

Mission News – April 2021  
(please try to use prayer guides daily)

**MONDAY** – Today, please remember and pray for our partnership in Ghana with **the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu, Bishop of the Diocese of Ho**, our Companion Diocese. The majority of Ghanaians have at least the New Testament in their mother tongue. Every language in Ghana still needing a Bible translation has a work in progress! Hundreds of churches have been planted largely due to people's response to newly translated Scriptures in their language. Please pray today for a continued surge in translating Scripture into written and audio format, recognizing this is a powerful driving force behind church growth and discipleship in Ghana.

**TUESDAY** – **Tony Dickinson (Outflow Ministry)** is happy to report that, *Coldest Night of the Year was a wonderful success this year. At time of writing, we have raised \$70,081, which is 140% of our goal. Our walk was virtual this year, so people can still donate until March 31, 2021 at [cnoy.org/location/saintjohn](http://cnoy.org/location/saintjohn). (If you read this early there is still an opportunity to donate!) We are grateful for the support that everyone has given to us. We would appreciate your prayers in three particular areas. First, please remember our staff and volunteers as they serve in our community. Second, please remember the people who we serve. Third, please join with us in thanksgiving for a very successful Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser.* Ask for an outpouring of God's blessings on Outflow's initiatives (The Outflow Mission, Catapult Coffee & Studio, Catapult Creative, Catapult Construction and The Farm), to address hunger, unemployment, medical costs and homelessness.

**WEDNESDAY** – **Youth Unbound (formerly Safe Harbour House)** is a transitional housing program which supports homeless youth ages 16-19 gain independent living skills while living in a safe supportive environment. Staff work to support youth in achieving their academic goals, career aspirations and healthy community connections as they transition to living independently. In 2020 four youth graduated from high school, 2 youth began post secondary programs at NBCC and UNB, many attained their first job and 7 others transitioned into living in their very first apartment! This year a global pandemic has presented the youth both in house and in their outreach program with additional challenges. Pray for the team as they rally to find new ways to be a support system for youth in our community, focusing on mental health, coping skills, and encouraging self-care during times of isolation.

**THURSDAY** – **Saint John Seafarers' Mission** are very excited about a new initiative that is making a difference for seafarers who have experienced difficulty contacting home and doing local shopping with present pandemic restrictions. Recently the Port of Saint John installed three access points on the lighting towers at the Container Terminal on the west side of the harbour. Other points in the harbour that have free WI-FI include the Mission Centre on Tilley Road, the Potash Terminal at Lower Cove and the Old Terminal in Courtney Bay. The newly installed Access Points have an additional feature that gives assistance to seafarers. When the seafarer finds the signal that is at the SSID of "sjseafarers", his browser is forwarded to a page on the Saint John Seafarers website that is set up for visiting seafarers. This page advises the seafarer of a variety of services including virtual shopping at Walmart and other stores. Phone numbers, email and Whats App contact information for the Chaplain **Eric Phinney** and Mission Manager **Bev Sullivan** and a variety of websites of general interest are also included. Please pray for future plans to ensure that all free WI-FI points that are directed at ships will forward the seafarer's phone to the Mission web pages.

**FRIDAY** – **Shiloh Peterson (Wycliffe Bible Translators, undisclosed location in**

**West Asia**) has rejoined her Polish housemate in West Asia after her home assignment in Atlantic Canada. Since her arrival, she has been helping with administrative work on their annual financial reports. She explains that this is also a *“key time to connect meaningfully with the two different dialect groups for whom Scripture is being translated, and work with them to help them engage creatively with what is newly available to them.”* Shiloh asks prayer as well for a couple in a nearby community for whom she was able to find assistance in paying off the expenses of the father’s back surgery. The family is now weighing the possibilities, costs and challenges of raising sheep. Please pray for continuing wisdom in this decision-making process and for God’s favour on all they set their hands to. As always, please pray as Shiloh continues to prepare for her future role as an ethnoarts consultant for WBT.

**SATURDAY – Reverends Rod & Lisa BrantFrancis (Parish of Tyendinaga, All Saints Church, Ontario)** conducted their first Drive In Annual Meeting last month! Rod and Lisa were on the church steps and parishioners were in their cars. Thank God a new warden was found and pray that their church would boldly share their faith in Jesus with love. R & L are thankful, as well, that no one from their church has been ill with Covid and they were able to be vaccinated in March. Please pray on for church finances (the diocese did not cut their support in 2020 but they will again see a deficit budget unless the Lord does a miracle), for the church members to invest time, talents and treasures for the King, for an appointment for Rod with an ENT specialist to check for an acid reflux problem, and for Lisa’s parents, her Mom **Marilyn** has pancreatic cancer and her Dad **Bill** has Parkinson’s disease.

**SUNDAY – Erin Rideout (Executive Director, Saint John Inner City Youth Ministry)** writes, *“Give thanks with us for **Kate**, the Food Security Program Assistant we recently hired! Please pray for the continued health and safety of staff and volunteers, and their families. Please pray for fundraising efforts to be successful.”* Please pray for the Spirit’s enabling to fulfill ICYM’s mission to support and serve children, youth and families through programming that develops them socially, spiritually, emotionally and physically. One such program this year is Family Connections, a joint project of Jasmine Chandra (Pennies and Sparrows) and Erin Rideout (Inner City Youth Ministries) who have teamed up to deliver cardboard boxes with all the ingredients for a fun family night. Margo Goguen (Stone Church member) put together the craft kits for the boxes. Some of the families are single-parent families and newcomers to Canada Pray, too, for those from Stone who are actively involved with ICYM: **Rev. Jasmine Chandra** (Vice-Chair), **Brian Earle** (treasurer) and **Ellen Kelly** (Board member)