

# SIM Australia Praying Together

December 2024 / January 2025

## DECEMBER 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  
Please pray for our visa application for Thailand to be successful, a good Transitions Training in Melbourne and a smooth transition to Thailand in January 2025. We praise God for good friends that are helping us with practical support and encouragement.

## DECEMBER 2

**Ethan & Brianna Yarnall** (AFRICA) PREPARING TO GO  
Pray for God's continued guidance in our lives. Pray that support raising goes smoothly, and that we continue to deepen our love of God, and of each other.

**James & Samantha** (ASIA) PREPARING TO GO  
Praise God for the progress we are making towards serving long-term in Southeast Asia. We also praise God for our friendship with some of the Southeast Asian community in Adelaide, we pray for more opportunities to share God's love with them.

**Alan (& Jaclyn) Millhouse [Toby, Keira]** (Australia) ACROSS  
Pray that the Across team will know God's leading and trust in Him for all their needs. Pray that our family will grow together, rest in Jesus and be encouraged in the Lord.

## DECEMBER 3

**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.

## DECEMBER 4

**Angela (& U-Don) Ngiam [Noah, Chloe]** (NSW) ACROSS  
Praise God for a great term 4 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 we have started a soccer ministry for refugees. I am teaching soccer skills as well as life skills and sharing the Gospel. Pray that Freedom to Flourish's Sensory Garden 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.

## DECEMBER 5

**Petros\*** (Australia) ACROSS  
Praise God for the growth of Christianity in my country of origin. Pray that the Gospel reaches more people, considering all the suffering and persecutions. Praying for generous hearts to support this ministry to grow more. Pray for new doors to be opened to save more souls and strengthen believers and churches in my country by God's will and support.

**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.

## DECEMBER 6

**Lorenzo & Liliana\*** AFRICA  
Pray for peace, good government and leadership following national elections three weeks ago. Pray for preparations for a small team visiting us at the end of December. Ask that the Lord be glorified through relationships they form, skills they bring and through their own awareness of His work in this harvest field.

**Neil & Sil** WEST AFRICA  
Give thanks for five new colleagues this year, all working among least reached people groups. Pray for someone to coordinate our next generation ministries. Pray for our partner church as they assume full responsibility for our radio ministry at the end of this month.

## DECEMBER 7

**Andrew & Sandra** AFRICA  
We continue to praise the Lord for opportunities to share about the significance of honour and shame dynamics including helping other mission workers learn and practically apply it, sometimes into very challenging situations. Pray for energy and wisdom to finish the year well, especially as we prepare for a new year with many changes ahead.

**K.B.** AFRICA  
Pray for rest, recovery and good times of connection with family, friends and supporters during my time away from my host country. Pray for refugees, internally displaced people and local communities in our host country who are struggling. Severe flooding has caused loss of life, homes, livestock and food supplies for the coming year.

## DECEMBER 8

**Stephen & R** AFRICA  
Please pray we reconnect well with our community after two months of travel for conferences and supporting other teams with learning local

languages. Pray for good opportunities to share the significance of Christmas with our neighbours. Pray also that our proposed food gift for the most destitute refugees would be well received.

**Pete & Kathryn [& Family]** WEST AFRICA  
Our family is still not feeling settled. Pray for joy and to feel 'settled in mess.' Kathryn's parents are visiting for Christmas. Pray for a rich time together. Rejoice for 2,300 pastors who took part in the Pastors' Book Set project in West Africa in October. Pray for generational fruit. Pray for progress on Pete's studio space.

## DECEMBER 9

**Robyn Green** ETHIOPIA  
Praise God for the Christmas break and the kind friends who made it possible for me to accept an invitation to visit some recently departed friends/colleagues from the field in Finland. Pray for our upcoming Spiritual Emphasis Week for Secondary students, that the Gospel message would be clear and they would dedicate their lives to Jesus.

**Bethany** WEST AFRICA  
We are working towards having a new family join us from Nigeria. Pray for wisdom in knowing if this is God's will. If it is, pray as we get ready to welcome new people to our team. Pray for the additional funding we need for our Luke 10:2 project to help with their support.

## DECEMBER 10

**Suzanne** WEST AFRICA  
Healthcare is complicated in this country. Please pray for the Lord's wisdom and compassion when confronted with the needs of friends and neighbours. Pray for physical and spiritual protection over our team. Praise the Lord for a good start for the new school year and for the four schools that participated in October's training day.

## DECEMBER 11

**Peter & Joanne Ong [Teaghan, Lucas, Micaiah]** MALAWI  
Give thanks for the Southern Africa Regional Council that Pete attended in November. Pray for Jo as she continues to train children's workers for the local church.

**Ian & Theano Ratcliff [Trinity, Oliver]** KENYA  
Pray for continued progress for our local Swahili learning, so we are prepared to start our ministries here. Pray for Ian as he leads SIM's Creation Stewardship and Care ministry. Pray that Theano will continue to build deep relationships with the nurses and staff of the Banda Health clinics.

## DECEMBER 12

**Rowan & Bethany** WEST AFRICA  
Pray for a fruitful time of Home Assignment as we catch up with family, friends and church supporters.

**Janet** WEST AFRICA  
Give thanks that we have two teachers. Pray that I can take up the opportunity to do two months of language study next year. Pray that we will teach well.

## DECEMBER 13

**Andy & Cathy [& Family]** WEST AFRICA  
Thank God for His faithfulness throughout the challenges this year. Our daughter has completed her year of distance education, a huge achievement.

Please pray for our other daughter as she commences high school via distance education in January. Pray for Andy and the maternity team as they face the huge need. Also pray for an IT project that Andy is coordinating.

## DECEMBER 14

**David & Taryn [& Family]** WEST AFRICA  
We thank God for safety in travel and good times of rest and (re) connecting with friends new and old. Please continue to pray for God's protection and blessing on our travels and connections with family, friends and supporters. Pray for the Lord's help each day as we homeschool our three children.

**Anne-Sophie** WEST AFRICA  
Please pray for a time of refreshment and encouragement over these months of Home Assignment. Pray for the ongoing work at Galmi Hospital, that God will continue to draw people to himself through this ministry.

## DECEMBER 15

**Phil & Carol** (VIC) WEST AFRICA  
Please pray for wise decisions concerning Phil's treatment and medical care since diagnosed with prostate cancer; flight departure date postponed to December 29 (in Africa for three months). Pray that African leaders and parents will diligently teach, train and mentor their young people in righteous living. Pray also for graduating students courageously search out God's will for ministry opportunities.

**Corey & Amber [& Family]** WEST AFRICA  
Continue to pray for safety as the team builds the new clinic and starts the other major building projects around the Centre. Praise God for the new believers who are being touched by the Centre, pray for their faith to deepen in the face of persecution. Pray for us over this Christmas time as we celebrate Jesus' birth away from family.

## DECEMBER 16

**Matt** WEST AFRICA  
In the lead up to Christmas, pray for opportunities to share the good news that the Messiah has come to save. Pray for our annual conference in early January to be refreshing and community building. Pray as I help translating for it.

**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.

## DECEMBER 17

**Ben & Antonia [& Family]** (France) WEST AFRICA  
Praise God we are settling well into West Africa. Please pray for wisdom to know which ministries to be involved in.

**Elizabeth** (France) WEST AFRICA  
Praise God for a visa extension in France and for increased understanding of the language. Please pray for patience as I learn and for courage to speak.

## DECEMBER 18

**Martin & Lid Barley [& Family]** Nigeria  
Praise for the initial success of businesses for three ladies from the brothels. Give thanks that the children's program at the mission worker conference

(October) went well & that Lid was able to get away on her retreat (November). Pray for Lid as she organises our Spiritual Life Conference prayer events (January) and that six "converts" will return to Jesus.

**Emily & M [& Family]** AFRICA  
Pray for the Christmas celebrations occurring in the last weekend of December. We ask that, in both the expat & the local bodies we are a part of, pray that non-believers would be a part of these gatherings and that they may be pointed to Jesus. Pray for many opportunities to share the story of His birth.

## DECEMBER 19

**Rob & D** AFRICA  
Pray for many opportunities to share about the work in North Africa during our Home Assignment December - April. We would love to mobilise some more people to serve in the country we are in. Pray for the Lord to be preparing people's hearts for this country.

**Robin** (Australia) WEST AFRICA  
Please pray for the many who have lost loved ones and homes, who are hurting deeply; for peace to return to the country. Pray for believers to be comforted and able to comfort others. Pray for good teamwork, wisdom and anointing, with ongoing checking of the Psalms.

## DECEMBER 20

**John & Fiona [& Family]** ASIA  
Today is our son's birthday, pray that he has fun and we enjoy time with John's parents as we visit churches they planted in Thailand. Pray for two families visiting now to consider long term work here. There is political unrest here, pray for a number of families in this country facing risks from sections of the community that are increasingly restless.

**Kumar & Dileeni** ASIA  
We praise God for sustaining us through 2024 and are humbled that He would use us in His Kingdom work. Please pray for us, as we take stock of the year that is past and look to 2025. Pray as we take a pause from ministry and discern His will for the year ahead.

## DECEMBER 21

**S & L [& Family]** ASIA  
Pray for continual student growth at our English centre, both to help keep the business viable and for the opportunity to impact these students' lives.

## DECEMBER 22

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

## DECEMBER 23

**Joung & Tin** ASIA  
Pray as we spend time with the locals and bring comfort for them after the local flooding. Give thanks for the Spiritual Life Conference for the team in early November that it was a fruitful and encouraging gathering. The topic for the conference was "Abide in Him." Pray as we resettle back to life here that we will continue to seek joy in our Lord and abide in Him.

**Peter & Gennie** ASIA  
Pray for fellowship and rest during our Home Assignment. Pray that our ministries here continue well while we're home (for four months) and for good reconnections with our home church.

## DECEMBER 24

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

**Josh & Shell [& Family]** SOUTHEAST ASIA  
Praise God things are coming together smoothly after relocating back to Australia in early December. We can see God providing in many ways. Please pray for each of us as we process the changes physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. Also pray that we can begin to settle into healthy routines.

## DECEMBER 25

**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.

## DECEMBER 26

**Jacqui Croxon** THAILAND  
Praise God for the opportunity to pop home for Christmas. Pray for a restful and encouraging (although brief) time with family. Praise for opportunities Hope for Life Thailand had to share the Gospel message at a number of Christmas events. Pray as we discern ways to follow up with those who are seeking.

## DECEMBER 27

**Matt & Alisa Tingle [Maya, Lucy, Jemima]** THAILAND  
Please pray for God to grow our student numbers at the Centre and for good opportunities to build relationships with them. Please pray for balancing our ministry and family responsibilities.

**Mark & Nyomie Meenks [Esther, Jesse, Ashleigh and Caleb]** THAILAND  
Praise God that ministry is going well with Hope for Life Thailand! Continue to pray that more will come to know Jesus.

## DECEMBER 28

**Jennie (Pascal) Girard** FRANCE  
Thankful for a close family Christmas. Jennie remains attached to her local church and in reaching people with the Gospel in her area of France. Pray for her ongoing involvement in the worldwide Trauma Healing network and for lives to be changed for the better as people do the Trauma Healing courses. Pray also as she assists several churches during Jan-Feb doing the course as well as training group leaders.

**Ros Barnes** HUNGARY  
It is winter, which is a quieter season for ministry. Pray for a restful break over new year and for a productive time of planning and preparing for the busy spring season to come.

## DECEMBER 29

**Colin & Jill Bakon** SPAIN  
Pray for the local bible study we are helping with and for it to grow into a church.

**A & R [& Family]** MIDDLE EAST  
Pray for an enduring peace in the Middle East and for our family as we live and minister in this context with so much uncertainty and volatility. Pray for wise decision making about the coming year for our family.

**DECEMBER 30**  
**R & E [& Family]** MIDDLE EAST  
Pray for deep peace to flood this region. Ask our Father to give us wisdom to know how to direct people towards this peace with our limited language. Thank God for our team and ask that we would partner well in seeing all here enjoying our Saviour.

**Abby Penglase** ECUADOR  
Please pray for Abby during her Home Assignment; for her health, rest and good connections. Pray for rain in Ecuador to end the drought. Pray for local believers to stand firm and share their faith boldly. Pray for protection and wisdom for the Church Planters team as they reach least-reached communities.

**DECEMBER 31**  
**Thomas & Joannah Crowe [& Family]** PERU  
Please pray that via our supporters, mission workers and ministry contacts, news and excitement for the new Abancay Interdenominational Ministry Centre will spread and grow. Ask as a result, that God will provide the necessary funds to come in. Pray that we are able to purchase land before end of the year.

**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.

**JANUARY 1**  
**Phillip (& Janne) Andrew** (Australia – ROYALL) INTERNATIONAL  
Give thanks for the good response to medical outreaches that have taken place in NE Nigeria recently. Pray for the medical team led by Dr. Yimer, from Ethiopia. Also pray for God's direction in the selection of a new SIM Nigeria director to take over from Tom Jessurun in early 2025.

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

**JANUARY 2**  
**Sandy (& Wendy)** (Australia) INTERNATIONAL  
Please pray for the global SIM community as we continue to serve in increasingly challenging and complex locations and circumstances. Pray that the security team, in conjunction with regional and team leaders, will be guided and led by the Holy Spirit in serving the needs of local teams and families.

**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.

**JANUARY 3**  
**Morgan & Anna Powell [Anika, Lila]** (Australia) INTERNATIONAL  
Pray for Anna as she continues to support SIM's workers in training & development all around the world in 2025. Pray for all our SIM Learning & Development resources that will be used to equip our global mission workers in the new year.

**Stephanie (& Kym) Schwarz [Carina, Lucy, Eleanor]** (Australia) INTERNATIONAL  
This week Steph and her two daughters, Lucy and Eleanor, are helping deliver Transitions Training with Missions Interlink. Pray that this training will equip families and new workers for their first ministry placement. Praise God for raising up new workers. Pray for His blessing as they go into new communities to share the Good News of His love.

**JANUARY 4** INTERNATIONAL  
**John & Karine Woldhuis [Evangeline, Mattias, Annalise]** (Australia)  
Pray for final preparations for Karine's upcoming ministry trip to Asia in February. Pray for safety, good trainings and encouraging times with ministry partners. Pray too for a new team member that will be joining our For Freedom team in the next few months, Lord willing.

**Peter B** (Australia / Nigeria) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Peter gives thanks for his reasonable ongoing health enabling him to be involved with support services linked to Nigeria. Pray for the field as leadership seeks a new director. Continue to pray for God honouring outcomes as mission workers with local believers seek to make Christ known to 100 plus million least reached in Nigeria.

**JANUARY 5**  
**Omar (& Kay) Djoeandy** (Australia) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Praise God for the safe arrival of our first grandchild, Chloe Grace Djoeandy, on Oct 27. Parents Eric and Jade are well. Pray for their ongoing adjustment; rejuvenation during our January holiday; wisdom and faith as Omar plans 2025. Pray for more coaching and speaking opportunities for Omar.

**Pauline** (Australia / Africa) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Pray for guidance and strength for a busy travel, meeting and teaching schedule from February on her way to global theological education meetings early March. Also, for her role assisting CITAF (Francophone accrediting agency) in conversations with others at these meetings that could help it to flourish and better develop their institutions.

**JANUARY 6**  
**Mike & Jacky Hammond** (Australia / Southern Africa) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Pray for Jacky involved in preparing the next For Freedom global prayer event. Pray for Director search processes underway for Madagascar & Mozambique (by Easter) and Malawi (by mid-year). Pray for increased networking across the Southern Africa region where countries have ministries in common.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
**Andrew (& Naomi) Jones [Noah, Hudson, Mali, Reuben]** (Australia)  
Praise God for a successful week at the Chiang Mai Regional Leadership Program. Pray for participants and Mentors as they journey through the next twelve months. Praise God for Farm Fresh Harvest in Zimbabwe where we are building shade houses and putting our first crops in. Pray for wisdom, hard work and a good crop in January.

**JANUARY 7**  
**Phillip & Diane Marshall** (Australia) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
We thank God for the many opportunities in 2024 to nurture new generations in mission. We look forward to many more conversations in 2025. Pray especially for our mentoring of 8 leaders in the Pacific-Asia region, that each of them might grow in character and the gifts God has given them.

**JANUARY 8**  
**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 the courses this year. Please pray that we can adjust to life back here in Australia.

**JANUARY 9**  
**Daniel & Jeanie Ough** (Australia) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
We are thankful that we could spend October and November in Chile with Operation Mobilisation where we presented team development workshops, presentations on mission at schools and churches, while Jeanie also continued her Spanish studies. Pray that God will show us how and where He wants us to serve Him as we begin the New Year.

**JANUARY 10**  
**Ruth Perkins** (Australia / West Africa) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Thank God that He is in control. Ruth was expecting to be in West Africa in November / December for four weeks. Pray amidst the travel plan disruptions, that God will enable Ruth to find someone to help correct the Arabic script handouts she has done – even if it was not possible to travel.

**JANUARY 11**  
**Julie L** (Asia) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Pray for health awareness, livelihood and trainings to be relevant and have a positive effect on participants and communities. Pray also for the women's ministry committee to function well and for our programmes and activities in 2025.

**JANUARY 12**  
**Ray Morris** (Retirees, USA) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Continue to pray for more open doors for ministry in the Spanish speaking world in 2025. Pray for the weekly Zoom classes and the daily Bible study Correspondence Courses providing me with openings to see the Lord at work in the lives of these followers of Jesus.

**JANUARY 13**  
**Cathy** (Southeast Asia) SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
Praise God for the wonderful mobilisation conferences held in various cities, fruitful strategic planning, a refreshing Spiritual Life Conference and a fruitful mission trip in South Asia. Thank God for His provision to install a solar system at our school. Please pray for a fruitful 2025 and breakthroughs in our ministries both in South Asia and the Philippines.

**JANUARY 14**  
**David & Lynne Hammer** (PNG) AUSTRALIA  
Praise God that David and Lynne were able to have a week's break at Camp Elim over Christmas. Praise God that Paul and Nimbine were able to visit family in PNG and Nancy's family were able to attend to her needs in Nagaland. Also praise God for improvement in Nancy's health. Pray for Patricia K, that the Lord will give her wisdom in promoting SIM in PNG. Continue to pray for a Mobiliser for PNG.

## JANUARY 15

### **Steve & Terry Early**

AUSTRALIA  
Praise God for a new coordinator for Transitions Training and for the next cohort of participants training for mission service in January. Pray for opportunities to develop additional funding for the Across ministry.

## JANUARY 16

### **Frances Early** (SA)

AUSTRALIA  
Praise God for the opportunity to connect with young adults through a number of events in South Australia. Please pray for workers from Western Australia and Northern Territory who are leaving for the field this month. Also, please pray for me as I plan SIM events in my region for 2025.

## JANUARY 17

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

AUSTRALIA  
Praise God for the many ministry initiatives, represented by projects, that are making a difference in communities around the world through SIM Australia and SIMaid support. Please pray for our Executive and the Projects Management Office as we discern the outcomes of a formal SIMaid review as there have been regulatory changes that may have positive implications.

## JANUARY 18

### **Malcolm & Jenny Watts**

AUSTRALIA  
We give thanks for the life of Mal's mum Val, who passed away on October 11. Please pray for Mal's dad as he adjusts to life on his own. Praise the Lord for great visits to workers in North Africa and safe travel. Pray for good times of rest during the Christmas season: nephew and niece family wedding celebrations and Christmas with family over these two months. Praise the Lord for His ongoing provision through faithful people who continue to support us in prayer and finances.

## JANUARY 19

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

AUSTRALIA  
Praise the Lord for a fruitful 2024 in connecting with regional centres and representation at many conferences. Praise God for the new people we are journeying with for future mission service. Pray that as 2025 gets underway that we will continue the momentum gained.

## JANUARY 20

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

AUSTRALIA  
Give thanks for Kathy's recent trip to USA for a wedding of a Bingham Academy friend (and one of our supporters). Pray also for her reunion with numerous other Bingham friends. Pray for the new school term that is about to start. Pray for 2025 as a great year of opportunities to engage with mission enquirers.

## JANUARY 21

### **Wayne & Helen Mayhew [Caleb, Evie, Benjamin, Asher]**

AUSTRALIA (NSW)  
Pray for ongoing adjustments as Wayne continues mobilising in NSW/ACT on a reduced part-time capacity alongside school teaching. Pray for Associates and those on Vision Trips over the summer, that this time would be formative in their walk with Jesus.

## JANUARY 22

### **Susan Strong**

AUSTRALIA  
Pray for a blessed coming year for all our mission workers and for our home staff who do such wonderful work here supporting and encouraging them. Pray for wisdom as I take each day as it comes in trust and faith in our Lord God.

### **Stanley**

AUSTRALIA  
Pray for Stanley as he continues to make plans to form new SIM prayer groups in 2025. Give thanks for the Avoca Beach Prayer Group that has started last year. Give thanks for His goodness to our family.

## JANUARY 23

### **Doreen Thomas**

AUSTRALIA  
Please pray as I went through the one-week intensive last week through Brisbane School of Theology (BST) on Pastoral Care for Mental Health, that I will be able to use it effectively in ministry. Pray as I apply learning insights with the Member Care team. Pray also for the on-going learning at BST with classes that I will be auditing on Wednesday evenings throughout the year.

## JANUARY 24

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

AUSTRALIA  
Please pray for Robyn as we get ready to launch the new year in ESL ministry. Pray that Jay would have opportunities to encourage local churches in mission. Pray for Sarah as she prepares for university. Pray also for Joshua and Aleah as they return to high school.

## JANUARY 25

### **Bea Wickham** (WA)

AUSTRALIA  
Perth has been a fruitful place for mentoring opportunities for people considering missions. Praise God for connections made. Pray for the mission hub group that has been meeting bi-monthly. Pray for Bea to raise up more people for missions. Pray also that a suitable replacement is found for Bea as she prepares to rejoin Operation Mobilisation.

## JANUARY 26

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

AUSTRALIA  
Brendan and Virginia give thanks for the opportunity to serve a significant team of workers and volunteers in Victoria. This team includes four families on Home Assignment, several others preparing to depart for the first time and two Across families. Pray for wisdom and discernment to be able to support them and their supporting churches well.

## JANUARY 27

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

AUSTRALIA  
Warwick and Natalie and family will be leading on the ESA Teen Canoe Camp on the Murray during the second week in January. Warwick will be giving the talks. Pray that they will be impacting for eternity. Hudson starts a youth traineeship through our church; Sahara is on a beach mission too.

## JANUARY 28

### **Liz Mahanidis** (VIC)

AUSTRALIA  
Please pray for wisdom and discernment as I mentor people in mission in Melbourne metro areas in 2025. Pray that people will respond positively to the Holy Spirit's promptings.

## JANUARY 29

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

Pray for the Ministry Support team:

**Carmen** (Personnel Services Manager),

**Rania** (Admin Assistant),

**Allison** (Admin Assistant - VIC).

Pray for His guidance and wisdom as we journey with the applicants in the various stages of their application process with SIM in 2025.

## JANUARY 30

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).

Praise the Lord for completing our external financial audit and providing the Finance and Partner Relations teams with knowledge and skills to provide good governance. Pray as we look at further system developments, that we will be guided by the Lord to a good outcome.

## JANUARY 31

Pray for the Media & Communications Team:

**Jason** (Media & Technology Director),

**Maggie** (Creative Designer),

**Danielle** (Writer),

**Michael** (Partner Development/Fundraising).

Give thanks to God for His faithfulness in 2024! Pray as we continue to encourage and engage with more than 5000 prayer and financial supporters who are partnering with our mission workers and ministries & projects. Pray as we share stories to inspire & equip people on God's mission in a changing world in 2025.

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\* Names changed to protect identity for security reasons.

ABBREVIATIONS:

- HA = Home Assignment
- LOA = Leave of Absence
- Name (& Spouse) = Spouse is not a SIM Member
- PTL = Praise the Lord
- ROYALL = Retiree On Yet Another Labour of Love
- SLC = Spiritual Life Conference
- OM = Operation Mobilisation
- CITAF = Council of Theological Institutions of Francophone Africa