



These are our faithful national staff who have finished their service to TEAM. Marshall Ngomashi, Stephen Manyika and Maurawo Karuva. Please pray for them as they enter a new season of their lives.



We will also miss our retiring missionary staff / family. We say a heartfelt farewell to Doug and Nancy Everswick, Sean and Kim Doyle, and Liz Guille. We are also anticipating the retirement in March of Jon and Kathy Christiansen. Well done my good and faithful servants!!

This will leave Kiersten, Paul and Pedrinah, and Nido and Helaine to hold the fort.

January 2025 Prayer Calendar

1. **Area Leader:** Please pray for rain! We are in dire need. It's looking a lot like last year. It will only worsen the disaster if folks can't even make a garden since many wells have dried up.

2. Pray for **Jon Christiansen's** bulging disc which gripped him two days after Christmas.

Pray also for Jon's replacement as he and Kathy will be retiring in 2025.

3. **Area Leader:** Pray for TEAM Annual Conference to be held in South Africa. We fly out Sunday the 5th of January and return on Friday the 10th. Pray that we each renew our commitment to Christ at annual conference as we look back at God's faithfulness and as we seek His face to lead us in 2025. Pray for safe travels for all who will attend.

Pray for Zim/Moz and Southern Africa fields as we create a new regional leadership body.

Pray that each of the national ministries that TEAM has planted will grow, flourish, and carry the light of Christ into the next generation.

4. **Kim and Sean Doyle:** We would be so grateful for your prayers that *Washed in the Word* will have a successful launch on January 5! Our prayer is that God's Word would reach many and help them reach Biblical Maturation through Biblical Saturation. You can follow along on our *Washed in the Word* YouTube channel or on any of the major podcast platforms.

5. **Area Leader:** Pray for believers as they seek the Lord for next year. Many congregations fast during the first week of January to show their submission to the will of God and to commit the next year into His hands.

6. **Nido and Helaine Goncalves:** The political situation in Moz. is escalating; foreigners are leaving the country. Please pray for God's intervention in this quite complex situation.

7. **Robert Stahle**, son of early career missionaries Otto and Peggy, requests prayer for severe sciatic pain. Chiropractic treatments did not help so he will see an orthopedic surgeon January 14 after having an MRI Jan. 8th. Hopefully an epidural injection will relieve the pain. If not, surgery may be necessary.

8. Please pray for **The Thistle Family**, for safety and good health as we are celebrating the Christmas season in Toronto with family.

9. **Mrs. Chigumira (Karanda School of Nursing):** Please pray for third year nursing students preparing for State Finals.

Paul Thistle's Birthday

10. **Doug and Nancy Everswick** give thanks to the Lord for His mercy, grace, and provision as they transition back to the US for retirement. Please pray for Doug as he begins serving parttime as Visitation and Member Care Pastor at their sending church in Essex Fells, N.J. Please pray for him as he preaches there on January 12.

11. Kiersten Hutchinson: Pray for me as I process what my relationships will be like without my missionary family. I am surprised by how comforting it is to spend time with folks from my culture and will miss their company. May the Lord lead me to new relationships that are equally fulfilling.

12. Nido and Helaine Goncalves: Pray for our national workers, and families in Mozambique, especially for their safety while the country is going through this time of political uncertainty, full of violence.

Nido adds: Pray for protection of the base. There are lots of reports of buildings being vandalized by upset people. Also, there are people looting everything possible.

13. Kiersten Hutchinson: Pray for a new project manager as the one that we had hoped would come, fell through. Many basic services, like water and electricity at the hospital will likely have challenges once Jon leaves. Pray that we can capacitate the maintenance dept to be able to handle them.

14. Paul and Pedrinah Thistle: As we 'turn the page' on 2024, the Karanda team remains committed to meeting the physical, social, and spiritual needs in our community, into the New Year and beyond. Please pray for the hospital's efforts to mitigate the impact of famine in our community. The planting season has only just begun; the rains need to be sustained.

15. Kiersten Hutchinson: Pray for my grown 'children' Paida and Takunda who are still seeking reasonable employment in Zim and

RSA respectively. The jobs that they currently have do not pay enough for them to survive. I am working towards getting folks self-sufficient as I anticipate my retirement in a few years.

16. Jon and Kathy Christiansen give thanks for the following:

- the Lord's provision and opportunities to be involved in the Lord's Work.
- the opportunity of the few parishioners to visit and distribute gifts and scones to those who were patients on Christmas Day.
- the simple joy of taking kids for a ride in the land cruiser for an adventure with Jon at the river.
- AWANA camp that met in December and for Youth Meetings after Christmas.
- the donation of 1000 Shona Bibles by Samaritan's Purse.
- for our repaired bedroom and veranda ceilings!

17. Mrs. Chigumira (Karanda School of Nursing): We are thankful for e-learning from the ministry that will enhance our teaching. E-learning is for standardization of teaching in schools of midwifery. Lectures are uploaded in advance. Students from different schools are given the same content.

18. Paul and Pedrinah Thistle: Please pray for recruitment of mission-minded administrative and medical personnel to move our ministries forward. Grace for greater things.

19. **Jon and Kathy Christiansen:** Pray for missionary interest in the people of Zimbabwe. There are lots of opportunities to minister in Zimbabwe. Pray that God would raise up laborers.

20. **Paul and Pedrinah Thistle:** Please pray for resources for 2025 capital projects, including the drilling of new wells. In days of drought, there is nothing boring about boreholes!

21. **Mrs. Chigumira (Karanda School of Nursing):** Pray for the new warden who will work with the students promoting such things as discipline, cleanliness, Bible study, etc.

22. **Paul and Pedrinah Thistle:** Please pray for expansion of our social welfare programs, i.e., cancer care, animal husbandry, mental health, and community-based rehabilitation.

23. Pray for **the MKs** today: James, Alexander, and AJ Thistle.

24. **Jon and Kathy Christiansen:** Praise for another dedication of a water treatment building and also that the building of the new Karanda chapel was begun. Praise God for the four primary school teachers who attended the second of five ACSI training sessions of Paths to School Improvement in December.

25. **Kiersten Hutchinson:** Pray for parents as they will be trying to source funds to pay school fees. Pray especially for those who have been supported by Jon and Kathy's home church as this program has ended. It now costs about \$1000 for the first term for

a Form 1 boarding student. The following terms are less, thankfully.

26. **Mrs. Chigumira (Karanda School of Nursing):** Pray that this will be a better year for the school of nursing.

27. Please pray for the **office staff** that includes Pamela Kavumbura (TEAM Zimbabwe Finance Person/Harare Office Manager for Karanda) and Njereka (Karanda procurement).

28. **Jon and Kathy Christiansen:** Pray for people to turn to Christ. Christmas Eve and Day, it was sad to hear and see so many locals partying at the shops with alcohol and loud music and not the celebration of the birth of the Messiah. It felt like living next to Sodom and Gomorrah.

29. **Kiersten Hutchinson:** Praise for the provision of capital that allowed the Mukwakwa church to do an income generating project that provided some staple foods for about 15 widows in their congregation. Pray that this program will continue as they seek to serve God in their community.

30. **Jon and Kathy Christiansen:** Pray for the remaining needed financing for printing Discipleship resource handbook (set of three) and six gospel tracts.

Funds were given for monthly food packs to assist AWANA families in the name of Jesus. However, our prayer is that the families come to Christ.

31. **Paul and Pedrinah Thistle:** Pray for the Gospel to go forth from Karanda in 2025.