



"I will intercede with the LORD for you."

—1 Samuel 7:5

1 THURSDAY (Sustaining Congregational Excellence) *Health and Renewal*—In late January, 12 smaller congregations received Health and Renewal grants. The funds from these grants enable congregations to carry out a project they've designed specifically for their ministry setting. Pray that God will bless the efforts of the project teams and that their work will help bring renewal for both congregants and community members.

2 FRIDAY (Home Missions) *Ethnic Ministries*—Home Missions' ethnic leaders and advisers—Bob Price, Tong Park, Javier Torres, and Stanley Jim—are championing the need to integrate ethnic ministries into the geographical regions and classes where they are located. Please lift these leaders up in your prayers as they help start new ethnic ministries and resource existing ones.

3 SATURDAY (World Missions) *West Africa*—Missionaries in West Africa build connections with people by selling books and tapes in the local language. Pray that people may recognize Jesus as Messiah through these materials and conversations.

4 SUNDAY (CRWRC) *Disaster Response Services* is celebrating 40 years of service this year! Praise God that so many needs have been met through CRWRC-DRS in the past 40 years. Pray for staff and volunteers as they continue to respond to a large number of tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, and fires that destroyed communities across North America in the past year.

5 MONDAY (Race Relations) *Transitions*—Mr. Steve Kabetu, our coordinator in Canada, was named the Canadian director for World Missions and began his new job February 1. Please pray for Steve as he makes this transition and completes some assignments he had planned for Race Relations in March. There is also a Dance of Racial Reconciliation workshop scheduled at the denominational building for March 26-27. Please pray that this workshop may be helpful and effective, as it can be quite intense for participants.

6 TUESDAY (Back to God Ministries International) *Central Africa Republic*—Praise God for 2,000 youth who attended an evangelistic rally in Bangui, led by French ministry leader Rev. Paul Mpindi. Pray that God will continue to apply the gospel message in the hearts of these young people who were challenged to live for Christ.

7 WEDNESDAY (Home Missions) *Western Canada region*—The Home Missions Western Canada Region includes three new churches and five campus ministries. Please pray for regional leader Martin Contant and his team, who are also serving more than 100 established CRCs through coaching, workshops, and consultation.

8 THURSDAY (Disability Concerns) *Cooperation in ministry*—CRC Disability Concerns' ministry works very closely with the Disability Concerns ministry of the Reformed Church in America. Thank God for this cooperation in ministry, and pray that our ministries can serve God and his people better by working together.

9 FRIDAY (Canadian Ministries) *Centre for Public Dialogue*—Home and community are great blessings! The United Nations reports that at least 34 million people around the world have had to leave their homes due to war, famine, and other calamities. Let's pray for refugees and other displaced people, asking that they may experience the peace of home. Let's work and pray for justice that addresses the causes of displacement, and for hospitality and welcome for those who can't return to their homes.

10 SATURDAY (CRWRC) *Partnering*—In Canada, CRWRC partners with 14 church-based organizations to feed the hungry through an alliance called the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). Through this partnership, CRWRC helps to provide food security, nutrition, and food assistance in vulnerable communities. Pray for a project in Ethiopia, where CRWRC is working with CFGB to feed and care for 3,000 orphans affected by HIV/AIDS.

11 SUNDAY (Back to God Ministries) *Japan*—One year ago the people of Japan were devastated by a powerful earthquake and tsunami. Praise God that our new radio program *Words of Hope* helped Nobuhiro find hope and led him to Christ. Pray that a commemorative concert being held today in Sendai for *Words of Hope* listeners and their friends will help many other survivors find hope God's Word.

12 MONDAY (Youth Unlimited) *Summer planning*—Please be in prayer for the many volunteer planning teams working to prepare life changing, faith forming experiences (SERVE, Marion Project, Where U At) for youth this summer. Pray for Youth Unlimited staff during this very busy time of year.

13 TUESDAY (World Missions) *Hungary*—Men and women receive training at Sárospatak Theological Seminary to become pastors, evangelists, and pastoral assistants and to fill other leadership positions. Pray that they may grow closer to God and serve others with love and humility.

14 WEDNESDAY (Office of Social Justice) *Immigrants*—Pray for churches reaching out to support immigrants in their communities. Pray also for church-based efforts to speak up for change to the broken system of immigration laws. May the CRC continue to grow in passion and ability to speak up for justice even when issues seem complex. Pray that love and action for the lives of people facing oppression may be a priority for us all.

15 THURSDAY (Safe Church Ministry) *Conference*—The Safe Church Ministry Conference for all Safe Church Team members will take place in Grand Rapids April 27-28. Please pray for wisdom and effectiveness in all the preparations for this conference. Ask that the Lord will remove barriers so that many members may be able to attend to be equipped, motivated, and connected for their work in Safe Church Ministry.

16 FRIDAY (Home Missions) *Campus ministry*—Please pray for campus pastor Rick VanManen as he leads the ministry at the University of Alberta. He is challenging young people to grow in wisdom, be encouraged in love, and fulfill Christ's mission to the university and the world.

17 SATURDAY (Back to God Ministries) *Brazil*—Every Saturday morning in Brazil about 2 million viewers tune in to our weekly TV program *Verdade e Vida (Truth and Life)*. "Thank God for these open doors to share the gospel," says Rev. Hernandes Lopes, Portuguese ministry leader who hosts the weekly program. Pray that God will use this program to draw people into a closer walk with him.

18 SUNDAY (Candidacy Committee) *Prospective candidates*—Pray for the 45 new prospective candidates for ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church. They are entering the final stages of preparation with the hope of being presented to Synod 2012. There are also 33 candidates currently waiting for a call. Pray for these harvest workers as they are eager to enter the field.

19 MONDAY (World Missions) *Nigeria*—Pray for students at Warari Bible School in Niger State as they juggle family, farm, and school responsibilities. Praise God for their desire to learn more about him and share the gospel with others. Pray for a richer understanding of God's Word so that they can effectively disciple other believers.

20 TUESDAY (Home Missions) *Prayer*—Planning continues for the April denomination-wide Prayer Summit in Los Angeles. Join us in praying for the planning of this event, and ask that through this summit the Lord may catalyze a new prayer movement in the CRC and beyond.

21 WEDNESDAY (CRWRC) *Human trafficking*—Pray for women, youth, and children in Bangladesh and Nicaragua who are victims of forced labor, slavery, and human trafficking. Pray for CRWRC staff as they address this issue by training communities in trafficking prevention through public theater events and anti-trafficking groups. Pray for healing for victims who have been rescued from kidnapping and forced labor.

22 THURSDAY (Youth Unlimited) *Leaders and participants*—Please pray for students who will attend the many youth events (SERVE, Marion Project, Where U At) planned for this summer. May their hearts and minds be ready to discover what God has in mind for them. Pray also for the leaders at these events as they take time off from work and are away from their families; may they be growing in their relationship with Christ and be a blessing to participants.

23 FRIDAY (World Missions) *Philippines*—Through One Degree Ministries, local church leaders receive mentoring and training on what it means to participate in God's

kingdom. Praise God for how pastors are embracing their roles in building up the church for greater service to God.

24 SATURDAY (Chaplaincy) *Worldwide*—Our 121 CRC chaplains serve in widely diverse locations, but always with populations that are in, or exposed to, situations of crisis. Pray for chaplains and the thousands of individuals they interact with each year—that the love and mercy of Christ may become apparent in their lives.

25 SUNDAY (Back to God Ministries) *United Kingdom*—Praise God that a fellow passenger on a flight to London gave Nel a copy of our *Today* devotions just when she was going through a difficult time. "Now I start my day with prayer and meditation," Nel wrote in asking for a *Today* subscription. She asks for prayer that she will continue to trust in God.

26 MONDAY (Home Missions) *Campus ministry*—Campus pastor Mike Moore, who leads the ministry at Chicago's Loyola University, asks for prayers as he actively seeks to make the kingdom of God visible on the campus, in the local neighborhood, and across the city of Chicago.

27 TUESDAY (CRWRC) *Haiti and Nigeria*—Praise God for CRWRC's microloan programs, particularly in Haiti and Nigeria. With the help of a small loan and some business training, many people who used to struggle with poverty are starting to develop their business and generate strong incomes. Praise God for the positive changes being made with the help of a small loan!

28 WEDNESDAY (Calvin Theological Seminary) *Handlon Correctional Facility*—In February, the seminary began offering its second course at Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia, Michigan, with 20 students in a class taught by Prof. Ron Feenstra on "Forgiveness and Reconciliation." Please pray that the course may benefit students by enhancing their dedication to forgiveness and reconciliation in all their interactions with others.

29 THURSDAY (Canadian Ministries) *Urban Aboriginal Ministries*—The Blanket Exercise is an experiential learning opportunity churches can take part in to better understand what life is like for Aboriginal Canadians. Pray that churches may be open to experiencing this exercise and learning from it.

30 FRIDAY (World Missions) *Mexico*—Praise God for youth who are getting serious about their faith and getting involved in house churches in Guadalajara. They are often the ones faithfully attending worship every week and bringing "seekers" to church. Pray that they may continue to grow in knowing God.

31 SATURDAY (Home Missions) *Campus ministry*—Campus pastor Sam Gutierrez asks for prayers that the Holy Spirit will stir the hearts of students at the University of British Columbia in Kelowna, B.C., to desire deeper fellowship with God and seek to serve him in their everyday lives.

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