

Daily Prayer Guide

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 JEN SCHMIDT MEXICO	2 CECIL & TRACY RAMOS THAILAND	3 ALAN & COLLEEN FOSTER PANAMA	4 K & K AUSTRIA	5 EINER & GIRLESA ZULUAGA PANAMA
6 TRAVIS JOST BURUNDI	7 A & R RESTRICTED	8 BARBARA BLOCK INDIA	9 DORIS GOERTZ JAPAN	10 GEDAS & KRISTINA DAILYDE LITHUANIA	11 JEREMY & ADRIENNE PENNER THAILAND	12 JOHN ERVIN WORLDWIDE
13 D & S RESTRICTED	14 KATIE MOUNT THAILAND	15 RICHARD & HAZEL FUNK AUSTRIA	16 BOB & CHRIS DAVIS SOUTHEAST ASIA	17 G & G RESTRICTED	18 SOMDY & CHANH JUSSE THAILAND	19 MT RESTRICTED
20 TREVER & JOAN GODARD MEXICO	21 D & M AUSTRIA	22 JON & BONNIE ESAU THAILAND	23 PK & C RESTRICTED	24 TYLER & CHERYL SCHULZ BURUNDI	25 HEINRICH & ANNIE REMPEL GERMANY	26 R & M RESTRICTED
27 JUNJI & HITOMI NUKAGA THAILAND	28 WALTER & INA REIMER GERMANY	29 OASIS RESTRICTED	30 JOHANN MATTHIES GERMANY	31 S & S RESTRICTED		

THE MONEY THING

BURKINA FASO

By Carol Bergen

God really is watching over us and he really does care. He really does see all the little things that we do for love of him and love of his church. Lately, we have seen him provide in such a way as to let us know that he sees us. Both of these events were especially timely, in that both our family and Madou had just experienced unexpected financial squeezes.

One day, Pastor Madou suggested we help a church member with school fees for his son. Between hungry monkeys and straying cattle, this man's cornfield was a disaster zone. He had also been without work at the cotton gin because of a growers' strike. We willingly helped out with the amount needed, 20,000 francs (about thirty-five dollars). Later that afternoon we received a phone call from the city. A gas station attendant had been trying to reach us ever since we'd filled up our truck the previous day. Apparently, when we had withdrawn cash from the ATM, some of the new bills had stuck together and we had inadvertently overpaid the gas attendant by 20,000 francs! But this young woman (also a believer) had gone out of her way to find a way to contact us and return the money.

Later, we told Madou about the money thing, and about how God had smiled on us. He told us he had just had a similar experience. At a leader's seminar, Madou had noticed that one of his pastor friends was absent. Concerned, Madou called him and found out the reason that his friend was not at the seminar. The cost of travel and food was keeping him away. Madou volunteered to pay for him to come, to the amount of 6,500 francs (about eleven dollars). After the seminar, Madou was sorting through some old clothes he had stored. Yes, you guessed it! There in a pocket of an old pair of Madou's trousers was exactly 6,500 francs!

I used to think it presumptuous to believe such coincidences could be little signs of God's love. Lately though, I'm realizing that a God who can order the whole universe and make this world perfect for human existence, surely can and does order our lives in such a way as to show his very personal love for each one of us. God watches, God cares, God provides!

PROVIDENCE

EUROPE

By Marjorie Speiser

It was a beautiful sunny day as our film crew of twenty began the five-hour trip to the south of Spain. We had all come together from different media ministries to help with a production project that would reach into North Africa, and beyond. After an hour, our van suddenly began to shake violently, followed by a loud bang. The back tire had blown and was rolling down the autoroute!

With other cars speeding by at a hundred and twenty kilometers per hour, we screeched to a halt, exited the van and jumped over the guard rail to safety. In that moment, the sense of God's presence was very strong. Phone calls were made, a tow truck arrived, the tire was repaired and within a short time we were thankfully on the road again.

An hour later, our driver suddenly took an unplanned exit off the autoroute. Another tire was about to blow! Phone calls were again made and it was decided that taxis would take us to our destination, two hours away. Little did we know that the next series of events would show God's providence in a miraculous way.

As we entered one of the taxis, we noticed a woman that was already a passenger. Her name was Maria, and she told us that she also had experienced a blown tire. As we talked about our close calls on the autoroute, I told her how thankful I was for God's protection. This began a two-hour discussion about the meaning of life, suffering, good and evil and our destiny after death. Maria had been searching for God but had not found him yet. She hung on to each word as we shared the difference Jesus had made in our lives.

Nearing the end of our trip, I asked Maria if she wanted a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. With a wide smile she said, "Yes. I want that!" There was no hesitation. God had prepared her heart long before we had entered that taxi.

Afterwards I reflected on the entire experience. It had taken three blown tires to maneuver each one of us into the right place and time so that Maria would hear and accept the Good News of Jesus Christ. When delays or difficult situations come, may God give us the ability to live above our circumstances and trust that he has a bigger plan of blessing coming our way!