

**Mission News – May 2024**  
(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. In a recent internet evangelism update, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association reported that, in the previous 12 months, more than 9.5 million visits to their *Peace With God* sites. And just over 650,000 people indicated making decisions for Christ. On average, more than 1,000 people visited the sites each hour. Ghana was third among the top 10 countries to visit PeaceWithGod.net, behind the United States and Netherlands. Praise God for this amazing response! Pray yet more Ghanaians, looking for hope, meaning, or peace, will find the Good News online. *“I will show my greatness ... and make Myself known in the eyes of many nations, then they will know that I am the Lord.” (Ezekiel 38:23, ESV)*

**TUESDAY** – The mission of **L’Arche Saint John** is to “draw together people with and without intellectual disabilities to create a world where everyone belongs.” L’Arche recently celebrated World Down Syndrome Day. The theme for the day this year was “end the stereotypes”. As one L’Arche resident put it, “Just let me give it a try!” Pray with L’Arche as it endeavours to raise awareness for and with folks with Down Syndrome. One way to do this is through the new L’Arche Connects Outreach program which a few weeks ago had a bowling party with participants from the community. There is also an upcoming art show opening on **May 4<sup>th</sup>** at the Saint John Arts Centre. Please pray for fresh and creative ways for L’Arche members to engage with Saint Johners, increased funding, and for wisdom and discernment for L’Arche staff and volunteers, including Community Leader **Rachel Vander Vennen**.

**WEDNESDAY** – The purpose of the **Northern Clergy Families Fund (NCF)** is to support and encourage clergy families serving in Canada’s north, and who are in need, with gifts of money with no strings attached. The cheques for \$1000.00 are sent to those families identified by their Bishops. **Lynda Viau**, who manages the fund writes, *Thank you again for your inquiries about NCF. Our fund is doing well, I just mailed out 4 - 1000.00 gifts and now I am hoping to build up the bank account. I received a letter from a small place in Northern Alberta that had their church set on fire, it must have done minimal damage, but two weeks later the same church was broken into and the Deacon's stoles and some communion vessels were stolen. Troubled times happen in small remote parishes and prayers for peace and safety are always welcome!* Please pray for these clergy families facing high food and transportation costs, isolation, threat of wildfires, limited access to medical care and often poor housing conditions.

**THURSDAY** – **Ann Elawa (Power to Change in BC)** would be grateful for our prayers for guidance as she develops training for mentors who will be using live chat interface with inquirers or mentees who visit their website from all corners of the world. Before now, their mentoring had been email based. Please pray as Ann continues internal testing on the live chat function to detect and “fix” any problems. Pray for wisdom to discern which problems should have priority. **James** is their hard-working programmer on the team and Ann asks prayer for health and strength for him. Pray, too, that God will call and equip people to mentor in live chat to help others get to know Jesus. On a personal note, Ann is in need of more prayer and financial support and would appreciate prayer for her elderly parents who live in Moncton.

**FRIDAY – Steve (Barb) Shantz (Trans World Radio)** will be quick to admit that “sometimes life doesn’t go as planned”. Steve’s plan was to hand over his role as Vice-President of Digital Ministry to his successor **Tyler** and to move into a more consultant role with TWR. But God had other plans! Recently, TWR Canada was in the position of needing to replace their president and the board of directors asked Steve to step into the position of President and CEO of TWR Canada on an interim basis until they could complete their search for someone to lead the ministry. After much prayer, Steve and Barb both realized that God had prepared Steve for exactly this specific time and Steve assumed the title and responsibilities on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He is working out of his home in Saint John and travelling to the London office as needed. We rejoice in how the Lord has prepared Steve with his international experience, years of leadership and ministry growth, and his relationships with key players in TWR’s global ministry. Please pray that Steve will know the power of God, the sufficiency of Christ and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit in filling his new role.

**SATURDAY – Mark (Cherilyn) Orr** and his team at **Lead555 (new name for Leadership Training Ministries)** are busy developing curriculum in two new categories: (1) younger emerging leaders, and (2) **Kingdom Community** leaders (*ekklesia*). Kingdom Communities may exist within or beyond the conventional church framework. Mark also continues training processes in the Amazon and the Balkans. This month, Mark and **Taylor** are travelling to the Balkans for another training with the cohort there. Please pray for their preparation and for safe travel in this volatile region of the world. They are partnering with a courageous group of leaders to bring the good news of the Kingdom to their area through Kingdom Communities and addressing two vital questions: (1) how to live as faithful communities and (2) how to live as the Body of Christ through love and fellowship in the global mission movement. Finally, pray, too, for needed resources to support Lead 555’s core administration staff.

**SUNDAY – Matt and Chaundra Eagar** joined **Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)** in 2013 and faithfully served in Uganda until 2020 when they returned to Canada to better care for their daughter Charlie’s health needs. Chaundra remained on staff with MAF and took on a role in Communications. She now has accepted a full-time position with Tutapona, another organization near and dear to her heart since serving in Uganda. We wish God’s very best for Chaundra as she continues supporting the vital work being done in refugee camps to bring healing to people fleeing conflict. MAF has invited us to remain engaged in the ministry of MAF by transferring our support to **Deborah Edwards**, a young pilot, who is currently preparing to serve in Ecuador with MAF. This invitation has been accepted and the transfer was effective from the end of March. We look forward to journeying with Deborah in days to come.