Mission News – November/December 2026

(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.** Please pray for the new Coadjutor Bishop (Assistant Bishop) **Selorm** consecrated on August 18th in these early days of transition to his new role. Traditionally, a Coadjutor Bishop automatically succeeds the current head bishop when they retire, resign or die to ensure a smooth transition of leadership and prevents any vacancies in the diocese. Pray for humility, spiritual and functional unity, discernment and grace for both Matthias and Selorm as they work together to build up His Church in Ho.

TUESDAY – Sadly, **Ben Appleby (Outflow Ministries)** writes that they've seen an increase in the frequency of higher risk and violent altercations at both the shelter and drop in, and he requests prayer for staff, security, and clients as they navigate these situations. They're always in need of more security staff but finances are always an issue. Secondly, they had a new residential addiction recovery program start this past February. They have been planning on doing something like this for a long time so they were excited to launch this program when a local landlord approached them to manage some apartments he recently renovated. The program has been doing well but they continue to seek funding opportunities to make sure they can provide the necessary supports to further develop it. Finally, they're nearing completion on their new 6 unit affordable housing project at 88 Waterloo Street. This project is a partnership with Horizon Health to support homeless individuals being discharged from hospital. They have been delayed far longer than they liked on this project, and they have seen additional financial challenges in construction, but they hope to have it ready for occupancy in November. Please take these needs to God in prayer.

WEDNESDAY – Ben (Lydia) Marmen (Oversea Missionary Fellowship, serving with CEA (Connections East Asia) & Mobilization in Halifax, NS) sends the following prayer requests: *(1) Pray for a local Japanese pastor, **Pastor S**, applying to join CEA. Pray for the application process and guidance for him to strengthen partnerships for his future work among the Maritime Japanese diaspora (dispersion of a group of people from their original homeland to other regions around the world). (2) Pray for wisdom for me as I (Ben) prepare for the opportunity to mobilize Christians at Jesus to the Nations conference to reach the unreached. J2N is November 13-14 at the Rock Church in Halifax. (3) Pray for God's leading in my Vietnamese connections: **J** & **N** and kids, **K**, **S**, and Christians **C** and **T**. (4) Pray for stronger health for Lydia, Beatrix and m*e. Pray for God's daily guidance, equipping and provision for Ben's ministry to the unreached in Atlantic Canada.

THURSDAY – Laurence and Peggy Epp (ReachAcross Canada in BC) are excited to have their youngest son back in Canada for a year. **Daniel** is a pilot with **Mission Aviation Fellowship** and will be doing deputation while living in Winnipeg. Pray for good visits with family, friends and supporting churches. Laurence continues to volunteer at the Cancer Center in Calgary supporting Arabic speaking patients undergoing treatment. The *Friends-in-English ESL class* has a new leader and Peggy has agreed to assist her. Pray students will become curious about their ESL teachers' faith and want to learn more. Pray, too, for the opportunities both Laurence and Peggy have to share Jesus with many Muslim neighbours they have befriended.

FRIDAY – Seafarers Mission Saint John provides essential practical and emotional support to international seafarers visiting the Port of Saint John. It is “dedicated to serving a multi-faith maritime community by attending to the spiritual, temporal, and recreation needs of seafarers”. Some of these services include: Hi-speed Wi-fi to connect with loved ones back home, fresh coffee always brewing on arrival, a welcoming centre for a home-away-from-home atmosphere, activities available such as TV, Pool table, Tennis table and more. Coming up soon is the 2026 *Santa at Sea* campaign. Last year, 333 seafarers of 14 ships received a Christmas gift which meant hundreds of gift bags were packed and prepared entirely by volunteers and donated by our community (churches, businesses, schools, groups and individuals). Please pray for this year’s campaign, for the health and safety of seafarers away from their home and families, especially over holidays, and for health and protection for **Tony Dickinson** (Executive Director) and willing volunteers (always need more!). May the Presence of the Lord be very evident at 92 Tilley Lane!

Those wanting more information on Santa at Sea can call Tony at 506-635-1731 or email tonydickinson@sjseafarers.com

SATURDAY – David and Rhonda Peterson (Dayspring, Newcomer Connections) have sent us the following prayer requests: (1) **Mina** and **Hossein**, as they keep waiting for news concerning their private sponsorship application. (2) David as he continues to work with his team as they welcome and settle our newcomers to Saint John. He continues to pray for opportunities to share the gospel with them. (3) All their new renters at Dayspring. They're praying that renters will experience His presence, peace and restoration! (4) Their 91 year old mothers who are doing quite well for their age. Rhonda’s mother lives next door and David’s lives in Minnesota. (5) Their own physical health. Rhonda has an ongoing issue with foot pain and David is finding he tires more quickly. He is thankful that his work at Newcomer Connections is half-time now!

SUNDAY – Reverends Terence and Jasmine **Chandra** report that things are in full swing with **Pennies & Sparrows**. The *Foodie Friday Program* is flourishing under the direction of **Miriam Westin** with participants preparing and enjoying delicious meals made from local fresh produce and **Jennifer Hallihan** (Waterloo Village Neighbourhood Association) partners with them to run a *Drop-In program* three days a week, *Foodie Friday*, and the monthly *Seniors program*. In addition, an *Alpha program* was offered this fall and *Youth Connection* is every Friday evening. Volunteers are an integral part of Pennies and Sparrows ministry such as Emma who offers hair cuts every two weeks. Also important are their partnerships with Therapy Collective (counselling), Fresh Start Services (Housing Outreach workers), and UNBSJ (nursing students). Please pray that these activities will provide a warm welcome, social connection and encounters with Jesus.