

### 1 Thursday ~ Weight of the Wait

*Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart. -- Psalm 27:14*

For biblical heroes, God's will often unfolded slowly. Think of Abraham and Sarah waiting decades for a child; David waiting to ascend to the throne; Joseph spending his twenties in an Egyptian jail; Paul being imprisoned five years in Jerusalem, Caesarea, and Rome. Think of the man in John 5 who suffered an infirmity 38 years before Jesus healed him.'

### 2 Friday ~ Heidi Lundgren

Greetings from Antalya (a town in Turkey), where the orange blossoms are in full bloom, lining the streets with their sweet fragrance. I'm enjoying the people God is bringing into my life here & seeing him open up opportunities to minister in ways that feel effortless and unforced. I wanted to share a few of those moments with you.

### 3 Saturday ~ Heidi Lundgren

One day at rock climbing a woman who was joining for the first time saw my local friend's cross necklace and was curious about why he was wearing it. "So were you always a follower of Jesus or did you convert later?" she asked. "I converted later," he answered, "Jesus came to me & everything in my life changed." This woman smiled and nodded, as if knowingly. "It's true," she said, "You never know when Jesus is going to show up or what he is going to do!"

### 4 Sunday ~ Heidi Lundgren

My friend and I were shocked that even though this woman is not yet a follower, she was completely expectant that Jesus would show up in someone's life and change everything. It's encouraging to see this kind of faith and expectancy among those who don't yet know him!

### 5 Monday ~ Heidi Lundgren

A sweet Russian friend has been joining us for climbing, and it has been cool to see how her interest in Jesus is growing. She said that even though she was raised as a "Christian," she's never really had the chance to read the Bible, so anytime we read a short passage and discuss it during our climbing day, she ends up reading much more of the passage in Russian.

### 6 Tuesday ~ Heidi Lundgren

She shared that when she was growing up in Russia she always thought that Jesus was harsh and strict, the type that pushes and drives people to try to be better. She said, "As I started to read, I see that that's not at all who he is! He's very likable!"

### 7 Wednesday ~ Heidi Lundgren

Prayer:

- We have a big election coming up in May. Join us in praying for Turkey's future in this important time.
- Pray for those who were impacted by the earthquake. Ask that God would continue to comfort those who are grieving and minister to their physical and spiritual needs. Pray for strength for those who are serving in the earthquake region.

### 8 Thursday ~ Heidi Lundgren

Prayer:

- Pray that I would be given a two-year visa. I had my appointment on March 30<sup>th</sup> and am still waiting to hear the results.
- As I meet new friends at English club and rock climbing ask that God would lead me to those who are truly seeking Him.

### 9 Friday ~ Pioneers

A Pioneer hopes to start church planting in a corner of South America with a few followers of Jesus. On a recent visit he met a pastor who came there with the same idea and has already begun. Now they plan to work together. Pray that they will make a good team.

### 10 Saturday ~ Pioneers

Eleven East Asian believers are imprisoned for their faith. They have been told they will be released if they renounce Christ and return to Buddhism. Pray they continue to hold fast to Jesus and be a witness to their captors, but also for their release.

### 11 Sunday ~ Pioneers

A Pioneer in the Middle East meets with refugee families to study scripture together with them. Ask the Lord to draw more families together to study His Word.

### 12 Monday ~ Thru the Bible

Thru The Bible radio is an organized way of teaching through the entire Bible by daily study in 5 years. The founding pastor Dr. J. Vernon McGee who began teaching on the radio in a similar format in the Los Angeles area in 1967. People listen not only because the Bible is a good story and Dr. McGee is a good storyteller, but because the Bible is also the primary way God draws us to Himself.

### 13 Tuesday ~ Thru the Bible

Each weekday Thru the Bible is heard around the globe in over 120 languages and dialects. Thru the Bible's internet location gives a daily schedule of which scriptures will be covered. Most of June will be in the book of Job. Thru the Bible is available on the internet at any time by going to [ttb.org](http://ttb.org) and entering.

### 14 Wednesday ~ David Brickner San Francisco Jews

For Jesus. Believers in America are sometimes surprised to hear that many Israelis know very little about the Bible, even the Old Testament. And Israelis often have misconceptions about what Christians actually believe. Many have been taught since childhood that worshipping Jesus is idolatry & that the New Testament teaches Christians to hate Jews.

### 15 Thursday ~ David Brickner San Francisco Jews

For Jesus This is why we must provide seekers with a Biblical foundation that will illuminate the truth of the gospel. As part of our special Jubilee outreach effort—our most comprehensive global outreach EVER—we will be launching and promoting our first-ever online gospel course in Hebrew.

### 16 Friday ~ David Brickner San Francisco Jews For Jesus

Our new evangelistic course will teach Israelis about:

- The Hebrew Scriptures
- The Ten Commandments
- The New Testament
- Who is Yeshua?
- The Principles of Messianic Faith
- What is the Church?

### 17 Saturday ~ Arab World Media

For the first quarter of this year, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, we can report that 107 Muslim seekers professed faith in Jesus. Nine individuals were baptized, and almost 2,000 digital Bibles have been downloaded across the Arab world through our website. Our digital responders were in contact with over 5,000 Arabs seeking to know more about the Christian faith, and sixty-three people were involved in an online group studying God's word.

### 18 Sunday ~ Pioneers USA

Ask God to provide relationships & resources for Pioneers in Peru seeking to access and plant churches among some of the most unreached tribal groups in the world.

### 19 Monday ~ Pioneers USA

A Pioneer in drought-stricken East Africa asks us to pray for the poor and suffering. In the midst of many struggles, may they also thirst for and find living water.

### 20 Tuesday ~ Pioneers USA

Pioneers in Europe ask us to pray for the church they help lead to grow and become more like a family, a family others would want to join.

### 21 Wednesday ~ Pioneers USA

Father, we lift your name high over the nations of Turkey and Syria. We ask you to show your mighty hand. Comfort, protect and provide. Give wisdom and strength to those who are rescuing and serving. Unite your church to love and serve well. Reveal your goodness and glorify your name. Amen.

### 22 Thursday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan

WorldVenture

During the last 50 years, God has caused the Chinese church to explode, multiplying at least 80-100 times. Yet there have been minimal opportunities for leadership to be trained. It is that lack of trained leadership that burdens us. It was a vision to see the church in Taiwan begin to get a burden for Chinese around the world that took us there in 1995.

### 23 Friday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan

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After language school, we ministered in two churches, one urban and then one very rural, walking aside the church and strengthening the leadership. In 2006, along with Chinese co-workers, we planted The Grace Place.

### 24 Saturday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan

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The Grace Place has grown into a healthy body of believers that has seen many come to Christ in a very gospel-resistant area. It has also sent out several who have gone into full-time ministry. The goal of planting the church there was to not just to plant a single church, but to develop a network of churches that would be mutually encouraging and share resources and personnel.

### 25 Sunday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan

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Debbie also teaches future pastors and church leaders at Central Taiwan CB Seminary in Hsilo, teaching Bible, Hebrew, Greek and missions. Peter also serves as field leader. We both invest in national church leaders, walking alongside, praying for and encouraging them. In all our ministry, our goal is to live out 2 Timothy 2:2, "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."

### 26 Monday ~ Peter and Debbie Dodd Taiwan

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Prayer:

- Please pray for the Lord's care for and protection of Peter and Debbie as China considers what it will do about Taiwan,

### 27 Tuesday ~ Arab World Media

When Covid 19 started to impact his country in 2020, the construction company where Hakim worked halted all projects, so he had to stay home and isolate. With so much extra time on his hands, he began to explore other religions, and particularly to study about Christianity online. He was stunned to discover that the teachings of Christianity were very different from what he had been led to believe by the Islamic teachers he had known.

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This motivated Hakim to dig deeper, and eventually he found himself convinced of the truth of the gospel. He still had many questions about Christian doctrine, however, so he began to search for a Christian community where he might find the answers he was seeking. He found our Arabic website and initiated contact with one of our responders.

### 29 Thursday ~ Thru The Bible

Knowing about God and knowing God are two totally different things. That's the important truth that Sagri in Tripura India, recently discovered as she hopped aboard the Bible Bus with us.

### 30 Friday ~ Thru The Bible

We are God's letter to the world. God's Spirit writes on our hearts and we represent Him to all those with whom we come in contact.