

"And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people." (Rev. 5:8 NIV)

Dear Prayer Partners,

I just got home from attending part of an OMF seminar for people who are learning how to better support their church's cross-cultural workers serving on the missions field. One of the workers preparing to go to Asia said that she really benefited from reading prayer letters sent to her home church when she was a teenager because she felt the act of regularly praying for the requests (even if she didn't totally understand what she was praying for) helped her feel she was contributing to church planting work even though she couldn't go to the missions field herself at that time. Her challenge to us today was to serve God whole-heartedly where God has put us, no matter where that is. Look around and see where God can use you, but don't ever underestimate the power of prayer.

I recently read somewhere that a prayer prayed has been let loose in eternity for God to use as He sees fit. Bold prayers go directly to the throne of God and are used, though we cannot see how the whole process works from our human standpoint. October is the annual month of prayer for the Shan, so please consider one of the options for receiving the daily prayer requests. Let's use the gift of prayer to make a difference in Asia for the Shan – and for eternity.

**Christoph** has recently been able to invest some solid time as Lydia's study partner, especially in maths and science. This has made a huge difference in her confidence with the school material and we hope also with her grades! Pray that Christoph will have God's wisdom in helping OMF's workers who are impacted by Covid-related changes. He is also preparing the annual estimate for 2021 and needs the Holy Spirit's guidance for all technical and administrative matters. Today he provided tech support and presented at the OMF seminar as well.

Lydia After a too busy start back to school, Lydia has gotten a better handle on her academic subjects and now has two weeks of well-earned holiday to enjoy. She has not yet heard of an apprenticeship possibility for next year, so she will meet with her career counselor again next week. She is open to exploring a gap year and how God may want to use her in a different way in 2021-22.

Lanette: My main focus for last month was helping Sunday School volunteers get settled in well after being online since mid-March. IPC's Head Teachers have worked hard to provide an excellent start to the school year with both in-person and online options. Depending on the way things move forward with Covid-19, we will have to tweak the plans. For now, the Thai ministry is basically online as is BSF.

### Thanksgiving

- Lydia is persevering well with her schoolwork and investigating options for next year.
- ➤ God's protection and good health.
- Great Head Teachers and coworkers in all ministries.

#### Pray with us

- For God's guidance for Lydia regarding God's plan for next year.
- For godly wisdom for Christoph and Lanette to support Lydia and all ministries effectively.
- That all three of us will have a Sabbath day each week together.

#### **October Dates**

- 7: Lydia's meeting with the career counselor
- > 8: OMF Meetings and Prayer
- > 9: OMF Team Meeting
- ➤ 10: Christoph's Zoom Meeting with OMF in France
- ➤ 11-17: Vacation
- > 23-24 IPC "Out" retreat on Zoom
- > 24: OMF Fokus Asia at IPC

#### Stay in touch

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