

week one:

## APRIL 30-MAY 6

### FOCUS: EMBEDDING OUR SERVICE PRINCIPLES

Christian Horizons seeks to provide supports in a manner consistent with its belief that all people have intrinsic value as image-bearers of God. Our Service Principles, such as "We recognize each person's right to self-determination," are embedded in our systems, structures, attitudes, and approach.

This month we pray for the Ottawa community of Christian Horizons support and our partnership with The Living Church of God / Full Gospel Ministries in Kenya.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

~ Ephesians 4:32, ESV

### PRAYER POINTS

- As we support people's self-determination, thanksgiving for increasing agility and flexibility as an organization to respond to people's unique needs and desires.
- Pray for continued creativity and initiative as Direct Support Professionals support people in complex scenarios.
- Pray that we will have the patience and insight to truly hear people's "voice" in understanding the support they need, and will offer the best response in the circumstances.

*Feedback or requests?*

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*Church relationships are essential to our continued ministry. They have the potential to create powerful communities of belonging with people with exceptional needs. Here, East District Area Manager April Cleugh and Darl present pastor Mike Hogeboom of Arlington Woods Free Methodist Church with a Partners in Excellence award.*

# PRAYER GUIDE

May 2017

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

~ Proverbs 3:5-6, NLT

*week two:*

## MAY 7-13

"The Lord said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone.'"

~ Genesis 2:18a, NLT

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**THOUGHT:** Too frequently disability results in isolation or separation. Loneliness is a common experience for many people with disabilities. God draws near to those who are in need and does not withdraw from us in times of weakness and vulnerability.

### PRAYER POINTS

- This week, May 11<sup>th</sup> is the East District Employee Appreciation event. Pray that employees and volunteers would know that they are deeply appreciated, and their God-given gifts are valued.
- Pray for transitions within teams as new DSPs and managers come alongside existing teams.
- Thanks for our relationships with church partners. Pray that faith communities would become places of belonging with people who attend there, and continued prayer for Christian Horizons' work in equipping these communities.
- Praise for a new opportunity for Grow Studios woodworking as they move into a location shared by other artisans. Pray that this would grow into a flourishing community of belonging.

*week three:*

## MAY 14-20

"Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. 'Make level paths for your feet,' so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed."

~ Hebrews 12:12, NIV

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**THOUGHT:** There are times when we all need our arms and feet strengthened because of life encounters. This verse powerfully points out that making level paths is not a 'special thing' we do for people with disabilities, but something that we do together - for everybody. When we do so, we participate in one another's healing.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for safety of campers and energy for workers during seven weeks of kids' day camp in the Ottawa area this summer!
- Thanksgiving for our partnership with Algonquin College. Pray for further opportunities beyond the culinary course presently offered, and for employment for graduates of these programs.
- Pray that the excitement of accreditation would carry us into the future as a service organization that goes above and beyond to provide exceptional supports.
- Galilee Bible Camp has been very supportive in hosting our winter family retreat. Pray that this relationship would flourish and grow, that campers needing support to attend summer camps would have the support they need, and have a blessed time.

*week four:*

## MAY 21-27

"I will go before you and make the rough places smooth: I will shatter the door of bronze and cut through their iron bars."

~ Isaiah 45:2, NASB

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**THOUGHT:** "Making a way" has always been God's mission. Whether this is in smoothing rough paths, or breaking through iron bars, God clears a path so that we might know that it is "I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name." (Isaiah 45:3, NASB).

### PRAYER POINTS

- "We don't share because we have more; we share because we sacrifice." ~ Rev. Eric Musee*
- Rev. Eric Musee was instrumental in launching Christian Horizons partnerships in Kenya. Only eight months after sharing the powerful insight above, Eric succumbed to meningitis and passed away. Today, thanks in large part to his legacy, our partnerships in Kenya continue.
  - We have recently partnered with The Living Church of God Kenya / Full Gospel Ministries Inc. Pray for their continued work in Kenya, and that this new partnership would have a lasting impact.
  - Keep Apostle Meshack Mbugwa in your prayers. He is the lead pastor/overseer of this church. Pray for wisdom and discernment in this ministry.