord for the ongoing provision of funds for the children's needs
- Thank the Lord that they were able to start their **School for the Hearing Impaired** last year and they now have 6 students who cannot hear or speak, A specialty trained teacher recently joined their staff. Please pray for them as they seek government recognition.

Thursday 9th March 2017

MALAYSIA | Ministry

Pray especially for Sister Ruth and Brother Wilfred and their family as they reach out to others in the following ways:

- For the one-on-one ministry in assisting those in their community who have practical and spiritual needs of many kinds.
- They continue to do some training for presenting marriage and parenting courses to their community. Pray that they will have opportunities to run these courses and the Lord will use them to draw people to Himself.
- They minister in a nearby Children's Shelter Home and a Home for the Elderly.

They also have contact with a group of indigenous people, who they assist with food and teaching English.

Friday 10th March 2017

INDIA | BIHAR

The team at Bihar have asked that we join them in praying:

- Pray for the provision of finance and commit to the Lord the construction of Parbatta, Baliya and Rajakpur churches
- Commit to the Lord the ministry of St Xavier's High School. Please pray also that the God will lead all staff to do work that glorifies Him working with diligence and integrity as if working for Him. Pray that the school will continue to provide a very important "bridge" into the local community for the proclamation of the Gospel. Pray that the Lord will through His people continue to provide funds for new buildings on their land. Pray for the planning of the new school buildings ~~plan~~ and for the provision of funds for construction work.
- Pray for all Missionaries and Pastors and all the ministry work which is ahead of us that God may give us sound mind and health to extend His Kingdom for His glory in Bihar.

Saturday 11th March 2017

THAILAND | Dtaa

Continue to pray for Dtaa (pronounced "dare", with a very long a!)- from one of the other churches of the Christ for All People Churches Association. Sufficient funds have been given to meet the cost of seminary fees for her fifth and final year of studying for a Bachelor of Theology degree at Phayoa Bible Seminary and she will graduate in March. She has indicated that when she completes her degree she hopes to join the ministry team at Christian Mission Naratchakwai. Please pray that this will be the Lord's will.

Sunday 12th March 2017

MYANMAR | Pastor Joseph

Pray for Pastor Joseph: for good health and financial provision for his family's needs and for strength and wisdom. Pastor Joseph has the responsibilities of the leadership of **The Word Mission**, and the care of a total of 79 orphans/underprivileged children.

During the Christmas period, Pastor Joseph took a team of his believers to the State of Rakhine to share the Gospel. He reported that they were able to share the gospel with 120 people and 5 were baptised. Please pray for those who accepted Jesus as their Saviour, praying that their faith will develop and grow.

Monday 13th March 2017

NEW ZEALAND | ACCONZ | Takanini Community Church

Please pray for the members and leaders of the church as they consider their future ministry. A number of matters impacted on the church during the second half of 2016 and their membership has reduced substantially. They are presently considering whether they can continue their ministry.

Tuesday 14th March 2017

PHILIPPINES | Filipino Pastors and Leaders

Pray for the Filipino Pastors, Pastoras and leaders who work very long hours - some struggle to meet any additional expenses (eg any medical costs) out of their very basic salaries.

Pray the Lord will provide finances when they suffer acute ill health and also for finances for medicines for chronic conditions.

Pray that despite time pressures they will find time to have and continue to have a growing, consistent Christian walk.

Pray that they will also choose to find time for refreshment and rest.

Wednesday 15th March 2017

NEW ZEALAND | ACCONZ | Takanini Community Church | Community

Thank the Lord for Vicki and Rebekah who are continuing to lead the Playgroup and Mainly Music ministries for the first school term and for Mark as he helps in the kitchen. Pray that the contact they have with young mothers and other caregivers from the community will be blessed and used by the Lord.

Thursday 16th March 2017

Orphans

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.

Friday 17th March 2017

INDIA | American Advent Mission Banking application

Thank you for continuing to pray for the Mission's bank account situation. **Praise the Lord that the bank account was re-opened on 17 February** under a new name - The Womens Home & Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination - and the first wire transfer is on the way (1 March). Thank the Lord especially for Immanuel's patience and "stickability" as he spent many, many hours working with the bank to achieve this. Thank the Lord also that we have a 5-year renewal of our authority to receive foreign funds.

Saturday 18th March 2017

ACMissionNZ | Ernie Schache

Pray for Ernie Schache, Advent Christian General Conference's Asia Team Leader, that the Lord will provide fruitful ministry. Pray for wisdom as he seeks to support, encourage and advise the leaders and members of AC ministries in India, Thailand, Malaysia and Myanmar.

Pray also for joy, strength, wisdom and patience: there are many heavy burdens to carry and many situations that are extremely difficult. Pray for times of rest and refreshment. .

Sunday 19th March 2017

PHILIPPINES | Filipino Pastors and Leaders

Pray for Bishop Efren G. Miranda and the BPACCI council as they serve the Philippine conference.

Praise the Lord that His Holy Spirit is bringing blessing to the churches of the Philippine Advent Christian Conference. They report new baptisms and many blessings from church retreats.

Monday 20th March 2017

NEW ZEALAND | ACCONZ

We are grateful to the Lord and to ACGC and the Piedmont AC Conference in North Carolina for the provision of the ministries of Jeff and Penny Vann since February 2015. They have been recalled to the United States from June onward. They will travel to the Philippines in May to lecture at Oro Bible College for four weeks and will then return to Auckland to finalise their affairs before returning to Charlotte. Please pray for safe travel for them and for their future ministry.

Tuesday 21st March 2017

INDIA | YJM | Pastor Paul Gandham and Victor Abraham

Pastor Paul Gandham and his son Victor Abraham are based at Adda Road Advent Christian Church in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Praise the Lord for his congregation which has grown from 15 families to 150 families in 5 years. They also have several small, outreach groups in nearby areas. Commit their ministries to the Lord.

Wednesday 22nd March 2017

INDIA | Fellowship of Blessed Hope Churches | Pastor Lawrence

Please pray for Pastor Lawrence and his village tribal ministry to the Irula people in the Kanchipuram, Chennai District. He thanks the Lord that he has been able to complete 2 years' theological study to obtain a Bachelor of Divinity degree. Pray that the Lord will bless his efforts to share the gospel. Pray also that the Lord will provide for his and his family's needs.

Thursday 23rd March 2017

MYANMAR | Pastor David

Pastor David, whose organisation has the Myanmar Bible College with about 35 students attending has asked us to make known a need they have for **assistance with teaching their students English**. This would suit a person, or a couple or a small team who have qualifications in teaching English as a second language or who have experience in teaching willing to spend some weeks (2 or 3) in Myanmar. Do pray that the Lord will provide for this need.

Pastor David's organisation (Fellowship Bible Church) is also reaching out to the Kayah people, who live in the State of the same name, which is to the north-east of Yangon, adjacent to the border of north-west Thailand. Continue to pray for fruitful ministry for Pastor David and his organisation as they reach out and share the gospel.

Friday 24th March 2017

ACMissionNZ | Asia Field Leaders

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.

Pray especially for a person or couple to serve with Christian Mission ban Naratchakwai in Thailand. This person or these persons would need to learn the Isaan dialect of the Thai language to be fully effective. Commit to the Lord the need for funds to support this person or persons.

Pray that the Lord will raise people up to support those on the mission field; for those with administration giftings, for believers with passion and discipline to pray faithfully, and believers with a gift for giving generously and sacrificially.

Saturday 25th March 2017

MYANMAR | Orphans

Pray that the Lord will continue to provide funds to help the Conference to care for and educate the total of **300** orphans and underprivileged children and young people who they care for. Thank the Lord for those who give to this important ministry. Ask our Father God to raise up more givers so that the believers in Myanmar may carry on this important work. Psalm 82:3 "Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed."

PRAYER CALENDAR

Sunday 26th March 2017

INDIA | Immanuel and Rani

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. Immanuel is under significant pressure from several major ongoing matters and needs our prayers for personal safety and safety for his family. 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 and for other advocates who assist him

Since Christmas Rani has spent some time in an intensive care unit in hospital with serious renal failure – praise the Lord that she has made good progress and is now convalescing at home. Progress is slow. Please continue to pray for quick and complete healing for her and for peace for Immanuel and their family.

Monday 27th March 2017

INDIA | YJM | Shelter Trust

Pray for Director **Rev. Solomon Raj**, that the Lord with strengthen him and enable him to fulfill his calling to bring LOVE, LIFE and LAUGHTER to those in the hostel's care. Pray for the 48 orphan children and young people, all of whom have AIDS or are HIV Positive that they will know the joy of the Lord and walk with Him all the days of their lives.

Thank the Lord for the provision of funds for the construction of a further hostel building which has become necessary because of government requirements that the girls be separated from the boys. Thank the Lord for the completion of this building in January.

Tuesday 28th March 2017

MYANMAR | Pastor Kei Sum

Pastor Timothy reports that one of his organisation's pastors – Pastor Kei Sum has had the joy of bringing two ladies from Buddhist backgrounds into the family of God. He wrote...

"Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We praise God and thanks for your prayer help and love of our people. In Jan 2017, our fellow worker Pastor Kei Sum got two women new believers converted from Buddhist background. Their names are Daw WA Toh and Daw Ni Ni. Please pray for these new sisters."

Wednesday 29th March 2017

INDIA | Fellowship of Blessed Hope Churches

Pray for the Fellowship of Blessed Hope Churches in Tamil Nadu, India. Pray for much blessing for those who now make up the group loyal to the Mission, the Fellowship and God's ways and precepts, and pray especially that they may see the value of unity and that they may be led by the Lord to work together in ministry rather than as individual churches.

Pray especially for the Pastors who were elected to positions of responsibility in the Fellowship: Rev. A. Jerald as President, Rev. A. Paul Selvin was elected as Secretary and Rev. P. Peter was elected as Treasurer. **Please pray** for wisdom and enthusiasm for these brothers as they accept the responsibility of leadership. **Please pray specifically** that all of the churches of the group will work together, supporting and assisting each other, recognizing that in unity they will attain more than the sum of their individual efforts.

Thursday 30th March 2017

INDIA | Sale of Land

Please also continue to pray for the sale of the Guindy land – Immanuel is again seeing some interest from prospective purchasers. The sale would bring the possibility of much needed financial stability for the Advent Christian Conference of India ministries and allow YJM/AAM to greatly extend our ministries.

PRAYER CALENDAR

Friday 31st March 2017

THAILAND | Brother Boontaa

Please pray for Brother Boontaa. He is a critically important member of the leadership team and CMN staff and preaches at CMN's services and carries out many duties and the ministry at CMN. His knowledge of the Scriptures is such that he is presently assisting the New Tribes Mission's translation team translate the Scriptures into the local Isan language, which is a group of Lao dialects currently written with the Thai alphabet, which is spoken by about 20 million people in Thailand - a little under one third of the country's population.

Please pray regularly for Brother Boontaa, his wife Phon and their severely handicapped daughter Bow.