

Dear Prayer Warriors:

Year 2019 is off and running for sure! Thank you for your prayers for my setting goals for the new year. God helped tremendously and is helping me to redeem my time for His glory. **Please pray for steadfastness and endurance in my personal devotional life and the many ministry opportunities.**



The basic literacy class was completed on January 4. Eleven of the fourteen original students completed the class, passed the exam, and received certificates. Several of these students have purchased Bibles. **Please pray that their literacy skills will improve, allowing them to read and comprehend God’s Word, leading unto salvation.** For the next seven weeks, I will be teaching an advanced literacy class. The class includes six ladies: four from our Baptist churches and two from the Seventh-day Adventist church. **Please pray for open hearts toward the Gospel and an increasing ability to open the Bible, find passages, and understand what God is saying.**

After the holidays I held a ladies’ Bible study in each church. We spent five weeks looking at Psalm 5, David’s morning prayer. Many of us were challenged to pray more, pray God’s Word back to Him, trust our God in the midst of difficulties, and rejoice in the LORD in all things. **Please pray for ongoing fruit from this study.** Also in January, my co-worker Rachel and our national intern, Samuel, hosted a get-together for deaf folks in the area. It was a blessing to help a bit with this and see the enthusiasm Samuel demonstrated in giving the Gospel through many pictures, props, and “hand talk.” **Please pray as we seek to develop this ministry more in the future.**



The area government schools began their school year a few weeks ago. Once again we have the opportunity to teach God’s Word to many children from kindergarten through Grade 8 in four schools and students in Grades 9 and 10 at a local high school. I will be in one school on Mondays and two schools on Wednesdays. David, the national pastor in Kilau, will be teaching in his area school on Mondays as well. Samuel, the intern, teaches at the high school on Wednesdays. **Please pray for the planting and maturing of the gospel seeds in these hearts.**



It is rainy season here in the tropics. We had 25 inches in January and around 15 inches in February. The 2018 total rainfall that I measured from my very ordinary rain gauge ☺ was 102 inches. Over the last week, however, we have had more sun and less rain, for which we are very grateful. It makes for a beautiful eternal spring!

Thank you for your prayers! May each of us keep pressing forward to the upward prize as we pray and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Psalm 5:1–3 says, *“Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation. Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.”*

Looking up and waiting for God’s answers to our prayers,
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