

# SIM Australia Praying Together

October / November 2024

## OCTOBER 1

**Kira Bambrick** (CZECHIA)

PREPARING TO GO

Please pray that Kira will have energy for the study she is undertaking as she continues to raise support. The study is in Somatics and Dance Movement Therapy (SDMT) which will provide another therapeutic approach when working with traumatised populations.

**Walter Genuit & Andrea Flipse** (THAILAND)

PREPARING TO GO

We praise God for the wonderful vision trip we had in August. The people from SIM Thailand and Grace International School have helped us to get a good insight into our work. Please pray for our visa application to be successful and the planning of our move to Thailand early 2025.

## OCTOBER 2

**Alan (& Jaclyn) Millhouse [Toby, Keira]** (Australia)

ACROSS

We pray that the Across team will know God's leading and trust in Him for all their needs. Pray that our family will enjoy a time of rest together during the school holidays.

**Edwin D** (SA)

ACROSS

Pray for the hub groups in Adelaide as they meet in different parts of Adelaide and be a witness to their neighbours.

**James Z** (SA)

ACROSS

Continue to pray for the discipleship of the second generation amongst the Southeast Asian community. Pray for the Bible study and God's leading in ministry.

## OCTOBER 3

**Angela (& U-Don) Ngiam [Noah, Chloe]** (NSW)

ACROSS

Praise God for a great term 3 for Freedom to Flourish. All our programs and locations are well established and thriving. Please pray that God will send new refugee participants to our programs, as many have finished or moved on from needing our support as much as before. Pray for the team and partnerships with churches.

**Rees** (NSW)

ACROSS

Give thanks to God that I have raised full financial support for my ministry with Across. Pray as I start a soccer ministry for refugees on September 14. I plan to teach soccer skills as well as life skills and share the Gospel. Pray that the Sensory Garden we created will be used by the community and that they will feel the peace of Jesus as they enter the garden.

**Nas** (Australia)

ACROSS

Praise God for the online ministry and the opportunity to bring God's words to those who have never heard of God's Good News. Pray that the truth of His Word will impact and change many lives in the country. Pray for the believers that are being persecuted and in prison.

## OCTOBER 4

**Petros\*** (Australia)

ACROSS

Praise God for the growth of His church in my country of origin even in persecution and hardship. Pray for God's protection over our church and provision of its needs. Pray for the preparation of conferences in God's will, for equipping servants and developing brave, faithful & wise disciples. Pray for more financial supporters to support us and this ongoing ministry.

**Vinh & Thy [ & Family]** (VIC)

ACROSS

Pray for our children to build friendships at school. Our youngest is trying very hard to make good friends at school. Pray for Vinh to continue to focus on his PhD studies online and for time management. Pray for Thy and for her discipleship of the women at church.

## OCTOBER 5

**Lorenzo & Liliana\***

AFRICA

Give thanks for international involvement advocating for the freedom of brothers and sisters facing persecution here. Pray we will reflect Christ well in our university and hospital teaching and for readiness to defend the hope we have. Pray for wisdom as we care for our small team until our team leaders return from Home Assignment.

**Neil & Sil**

WEST AFRICA

Praise God for His faithfulness, today 1000+ people will gather to dedicate, celebrate and purchase for the first time the complete Bible translation for a Borgu people group. Our hearts are filled with joy! Pray that the Word of God will dwell richly in each person.

## OCTOBER 6

**Andrew & Sandra**

AFRICA

We praise the Lord for continuing opportunities to share about the dynamics of honour and shame in life and ministry in Africa. Pray for energy and wisdom in training those who will carry on the ministry, time with a mission-trip team coming from Sydney and many tasks to complete in these last months of the year.

**K.B.**

AFRICA

Please pray for a good transition time for processing my time overseas and dealing with re-entry stress. Pray for good connections with family and friends and a good time of rest this month. Pray for those affected by severe flooding in my host country and for all who are struggling with hunger, loss & displacement.

## OCTOBER 7

**Stephen & R**

AFRICA

We are thankful for continued progress in learning local languages and developing effective ways to communicate the love of Jesus, including through literacy and English conversation classes. Pray that our November visit to assist teams in a nearby country may also encourage and empower them as they learn local languages and adjust to new situations.

**Pete & Kathryn [ & Family]**

WEST AFRICA

The arrival back to West Africa was not easy for us. Our kids have restarted well at school. Pray that all the family will resettle into mission life and ministries well. Pray for good friends for each family member. Pray for opportunities for Pete. Pray for wise use of resources.

## OCTOBER 8

**Robyn Green**

ETHIOPIA

Praise God for a possible opportunity to go to the annual conference for the Association of International Schools in Africa (AISA) in October. It will be a great opportunity to collaborate with other teachers and mid-level leaders. Praise God for visiting chapel speakers - pray for ministry impact.

**Bethany**

WEST AFRICA

We thank God for a good visit from a team from SIM France/Belgium during their summer break. Pray that God will bring some back to serve with us long-term. September was a time of training for many pastors and lay leaders. Pray God will raise up many local believers for His work.

## OCTOBER 9

**Suzanne**

WEST AFRICA

The school year should have begun by October. Please pray that the teacher training for the first trimester can go ahead with interested and motivated schools and teachers. Continue to pray for the Lord's protection in all areas for our small team and for more workers to join us.

## OCTOBER 10

**Peter & Joanne Ong [Teaghan, Lucas, Micaiah]**

MALAWI

Give thanks for Pete's attendance at Lausanne 4 Congress last month. Pray for the ongoing networking. Pray for the short-term team from Pacific Hills Christian School visiting us at the moment. Pray for Pete attending Southern Africa Regional Council in two weeks time. For Jo as she trains up children's workers for church.

**Ian & Theano Ratcliff [Trinity, Oliver]**

KENYA

Give thanks for Ian's attendance at the Global Creation Care Forum. Pray that the learning and outcomes from the Forum will encourage and affirm SIM members and partners engaged in or thinking about creation care ministries. Pray that Theano will continue to build deep relationships with the nurses and staff of the Banda Health clinics.

## OCTOBER 11

**Rowan & Bethany**

WEST AFRICA

Pray for a fruitful time of Home Assignment as we catch up with family, friends and church supporters. Pray we have a good rest amidst the travelling.

**Janet**

WEST AFRICA

Pray for energy and wisdom as I teach my class. Pray that students will be engaged.

## OCTOBER 12

**Andy & Cathy [ & Family]**

WEST AFRICA

Continue to pray for encouragement and spiritual protection for the team at the hospital.

## OCTOBER 13

**David & Taryn [ & Family]**

WEST AFRICA

Please pray for physical and spiritual renewal as we reconnect with family, friends & supporters and have some holidays as a family. Pray for safety as we travel and that in sharing with believers we would be mutually encouraged by each other's faith (Romans 1:12) and that the Lord would raise up workers for His harvest field.

**Anne-Sophie** WEST AFRICA  
Please pray for God's grace and strength throughout this busy season. Pray for the church (where I teach regularly) for spiritual vitality and growth.

**OCTOBER 14**  
**Phil & Carol** (VIC) WEST AFRICA  
Praise God for his sovereignty and heart of compassion which spurs us on; for His ongoing work among unreached peoples; for the impact of believers' sharing their hope. Pray for returning Bible School students in their last months of training to be more fully equipped for ministry. Pray for our preparation to return on November 5.

**Corey & Amber [& Family]** WEST AFRICA  
Please pray for our area that has been hit with devastating floods recently. Pray for wisdom as we help those suffering from flood damage. Continue to pray for our health and for protection from Malaria and Cholera. Praise God that the Clinic build is coming along well. Pray for protection as we work.

**OCTOBER 15**  
**Matt** WEST AFRICA  
Praise God for a time of refreshment at a spiritual retreat. Pray for renewed focus and strength, abiding in Christ. Pray for wisdom for leaders that suffering may be alleviated and for us as God's people here to show mercy and compassion.

**Naomi** WEST AFRICA  
Continue to pray for the Director of the Academy and the school leadership team as they manage a positive transition - for wisdom and guidance. We have a desperate, ongoing need for teachers to be able to run and continue our ministry and support families of mission workers.

**OCTOBER 16**  
**Ben & Antonia [& Family]** (France) WEST AFRICA  
Thank God for our first two months in West Africa. We are settling well into school and work. Pray for all of us to find a new rhythm in life, and to keep the energy to get through challenging days. Pray for energy as we experience our first taste of hot season at the moment.

**Elizabeth** (France) WEST AFRICA  
Please pray that I will be able to get an extension to my visa in France. Continue to pray for language studies, that I will be able to hear and understand French as well as speak it.

**OCTOBER 17**  
**Martin & Lid Barley [& Family]** Nigeria  
Praise we have been able to set up businesses for 3 ladies coming from the brothels; pray for their success. Pray for Martin & J running the children's program at a mission worker conference (October 23-26). Praise that Lid has good help for SIM Nigeria's prayer ministry and pray for her on retreat (October 30 - November 4).

**Emily & M [& Family]** AFRICA  
Thank God for our new team and Emily's smooth return to her work. M was able to attend Lausanne and we have been greatly encouraged by the growth in the local body. Recently, we visited with members of the local fellowship, a family of the majority faith who is grieving. We had an open chat and found it to be a house of peace. Pray for them.

**OCTOBER 18**  
**Rob & D** AFRICA  
Please be praying for a friend who has been having some dreams. Pray he will be courageous to ask questions and for the true light to be revealed to him. We are organising a prayer conference in October. Pray for the Lord's anointing on the planning and for the day.

**Robin** (Australia) WEST AFRICA  
Pray as I continue the translation of Psalms, for wisdom and skill in expressing poetry, finding words that suit various dialects as well as revising other books. Please remember many who have fled villages, now in make-shift camps near the capital. Some people we know lost loved ones in attacks recently. For God's comfort and grace on them; love and practical help shown by believers; wisdom for leaders.

**OCTOBER 19**  
**John & Fiona [& Family]** ASIA  
Praise God for the great response of the local church to help victims of serious flooding in the eastern part of the country last month. Pray that the 'seeds' sown in that relief effort will bear fruit. Pray for the establishment of a new government that will seek to truly serve the people of this country.

**Kumar & Dileeni** ASIA  
Please pray as Kumar is teaching the first course in the brand-new track on evangelism, at the seminary. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will build a passion for souls in the students. Pray for Dileeni as she helps transitions leadership in the counselling track and has a new recruit co-teaching along with another.

**OCTOBER 20**  
**Natalie** ASIA  
Pray that God continues to work His transforming power within the local community. Pray for God's leading in our decisions as we prepare to finish our service at the end of November.

**S & L [& Family]** ASIA  
Please pray for our children to settle in well with their new class teachers. Pray for continual student growth at our English centre, both to help keep the business viable and the opportunity to impact these students' lives.

**OCTOBER 21**  
**Lisa A** ASIA  
Please pray for meaningful connections as I engage youths in life skills training classes.

**OCTOBER 22**  
**Joung & Tin** ASIA  
Give thanks to our Lord for a restful time in Sydney. Pray for Joung's elderly parents that they will have peace to let them return to the field. Pray that the visit to see Tin's parents will show God's goodness and bring her family closer to Christ. Pray for the spiritual life conference in the field to be a fruitful gathering.

**Peter & Gennie** ASIA  
Praise that we had an awesome first term so far. Pray for us to be able to finish all that we need to before we return home for Home Assignment in six weeks. Pray that our ministries here continue well while we're home (for four months) and for good reconnections with our home church.

**OCTOBER 23**  
**Ben and Manje [& Family]** CONTINENTAL ASIA  
We have been working on finalising our time and preparing to transition out of our field. Pray as we move towards our departure date, that we may keep a focus on serving effectively. We are both teaching this semester and looking for opportunities to serve and finish well before we reach our next field in Peru.

**Josh & Shell [& Family]** SOUTHEAST ASIA  
We have new teammates planning to arrive in October. Please pray everything goes smoothly for Brian and Shelby to travel and begin to settle in with their two children. Also, pray that we can support them well with orientation and adapting to a new language, culture and relationships. Praise God for new workers!

**OCTOBER 24**  
**Tanya** SOUTHEAST ASIA  
Please pray for the school that we will get more students. Also pray for next year's school staffing needs (2025-2026) as we already know there are many staff leaving at the end of this current school year.

**Jason & Maria** SOUTHEAST ASIA  
Pray for us to settle in well on the field and to engage with the local church and community. Pray for good relationship building.

**OCTOBER 25**  
**Jacqui Croxon** THAILAND  
Praise God for an opportunity to visit the Hope for Life team in Benin last month. It is always an encouragement to see how God is using ministries to bring hope and give life. Pray for an upcoming workshop that our Thailand team will conduct with local Christian leaders on the importance of multi-generational churches.

**OCTOBER 26**  
**Matt & Alisa Tingle [Maya, Lucy, Jemima]** THAILAND  
Please pray for the students who have come to faith recently to grow, and that they will connect in well with a local church. Please pray for a short-term team coming from Melbourne to help with some activities at the centre next month, that they will be able to connect well with the students.

**Mark & Nyomie Meenks [Esther, Jesse, Ashleigh and Caleb]** THAILAND  
Give thanks for a fruitful time at the Spiritual Life Conference and that ministry is going well with Hope for Life Thailand. Continue to pray that more will come to know Jesus.

**OCTOBER 27**  
**Jennie (Pascal) Girard** FRANCE  
Jennie has had two very busy months with extensive travel to facilitate Initial and Advanced Equipping for Healing the Wounds of Trauma, including visits from family, friends and supporters. Please pray for a new project that will translate a version of the course for prison chaplains, interested pastors and leaders around her area and for the planning for 2025.

**Ros Barnes** HUNGARY  
Pray that the new teachers who have joined the staff at the International Christian School of Budapest will continue to settle into their ministry, and that I can support them well. Pray that school leaders, teachers and student leaders who have attended recent training events will be courageous and faithful in putting into practice the things they have learned.

## OCTOBER 28

**Colin & Jill Bakon** SPAIN  
Praise God that our move to La Herradura went well and we are starting to make connections both here and in Nerja. Pray as we help in a local bible study in these areas and for it to grow into a church. Praise for the visit of our son Nicholas over the next few days.

**A & R [ & Family ]** MIDDLE EAST  
Pray for R as she takes on a regional leadership role. Pray that A will be able to enjoy some rest while preparing for the coming season that the decisions made would provide a good foundation for deepening relationships.

## OCTOBER 29

**R & E [ & Family ]** MIDDLE EAST  
Praise our faithful God. Thank our Father that we have found a church sharing the good news and discipling. Praise God that language learning is progressing (currently speaking like toddlers), school has started and contacts are being made. Pray that we would find opportunities to grow relationships, share the Gospel, and grow in our understanding of the needs.

## OCTOBER 30

**Abby Penglase** ECUADOR  
Please pray for Abby as she reconnects with churches, family and friends during Home Assignment. Also pray for protection of the believers in Saraguro as they continue to lead ministries and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Thomas & Joannah Crowe** PERU  
Please pray that God will guide us in what ministries we should pursue and what to move on from. Pray regarding a new project - constructing a facility for the local churches to use for camps, conferences, training and more. Pray God will provide the land, the right relationships, finance and everything else which is needed for the multi-functional facility.

## OCTOBER 31

**Mike & Kerry with Megan Fischer** PERU  
Give thanks that our daughter Megan loves living here in Arequipa. Please pray that we'll be wise in adjusting the way we organise the 'Grupo Social' (for people with disabilities and their families), so that it will be a blessing to many. Pray for Kerry as she befriends many Peruvian ladies.

**Phillip (& Janne) Andrew** (Australia – ROYALL) INTERNATIONAL  
Life is becoming increasingly difficult for those living in Nigeria. There have been widespread protests about cost of living and poor management of support services, some of which have led to violence. Pray for the people of this country as they struggle to survive and for followers of Jesus to be a light to those around them.

## NOVEMBER 1

**Jason (& Leng) Hazell [Isaac]** (Australia) INTERNATIONAL  
Pray for wisdom as I continue to advocate for the safety of children on the mission field.

**Sandy (& Wendy)** (Australia) INTERNATIONAL  
Continue to pray for Sandy and the security team as they navigate changes in the team structure and support teams in the field in increasingly unstable and uncertain places.

## NOVEMBER 2

**Edwin (& Diane) Porter** (Australia) INTERNATIONAL  
Continue to pray as we implement new financial software in SIM offices internationally. The aim is to have ten additional offices on the software. I continue to lead the global internal audit function. Please pray for good time management.

**Morgan & Anna Powell [Anika, Lila]** (Australia) INTERNATIONAL  
Please pray for online training events this month: PeaceWise (Everyday peacemaking for global workers & train the trainer) and The 5 Styles (team building). Pray that the presenters would present clearly and that those attending will be open, ready to learn and ready to apply their learning to their team situations.

## NOVEMBER 3

**Stephanie (& Kym) Schwarz [Carina, Lucy, Eleanor]** (Australia) INTERNATIONAL  
Thank you for praying for Peacewise. Recently forty-two people participated in the Everyday Conflict Coaching training (Level 2). Please pray for four training events planned for the remainder of this year (Level 1 training events and some for the preparation of new trainers). Pray that we follow God's lead in pursuing peacemaking together.

**John & Karine Woldhuis [Evangeline, Mattias, Annalise]** (Australia) INTERNATIONAL  
Please pray our team can continue to effectively support SIM workers ministering in vulnerable communities in holistic ways. Pray for receptive hearts and minds for the Safe Village activities in Asia, and for continued growth of the volunteer team in SIM Brazil as they equip the church in responding to trafficking risks.

## NOVEMBER 4

**Peter B** (Australia / Nigeria) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Give thanks for the ability to give remote support to coworkers serving in Nigeria. Pray for coworkers who are seeking to manage software changes linked to Finance, Projects and personnel services that they will see how their labours fit in with the big picture of support services for mission outreach.

**Omar (& Kay) Djoeandy** (Australia) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Praise God that Omar and his mum had a safe, enjoyable and fruitful trip to Indonesia in September. We visited family & friends and Omar spoke on Redefining Success According to Jesus and Missions. Pray for Omar for his work condensing his book to approximately 100 pages to be the core for contextualised versions in other languages.

## NOVEMBER 5

**Pauline** (Australia / Africa) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Pray for wisdom in strategic planning with Australian and African partners as Pauline's ministry evolves again and locals become increasingly involved in training and decision making. Options abound after meetings with trainers and with Francophone theological leaders in West Africa. Pray for wise decisions that take into account available time, energy, finances and practicality.

**Mike & Jacky Hammond** (Australia / Southern Africa) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Praise God for the fruitful time of relationship and capacity building in South Africa in October at the Regional Directors Conference (organised by Mike) and connecting with For Freedom contacts and projects (Jacky). Pray that the next For Freedom Learning forum on 19 Nov is well attended and helpful.

## NOVEMBER 6

SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
**Andrew (& Naomi) Jones [Noah, Hudson, Mali, Reuben]** (Australia)  
Pray for Andrew and the Pacific Asia Design Team preparing for a Regional Leadership Program in Chiang Mai during October. Pray for the Farm Fresh Harvest - Missional Business agri-business in Zimbabwe as we build shade houses. Pray for wisdom. Pray for the Business As Mission Global Team as we navigate various challenges which our Business As Mission personnel face.

**Phillip & Diane Marshall** (Australia) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Give thanks for God's blessings at the Spiritual Life Conferences where we had the opportunity to speak in, and the lives of those whom we are in mentoring relationships. Pray for SIM's global and regional initiatives that seek to enable each leader and new workers to journey with a mentor into fullness of ministry and life.

## NOVEMBER 7

**Andrew & Tanya [ & Family ]** (Australia / Africa) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Pray for the team managing the Foundations for Farming project. Pray that financial support will be sufficient to enable them to teach twenty courses this year. Please pray that we can adjust to life back here in Australia.

**Daniel & Jeanie Ough** (Australia) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
We are thankful for the privilege of cooperating across organisations as we spend two months providing support to the OM Chile team in October and November. Please pray that God will give us clarity and wisdom as we make plans for 2025, considering opportunities for coaching and providing support to SIM teams in Latin America.

## NOVEMBER 8

**Ruth Perkins** (Australia / West Africa) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
From early November to mid-December, I plan to be in West Africa. Pray that I will grasp well the use of the local Arabic script and make appropriate corrections to health teaching materials. Pray that I will be an encouragement to the team members and understand how best to help them.

## NOVEMBER 9

**Julie L** (Asia) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Thankful for positive transformation seen in lives of those we serve. Please pray for disaster response to flooding and landslides. Pray also for safety in travel to remote areas, preparation of health promotion materials, training of leaders and a refreshing time at team conference in November.

## NOVEMBER 10

**Ray Morris** (Retirees, USA) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Praise the Lord for the many open doors for ministry in the Spanish speaking world. The weekly Zoom classes and the daily Bible study Correspondence Courses provide me with openings to see the Lord at work in the lives of some. My health demands an operation on my right knee and it will impact my mobility for some time in September and October.

## NOVEMBER 11

**Lloyd & Sarah-Margaret Holliday** (USA) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Please pray for our family as we continue to serve in the SIM Retirement Village. Pray for the start of a new school year for Sarah-Margaret and the children. Pray for our health. Pray also for encouragement and regrowth in our support team.

## NOVEMBER 12

**Cathy** (Southeast Asia)

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Praise God for well-attended mission conferences in different cities and refreshing Spiritual Life Conference. Please pray for God's provision for our Solar project and community ministry projects; good partnership amongst the local churches, Bible colleges and Christian organisations, more mission applicants and supportive pastors willing to send out workers. Pray for wisdom and good health for my family, myself and our team.

## NOVEMBER 13

**David & Lynne Hammer** (PNG)

AUSTRALIA

Pray for Paul, Nancy & Nimbine as they continue to settle into Nagaland. Praise God that Nancy is with family and can receive appropriate medical attention. Pray Nimbine can adjust well to a new culture. Pray for Patricia K as she has left CLTC after three years of service and outreach and nearly four years with SIM in SE Asia. She still desires to promote SIM in her speaking opportunities and many contacts. Pray for a permanent presence for SIM in PNG.

## NOVEMBER 14

**Steve & Terry Early**

AUSTRALIA

Please pray for discussions with a church in Papua New Guinea about partnership in sending mission workers with SIM. Please pray for our training and orientation program as we introduce significant changes to improve our preparation for future mission workers.

## NOVEMBER 15

**Frances Early** (SA)

AUSTRALIA

Thank God for continuing enquiries from across South Australia/Western Australia/Northern Territory. Please pray for wisdom to walk with people well and developing further church and mission relationships. Pray also for our South Australia/Western Australia/Northern Territory workers preparing to leave for the field in the next six months.

## NOVEMBER 16

**Brian (& Jen) [Adelaide, Matilda]**

AUSTRALIA

Pray for the upcoming SIM Australia Board meeting for which we are doing a lot of preparation work relating to Projects Compliance – including an annual review of projects supported by SIM Australia. Pray for wisdom for the Board and encouragement in considering the impact of the many diverse ministries. Pray for my Security role as I continue to advise our Executive on specific security-related matters involving overseas placements.

## NOVEMBER 17

**Malcolm & Jenny Watts**

AUSTRALIA

Give thanks for the privilege of attending the Arrow Leadership program with the 3rd residential concluding today. Pray for wisdom in applying what I have learned. Please pray for the SIM entities searching for new directors. Pray also for those who lead SIM country teams to have wisdom, patience and courage in these important ministry roles. Pray for Jenny in helping our workers through her role as Health Coordinator.

## NOVEMBER 18

**David & Michelle Fauchon [Jai]** (NSW/ACT)

AUSTRALIA

As we reach the five weeks out from Christmas mark, praise God for all He has done through our team in raising awareness of missions in regional NSW and the ACT. As we continue to follow up with enquirers, pray that we will achieve as much as possible before the end of the year. Pray also for our planning phase for 2025.

## NOVEMBER 19

**Brett & Kathy Flippence [Anna]** (NSW)

AUSTRALIA

Give thanks for our recent trip to support workers in Africa. Pray for strength to end the year well. Give thanks for the many invitations to share at churches this year. Pray for David & Sue who are on a 'vision trip' supporting a team conference in South Asia and exploring opportunities to serve.

## NOVEMBER 20

**Wayne & Helen Mayhew [Caleb, Evie, Benjamin, Asher]** (NSW)

AUSTRALIA

Give thanks for the opportunities we have at events in the past few months to encourage people considering mission work. Pray God continues to lead people's hearts to serve in places with the most needs.

## NOVEMBER 21

**Susan Strong**

AUSTRALIA

Give thanks for the participants in the recent SIM Start training for new mission workers preparing to go. Please pray for their mission journey as they continue to prepare to head out on the mission field.

**Stanley and Marlies**

AUSTRALIA

Praise God that the Lausanne meeting went well in September. It was such a privilege and blessing for Marlies to be part of the conference. Pray for Stanley as he continues to try and form new SIM prayer groups. Give thanks for the Avoca Beach Prayer Group that has started a few months back. Give thanks for His goodness to our family.

## NOVEMBER 22

**Doreen Thomas**

AUSTRALIA

Praise God for His protection and strength for the travelling and training completed. It is a joy to see how people are preparing themselves and progressing through the application stages. Please pray for them and the many short-term applicants who have been interviewed and are also working through their next steps.

**Jay & Robyn [Sarah, Joshua, Aleah]** (QLD)

AUSTRALIA

Praise God that Sarah just completed Year 12! Praise God for the year of outreach through our English as a Second Language program. Please pray that we would finish the year well and that students would follow Jesus. Pray for Jay as he represents SIM at the National Training Event (with university students) next month.

## NOVEMBER 23

**Bea Wickham** (WA)

AUSTRALIA

Pray for Bea in Perth as she mentors individuals and families who are considering the mission field. Bea represents a handful of agencies to help people find suitable options for their journey. Praise God that there has been high numbers of positive responses in 2024, including the formation of a missions hub group bi-monthly.

## NOVEMBER 24

**Deanna (& Stan) Richey**

AUSTRALIA

Please pray for focused discipleship courses continuing this month to help those attending to grow spiritually. Praise the Lord for the official adoption of a new church campus in a neighbouring town. Pray the campus will grow and become effective in reaching the community of Bacchus Marsh. Pray as we prepare for Christmas outreach events.

## NOVEMBER 25

**Brendan (& Virginia) Short [Esther, Xavier, Samuel, Thomas]** (VIC)

AUSTRALIA

Pray for continuing follow up opportunities generated by the recent

conference in East Africa, particularly for the East Africa mobilising team. Pray for wisdom in finding good placements for the new workers that will be mobilised for mission. Pray also for his provision of a good setting for initial French study for these workers.

## NOVEMBER 26

**Warwick & Natalie Short [Hudson, Sahara, Japheth, Annie-Mae]** (VIC)

AUSTRALIA

This year, the university groups under the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students banner, are meeting regionally rather than in Canberra. Pray for good connections with students in the different locations where SIM staff will be attending. Warwick and Natalie look forward to encouraging the next generation to take the good news to the unreached.

## NOVEMBER 27

**Liz Mahanidis** (VIC)

AUSTRALIA

Please pray for wisdom and discernment as I mentor people that I met at MST Bible College and at Activate Conference. Pray that people will respond positively to the Holy Spirit's promptings.

## NOVEMBER 28

Pray for **Tiffany** (PA to National Director).

Pray for the Ministry Support team: **Carmen** (Personnel Services Manager), **Rania** (Admin Assistant), **Allison** (Admin Assistant - VIC).

Praise God for His guidance and wisdom as we journey with the applicants in the various stages of their application process. Pray for Carmen, Rania and Allison as they work tirelessly to help them navigate the process. Pray for healing for Allison's persistent cough; Rania's family members with various health issues; Carmen for putting into practice what was learned at the leadership development program.

## NOVEMBER 29

Pray for the Finance and Partner Relations (PR) Team: **Graham** (Finance and Corporate Services Director), **Andrew** (Systems Accountant), **Joanne** (Finance Officer), **May** (Accounts Officer), **Rukshani** (Partner Relations Coordinator), **Kristie** (PR Assistant), **Andy** (PR Assistant).

Please pray that preparations for the annual SIM financial audit will go well and the audit review is satisfactory. Pray that other tasks can be maintained well with the additional workload. Pray that our SIM partners will continue to support our workers to proclaim the Gospel in unreached communities. Pray as the team prepares for Christmas appeals.

## NOVEMBER 30

Pray for the Media & Communications Team: **Jason** (Media & Technology Director), **Maggie** (Creative Designer), **Danielle** (Writer), **Michael** (Partner Development/Fundraising).

Pray for SIM Media Team as we make plans for our communications to SIM supporters in 2025. Pray as we decide how to share about God's mission in a changing world. Pray as we continue to grow prayer and financial partners for our Mission Global Fund – helping us build our capacity to respond to Gospel needs in the world and raise up new workers for God's global harvest.

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\* Names changed to protect identity for security reasons.

### ABBREVIATIONS:

- HA = Home Assignment
- LOA = Leave of Absence
- PTL = Praise the Lord
- SLC = Spiritual Life Conference
- Name (& Spouse) = Spouse is not a SIM Member
- ROYALL = Retiree On Yet Another Labour of Love