

IMM USA Prayer Calendar – December 2011



1 Thursday Pray for Ben Wilson (Team Leader) and others from Westwood Baptist Church who are planning a mission trip to Bolivia next month to encourage and work alongside IMM workers to reach out to mining families there.

2 Friday Thank God for the leadership ministry of Eliseo Quispe, IMM Bolivia Co-ordinator. Ask God to give him wisdom as he seeks to encourage and guide IMM workers who reach out to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

3 Saturday In Bolivia, Beatriz Ajhuacho, wife of missionary Nicolas Ajhuacho, shares that she had “the new challenge of learning to minister the holy things of our Lord because many times I had just been content to accompany the missionary journeys of my husband, but God wants to use me in His work, and I am very grateful”. Praise the Lord for the faithfulness of both Beatriz and Nicolas.

4 Sunday Pookkattu & Molly Paul are in Durban, South Africa to attend a CTC graduation today. “Molly and I will get to know more ECSA staff and plan to challenge a few graduates to consider moving to ministry opportunities in NW and Gauteng to get involved in IMM SA. We are in desperate need of some young staff workers.” Thanks for praying!

5 Monday Praise God that Bulelwe Mofokeng’s surgery was performed on Nov. 18th and she is now recovering well. Ask God to bless Bulelwe and her husband, Mohau, with children in His timing. Thank God for their ministry to the Ikageng Church and surrounding mines.

6 Tuesday Thank God for the changed life of Elijah Katandika, a 57 year old platinum miner in Rustenburg, South Africa (see Nov. issue of the Safety Lamp). Ask God to encourage Elijah to grow in his faith and knowledge of our Lord, and may his light shine brightly for Jesus in and around the mining areas where he lives.

7 Wednesday Pray for important strategic planning meetings that will take place today and tomorrow in South Africa for the IMM ministry there. May each IMM SA committee member and missionary be led by the Holy Spirit and be unified in God’s leading about the way forward.

8 Thursday The IMM SA committee meeting today for strategic planning need our prayers. Pray for Faki Bodibe (Chairman), Seelan Govender, Elijah Dube, Vusi Ndinisa, Pookkattu Paul and others. Thank God for what He will do in South Africa and beyond in the coming days.

9 Friday Pray for spiritual growth for the miners, men and women, and school students who prayed to receive Christ during the mission trip to South Africa in September. Johnny Wilson says: “It is easy to do evangelism, but discipleship is more difficult”. Ask God to use the IMM workers on the ground to help establish and grow these new Christians in their faith.

10 Saturday We are thankful to hear in a recent report from Pastor Pardon Chingovo of continued blessing in the mine areas of Zimbabwe. In recent months scores of people have been ministered to and as a result many have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Praise the Lord!

11 Sunday *“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven, give good things to those who ask Him!” Matthew 7:11*

12 Monday IMM Switzerland continues to ask us for prayer for the situation in Zimbabwe, which gives everyone cause for much concern. The number of orphans in the mining area continues to grow, as the parents succumb to HIV/AIDS. Praise God IMM is able to fund the cost of school attendance fees for some of the orphans.

13 Tuesday Pray for the Living Waters Ministries and Laurel Mission as they continue to serve many needy people in a remote holler of E. Kentucky following the recent passing of dearly loved Titus Boggs (see Nov issue of the Safety Lamp magazine).

14 Wednesday Sam Risner, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College writes: "We want to express our appreciation for the IMM Scholarship awarded to Lyle Daniels and James Young. We praise God for your support and truly appreciate each and every gift." We praise God and thank you, our IMM supporters, for making these scholarships possible.

15 Thursday Thank God for the ministries of Florentino Apaza, Mabel Romero and Elisa Flores in Bolivia. Pray for them and also Julie Noble, IMM adviser, that each of their lives and ministries will be blessed.

16 Friday Thank God for the recent visit to central Peru by Santos Valero, IMM Peru Co-ordinator. Ask God to establish the IMM work in the Pasco and Huallay mining areas. We thank God for Urs Kunzle, IMM adviser in Huanuco and for the Huaman brothers as they continue to study God's Word at the Huanuco Bible Institute with help from IMM.

17 Saturday Thank God for the faithful IMM missionaries based in the Arequipa, Peru area. Rene Churata, Aurelio Castro, Juan Carcausto and Roberto Masca often travel two by two into remote, high altitude, inhospitable mining areas visiting small weak churches. Pray for strength for each of them along with good health and safety in travel over rough roads.

18 Sunday *"For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift – not from works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2: 8-9*

19 Monday Victor Varas writes from Chile: "Pray for brother Jose Sotelo, a former miner who is retired from Rancagua. He has been sick for several weeks. ASK GOD TO PUT HIS HAND OF HEALING ON HIM"

20 Tuesday Victor continues: "Pray for my upcoming visit to Los Andes to see Pastor Luis Castro and other pastors and churches in the region. Pray for the needs of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ in Los Andes and Rancagua and for Cristobal Mangini who witnesses and distributes Bibles in the mines where he works."

21 Wednesday Peter Robertson, IMM Asia-Pacific, visited the Philippines from late September to early October last year accompanied by his brother Jimmy, from South Africa. Peter's objectives were to hold a training event for their evangelists, as well as to visit a rural mine site with Pastors Joy, Wenceslao (Wennie), Jupiter, Salvador (Buddy) and Roland. Praise God that the trip was successful.

22 Thursday Bishop Joy Bendoy has written to tell Peter Robertson, IMM Asia-Pacific, that those who attended the training conference arranged by Peter in the Philippines are rejoicing because of the tremendous spiritual blessings they received from the Lord during the time they shared together in late September, early October. Praise God!

23 Friday Please pray for Mike and Vi Webb, who oversee IMM support for outreach to

miners in Sierra Leone. A mine where Mike worked in the early 1970's is due to reopen for production again shortly. Pray that IMM may be able to help start a Christian witness at this mine, should the Lord open the way.

24 Saturday Being a Christian in a country like Romania can be very tough because of what is perceived as persecution by those of other faiths or no faith. Marian Popescu says that for this reason people are very reserved about repenting and making a commitment to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for a real spiritual breakthrough!

25 Sunday *"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift." 2 Cor. 9:15 – Merry Christmas!*

26 Monday In the mining village of Floresteni in Romania, God's workers have met real problems with the Church. We learn that the priest applies pressure on people attending services arranged by the evangelists. Please pray for greater freedom for Christians who struggle with such persecution.

27 Tuesday Praise God for the leadership team of the Addis Kidan Church in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. May they make wise decisions as they seek to expand their ministry to other parts of the country where mining is being developed.

28 Wednesday We thank God for the sacrificial ministry of Vasily Medvedev, Pastor of the Church in Artyomovsk, Ukraine and in particular his ministry in developing Rehabilitation Centers of those affected by addiction to alcohol and drugs. Pray for Andrey and Kristina working for the Lord in leadership at one of these Centers.

29 Thursday Praise God that the IMM support for work in and around Enakievo and Artyomovsk, eastern Ukraine is money well spent as every year new people in these mining areas join the ranks of those who hear of the love of Jesus for the very first time in their lives. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support.

30 Friday Matthias Feurer, IMM Switzerland who is working for the Lord in Ethiopia tells us recently, during his daily devotional time, that he again read "Cast all your anxiety on Jesus because He cares for you!" (1 Peter 5:7) which comforted his soul. Matthias testifies that up to now the Lord has been faithful and cared so lovingly for him that he can only be grateful for His provision in his life. May that be our experience too.

31 Saturday As we reach the final day of the year may we be thankful and also pray that the Lord will give each of us the strength we need to face everything that comes and that "...speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ."
Ephesians 4, verse 15.

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