



# WAY2PRAY

WESTERN GREAT LAKES DISTRICT



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## J&J

Things are not always what you expect. For example, many people in our area of the Middle East think that all Americans are Christians- including all those in movies. We arrived here with some preconceived ideas as well, such as Muslims hate people from the west and are to be feared. Although there are many people that truly are Christians in America, there are also many Muslims that are compassionate and filled with hospitality. Not only are we regularly given meals, we have learned to enjoy tea, both served to us and served by us. Even our role as directors of the English School, called the Life Center, focuses on welcoming students and providing them with hot tea or coffee. But the tea and the hospitality is not our purpose, rather building relationships and looking for opportunities to share the truth is.

While walking on many of the streets here, or in the main bazaar, kettles of tea are found ready for customers to purchase a cup of tea with ease- with sugar available as well since the tea here is enjoyed by most with plenty of sugar.

J has spent many evenings walking with men, taking breaks over cups of tea during these walks, and forming friendships that we pray will turn into opportunities for sharing the truth..

We welcome people to our home, not only for tea, but also for studies of the Book. D and S, shown with us, have had a growing interest in the Truth while we study the Book together.

The picture above is from the children of a district church who kindly provided us with a gift to purchase a tea set to use in our homes so we can show hospitality.

We look forward to our four months of Home Assignment from April-July during which we

hope to meet many of you and share first hand what God is doing in this region.

Would you pray for:

- Continued deepening relationships with people here
- For D and S to be drawn into a saving relationship with our Father
- That we would find both a place to live and a car to use while in Wisconsin
- That we depend on our Father for our daily needs, strength, and perseverance.

### Valary & Mally McLoughlin - France

**Pray** for my time with my tutor. She was able to come to my house for the first time ever and it was a good time of learning and sharing together in food and conversation. She now tutors some of my colleagues. Pray that we all show Jesus to her and that she comes into a relationship with the Lord.

**Continue to pray** for our church as we go through transition with a new pastor. Pray that we would be a church that reaches out to those who don't know the Lord. Pray for the hearts of the leaders, that they would be unified and listening to the Lord.

**Pray** that I would be able to juggle all I need to in my workload as I add on doing another set of books for the next few months and as we start in to budget season.

**Pray** for Mally and I as we seek to know God deeper, as we grow in our relationship with each other and as we raise the kids. We need God's wisdom and direction.

### Tony & Raeni (Fayth & Hannah) Roos — France

**Pray** for clarity in Vision for France and Envision.

**Pray** for ongoing relationships to further a desire a relationship with Jesus.

**Pray** for Fayth at BFA and Hannah in online school and preparing for BFA.

**Pray** for Raeni and Tony as they prepare to be "emptynesters".

**Pray** for the full calendar of teams and interns this year.

**Pray** for the salvation of those we minister to.

**Pray** for continued strong financial giving to the work of Envision Franc and the Roos family.

### Sam & Jen (Jordan, Noelle, Matthew & Katrina) Stemple — Black Forest Academy, Germany

**As we face a new year**, we pray for a home of joy and peace, for servant hearts in what we've been called to do, for wisdom as we juggle the different roles given us (spouse, parents, mentor, leader), and most of all that we would seek the Father daily—both personally and as a family. Praying especially for our oldest daughter, Ellie, as she spends her semester student teaching in Indiana and then in Tanzania. Praying for direction for her when she graduates in May.

### Tou Lee & Tang (Abraham & Selah) Thao - Thailand

**Pray for** our family.

### Don and Rachel (Donald & Elliot) Schaeffer - Japan

**Pray** for our last Sunday at Plymouth Alliance is May 26th.

**Pray** for our family as we network with other C&MA churches in the area and begin handing off ministry responsibilities to those we serve with.

**Pray** for our transition: excitement for what's next, but sadness with the community we have to say goodbye to.

### Steve & Elizabeth Williams - France

**Thank you** for praying us through this stressful and tiring time of language study! While we are thankful to be able to move on to the next class, we are aware of the need to solidify the information we have learned and put it to use in everyday conversation. This is sometimes the most difficult part.

### S & W - Eastern Europe

**Praise God** for a great visit with our 2 eldest over the holiday season.

**Praise God** for time to rest and reconnect after a busy Fall for all 6 of us.

**Praise God** for an excellent movement forward on the launch of the women's shelter.

**Pray** for continued safety for S's travels as he is on the road quite regularly.

**Pray** for the impending launch of the women's home and all that it involves - for documents to be finalized in time, for the hiring of a house mom, and for a place to rent!

### B & M – on Home Assignment

**Pray** for our leadership as they discuss possible placement options for our family. Pray that it would be in a location where our family can have a spiritually-healthy environment and a Christian school for the boys.

**Pray** that the Lord will work deeply in our hearts as we wait upon His clear direction.

**Pray** for our upcoming tour in January and connecting with churches.

## C & S – Asia

**Pray for** our family.

## E & C – on Home Assignment

**Pray for** our family.

## J & J – Middle East

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## M & L – Africa

**Team Praise:** Thankful for our amazing team and many ways God uses them.

**Pray:** wisdom and direction as our team and various subteams and initiatives continue to work out strategies together

**Family Praise:** Visit from M's parents; the school's positive influence on our kids; better health for S since cutting out most dairy in his diet; L finished second semester of studies with an A

**Pray:** L's health (5 cm complex, septated ovarian cyst) and likely upcoming procedure in Jan

## R & M – Asia

**Please ask** for joy in the journey, and patience during the transition to our new life at our new location.

**Please remember** our children during this time. Our request is that they would have a supernatural understanding of why we are doing what we are doing even if they cannot verbalize it.

**Please ask** for His protection against the enemy as we move closer to the frontlines of battle. Ask for good mental and physical health, strong relationships, and the knowledge of His grace to be the driving force in all we do both inside and outside of our home.

**Please ask** for new friends for us all and success in our new business ventures.

## S & K – on Home Assignment

**Pray for** our family.

## T & H – on Home Assignment

**Please pray** there would be no obstacles to our obtaining work permits. An increasing number of people have lost their residency permits to remain in the country we have served.

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