

week one:

JULY 2-8

**FOCUS: WORKING TO ENHANCE
RELATIONSHIPS IN HAITI**

This month we take time to recognize the excellent work that is being done in Haiti. Wilmaelle, Luidine, and Marilyne are close friends brought together through a commitment to accessibility at the United Brethren School in Archaie, Haiti. In this guide we will share other prayer requests for Haiti as well as Christian Horizons supports in Northern Ontario, including communities such as Orillia, Huntsville, Elliot Lake and Sudbury.

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."

~ Proverbs 17:17, NLT

PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for the sponsors that make stories like Luidine's possible. Pray that others would continue to join in this vision to see children and adults fully *belong* in their communities.
- Pray for people experiencing inflated cost of living challenges since hurricane Matthew.
- Pray for sponsorship caregivers (parents) as they put their entrepreneurship training into practice.
- Pray that teachers in Haiti enjoy their summer holidays and return refreshed and ready to teach in inclusive classrooms.

Feedback or requests?

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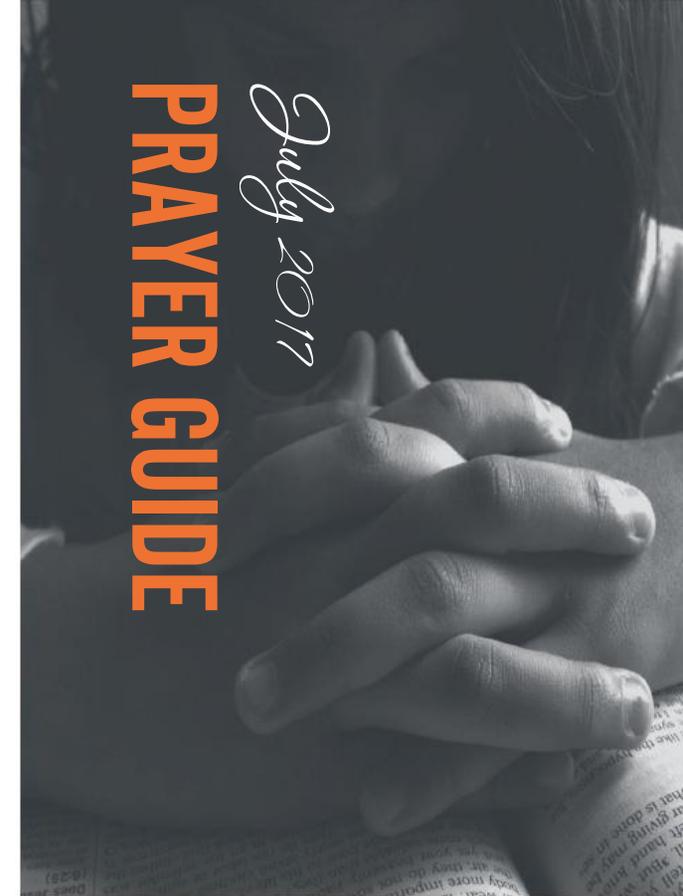
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Wilmaelle, Luidine, and Marilyne are the focus of this month's Organizational Reflection. To learn more about child sponsorship opportunities in Haiti and elsewhere, visit www.christian-horizons.org/sponsorship-program

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"You will live in joy and peace.
The mountains and hills will
burst into song, and the trees of
the field will clap their hands!"

~ Isaiah 55:12, NIV

week two:

JULY 9-15

"Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth."

~ Zeph. 3:19, ESV

THOUGHT: In this verse about the restoration of Israel, God makes it clear that the 'outsiders' will become 'insiders.' Those who were ridiculed and despised will be praised and given renown across the earth.

PRAYER POINTS

- We're giving thanks for stories like Genie's. She has recently moved from a group home setting to her own apartment. Genie is learning new skills and loving the autonomy!
- Luke 10:2 (NLT) reads, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." Pray for the communities of Orillia, Muskoka, and Sudbury as we seek qualified people with a passion for building communities of belonging!
- We welcome Sandra Hodgson into her role as Program Manager of Sudbury Community Participation Supports. Pray for Sandra and for all our Program Managers who work so diligently to meet our Vision Statement.

week three:

JULY 16-22

"Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard—the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor." ~ Luke 7:21-23, NLT

THOUGHT: Jesus is clear that the Good News of the Gospel is for ALL people. People with disabilities were not seen as worth the attention of God or other people. Jesus is saying everybody belongs to Him and His kingdom. Therefore, everybody is to have the gospel demonstrated in a way that they can receive it.

PRAYER POINTS

- Elliot Lake and Blind River Community Participation Support programs have been doing a lot of reflecting on what the people we support need and want in order to add value to their lives. Praying that God will pave the way for success for all involved!
- Prayer for wisdom, discernment, and stewardship as we navigate the financial pressures of upgrading our residences to meet and exceed required standards.
- Over the summer months it can be a unique challenge to navigate employee schedules - balancing vacations, relief hours, and the needs of the people we support. Keep scheduling coordinators and managers in prayer as they work to value everyone involved.

week four:

JULY 23-29

"And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, ...for when I am weak, then I am strong." ~ 2 Cor. 12:9-10, NASB

THOUGHT: In God, rather than disability being weakness, it can be understood as an opportunity for great strength to be revealed. Indeed, all of our weaknesses and limitations are transformed into opportunities - not because of anything heroic that we have done, but because of the indwelling of Christ.

PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for so many passionate and dedicated employees who serve within the North District.
- Prayer for wisdom and discernment as we are working on creating effective, efficient models of service for purchase that meet people's needs.
- Summer can be a wonderful time to explore the natural beauty of Northern communities. Praying for rejuvenation and restoration as well as safety for summer vacations.
- We are gathering stories on how people celebrated *citizenship* this year. Join us in giving thanks for the opportunity to live in Canada. As citizens of this great country we have much to be thankful for!