

Team Belize Prayer Calendar

January 2021

Fri 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR! ²⁴ “The Lord bless you, and ²⁵ keep you; ²⁵ The Lord cause His face to shine on you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The Lord lift up His face to you, And give you peace.” **Ask** God to grant this blessing for missionaries, national partners, national church members, and all of us throughout the new year!

Sat 2 – Ask God to bring a revival in Belize in 2021. **Pray** that God’s Spirit will pour out His power on His people in Belize granting repentance from sin, having a love for Christ, new obedience and zeal for evangelism. **Ask** God to protect the Presbyterian pastors, elders, deacons, school teachers, clinic staff, mercy ministry workers, and MTW missionaries from the attacks of the world, their flesh, and the devil.

Sun 3 – John Stodghill asks continued prayer for the marriages in the church and community to be healthy and to be “salt and light” to the country as COVID puts added stress on marriages. **Pray** for the Belize pastors, Stodghills and Calls as they minister to couples and families during this time.

Mon 4 – Ask God to call more missionaries (ordained men and families, family practice/internal medicine physician or nurse practitioner) and Belizean men to serve as pastors for the Presbyterian Church in Belize.

Tues 5 – John Stodghill asks prayer for the clinic to be able to raise the remaining \$17,000 needed to replace the clinic vehicle as the current vehicle is in poor condition after years of hard use. MTW has set up an account to receive funds to meet this need. (Account #90603)

Wed 6 – Pray for John and Karen Stodghill (MTW) as they minister in Santa Elena, Cayo District. **Praise** that the women’s Zoom Bible study is growing in numbers! John also asks **prayer** for a Bible study to begin in the capital, Belmopan, this year as the first step for planning a new ministry site.

Thurs 7 – Continue to pray for Ray and Michele Call and their family. Ray is doing in-person services on Sunday morning with 10 people max in attendance and also broadcasts the service on Zoom as well as recording the sermon on YouTube for those who do not have reliable internet. **Pray** for the leadership classes on Tuesday night and virtual prayer meetings for both churches on Wednesday nights. Michele leads a women’s Zoom Bible study for the Orange Walk Church.

Fri 8 – John Stodghill asks prayer for church officers training taking place in several churches throughout the country. **Pray** for Adrian Bartley who is seeking ordination in the Presbyterian Church in Belize. **Pray** for faithfulness to complete the needed studies. **Pray** that all the pastors, elders, deacons, school teachers and clinic staff will seek first God’s Kingdom, trust in God’s sovereign rule and know His peace and joy daily as they serve in their ministry roles. **Ask** God to grant good working relationships and a spirit of unity among the leaders. **Pray** for the seminary board of directors as they lead the seminary.

Sat 9 – Pray for the Service and Development Commission of Presbytery as they seek to help families who

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have lost their income due to COVID. **Pray** God would protect church members and their neighbors from COVID-19, especially the elderly and those with other conditions. John and Ray both ask for **prayer** that God would give the Church a desire to evangelize and that many hearts will be ready to receive the Gospel message during these uncertain times.

Sun 10 – Pray for teachers and students as school re-starts from holiday vacation. Students are studying at home with either on-line studies or working with prepared packets which has been challenging for both students and teachers. Also, the Presbyterian Day School is developing a long-term financial plan but is needing financial assistance. MTW and the Belize team have set up an MTW account to assist the school with capital projects and shortfalls in teacher salaries. We are soliciting for donations sponsors in this effort. (MTW Account #P-0364)

Mon 11 – Praise that Garry and Anita Chambers were able to serve in Belize Oct. 11- Dec. 20, assisting at the clinic during the administrator's maternity leave and for Garry serving with the MTW team and the national church leaders in various aspects of ministry. **Pray** for them as they lead MTW's ministries in the Caribbean and Belize.

Tues 12 – Pray for the Patchakan Presbyterian (Holy Trinity) Church for spiritual growth for its members and the leaders as well as the members of the Chan Chen and Caledonia mission churches. **Ask** for protection from the attacks of the enemy and the world. **Pray** for Pastor Ishmael (wife, Leti) and his family to be protected from the enemy and for wisdom in ministry. **Pray** for spiritual and numerical growth of the church and mission churches. **Ask** God to give wisdom in ministering to the church during this difficult time of lockdown.

Wed 13 – Praise for God's faithfulness as He continues to build His Church even during COVID. People are coming to faith through MTW ministries around the world and many new contacts are being made through mercy ministries as local church reach out to their communities with funds made available by MTW donors.

Thurs 14 – Pray for ruling elders: Solomon Noh, Ishmael Vallejos, Wilbert Vallejos, Hilario Nah, Isais Botes, Desi Chan, Inocente Patt, and Roman Chan. **Ask** God to give them wisdom in leading the churches in Belize. **Pray** that they will lead by example of living godly lives, encouraging and building up those they lead and forgiving others as they have been forgiven.

Fri 15 – Pray for the clinic staff as they serve the medical needs of patients during the COVID pandemic, that they would be faithful to direct patients to Christ. The staff members are: Pamela Murray, Dr. Einstein Bodden, Estela Uk, Ester Ku, Mariana Lopez, Patty Ku, Marcos Balaam, Hilario Nah, Arturo Ku, Marcela Villamil, and Rosa Uh. **Ask** God to protect them from COVID.

Sat 16 – Pray The number of COVID cases has spiked in Belize, especially in northern Belize which has resulted in more restrictions for travel, and church ministry in the north. **Pray** for our missionaries and national pastors as they seek to minister under the government guidelines.

Sun 17 – Pray for Bethany Presbyterian Mission Church in Cayo as John and Karen Stodghill (MTW) continue their ministry role at the church. **Pray** for the youth ministry which has started again. **Pray** for the leadership training at Bethany, Unity, and St. Andrews Presbyterian churches. **Pray** for creativity in doing ministry during COVID restrictions and that God will continue to call lost sheep to Himself.

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- Mon 18** – **Pray** for Pastor Eliseo de La Cruz, his wife, Amada and family as they continue to minister at the Bethel Presbyterian Church in Cristo Rey village and the mission churches in Louisville and Xaibe. **Pray** for spiritual and numerical growth of the three churches. **Ask** God to fill Pastor Eliseo with His Spirit and protect his family from the attacks of the enemy.
- Tues 19** – **Pray** for restoration of interpersonal relationships throughout the churches. **Ask** God to enable church members to follow Christ's example by humbling themselves to be servants to others. **Pray** for pastors & church leaders to flee and overcome temptation and discouragement. **Pray** for their spiritual renewal. **Pray** that pastors, elders, deacons, SS teachers, clinic staff, and Presbyterian school teachers will be men and women of prayer and faithful witnesses for Christ.
- Wed 20** – **Ask God to** help the churches share the gospel boldly this New Year and that many will come to know Christ as their Savior. **Pray** that Satan would not be effective in his attacks against the Church in Belize in 2021. **Pray** that God would protect Christian families and that they would be a strong witness for Christ.
- Thurs 21** – **Pray** for pastors: Ernest Betson, Juan Patt, Leogardo Catzim, Alvaro Pott, Eliseo de la Cruz, Ismael Puente and ruling elders: Hilario Nah and Isaias Botes, along with missionaries, John Stodghill and Ray Call, as they prepare sermons & devotions to share electronically. **Ask** God to empower the preaching and teaching of His Word and for lives to be transformed.
- Fri 22** – **Pray** for Pastor Juan Patt (wife, Maria and family) as he ministers at Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church in Corozal and at Harvest Presbyterian Church in the village of Calcutta. **Ask** God to continue to build the Prince of Peace and Harvest Presbyterian Churches. **Pray** for physical and spiritual health for Juan and Maria as they minister. **Ask** God to raise up elders for the church.
- Sat 23** – **Pray** for St. Andrews Presbyterian Church that God will grow the church spiritually and numerically. **Pray** for the homeless ministry in Belize City, **ask** God to guide Adrian and Monique Bartley as they lead the ministry and that many will come to faith through this effort. **Pray** for an increased impact into the community as people observe the church's ministry. **Pray** for safety as they serve the community during the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Sun 24** - **Ask** God to give wisdom to the church sessions, commissions and committees of presbytery as they lead the Church. **Ask** God to bring a ministry of reconciliation throughout the churches of the PCB (Presbyterian Church in Belize). **Pray** for the executive committee of presbytery as they guide the work of presbytery and as they assist church sessions to grow and mature in their leadership of local churches.
- Mon 25** – **Pray** that missionaries and national pastors will flee temptation, resist the devil, and be steadfast and immovable in their faith. **Pray** that they will abound in good works and verbal witness which will lead many to faith in Christ.
- Tues 26** – **Pray** for Harvest Presbyterian Church (Calcutta Village mission church, near Corozal town). **Ask** God to bring people to faith through the ministry of the church. **Pray** for spiritual growth and maturity for the attendees, that they would be filled with knowledge and spiritual wisdom and would walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him.
- Wed 27** – **Pray** for Ernest Betson as he is preaching two services at St. Andrews Church each morning and three services at Unity Church each afternoon and to follow the COVID attendance restrictions on

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church gatherings. **Pray** for his wife, Carolyn, and her ongoing health needs. **Pray** for the ministry of the Saint Andrews and Unity churches, the homeless ministry and Unity School. **Praise** that God is raising up male leadership (Adrian, Mark, Owen, and Dennis) for the churches in Belize City. **Pray** for the homeless ministry as more people are coming for food since the lockdown.

Thurs 28 – **Pray** for Bethany Presbyterian Church in Cayo. **Pray** that parents would have wisdom in raising their children to know Christ and to love and serve Him. John Stodghill asks **prayer** that God would protect the marriages of the church leaders and members. **Pray** that God will continue to grow the church by bringing former members back, through evangelism, and discipleship. **Pray** for John and Karen Stodghill as they work with Presbytery to guide this ministry.

Fri 29 – **Pray** for Leogardo Catzim (wife, Jenny) and his family. **Pray** for numerical and spiritual growth in the San Jose church. **Praise** that Ray Call is now assisting Leogardo at the San Pablo and Orange Walk churches where Leogardo pastors. **Pray** that Leogardo will be a good husband and father. **Ask** God to protect their family from the schemes of Satan. **Pray** for wisdom and time management as he works with the churches, serves as the treasurer of executive committee and also serves on commissions of presbytery.

Sat 30 - **Pray** for the seminary Board of Directors President -TE Juan Patt, Secretary-Lidia Tzul, Treasurer-TE Eliseo de la Cruz, Counsellor-RE Abert Zantingh, Ex Oficio-Ray Call/Garry Chambers. **Ask** God to call men to serve as pastors, elders, and deacons for the churches. **Pray** that God will call more missionaries to serve in Belize to assist with the ministry. **Ask** God to call more men to the pastorate and church leadership for the Presbyterian churches. There are only six active pastors and eight elders for the 16 Presbyterian congregations.

Sun 31 – **Praise** God for His faithfulness in building His Church. He has promised to build His Church and that the gates of hell cannot stand against it. Likewise, COVID cannot prevent God from establishing His kingdom. **Ask** God to bring the pandemic to an end and that the Church would be a faithful witness during the pandemic.

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