

week one:

## OCTOBER 1-7

### FOCUS: PARTNERS IN BELONGING

We can achieve much when we draw on one another's strengths, yet very little when we work in isolation. We need each other, and the result is a whole body working together for the good of all its members. Paul's metaphor of the body is a fitting image as we consider how we work together in communities where everybody belongs. This month we consider in prayer the West District of Christian Horizons together with our donor-sponsored work in Nicaragua.

"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

~ Ecclesiastes 4:12, NLT

### PRAYER POINTS

- Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) depend upon each another in supporting people to flourish in community. This requires creativity, innovation, and initiative. Pray for people on teams that are looking to fill DSP roles. Pray that they would have the resilience to continue to provide excellent services.
- Pray for the Annual Community Meeting in the West District and other communities. Find the date of an event near you to celebrate all that God is doing in people's lives:

[www.christian-horizons.org/events](http://www.christian-horizons.org/events)

*Feedback or requests?*

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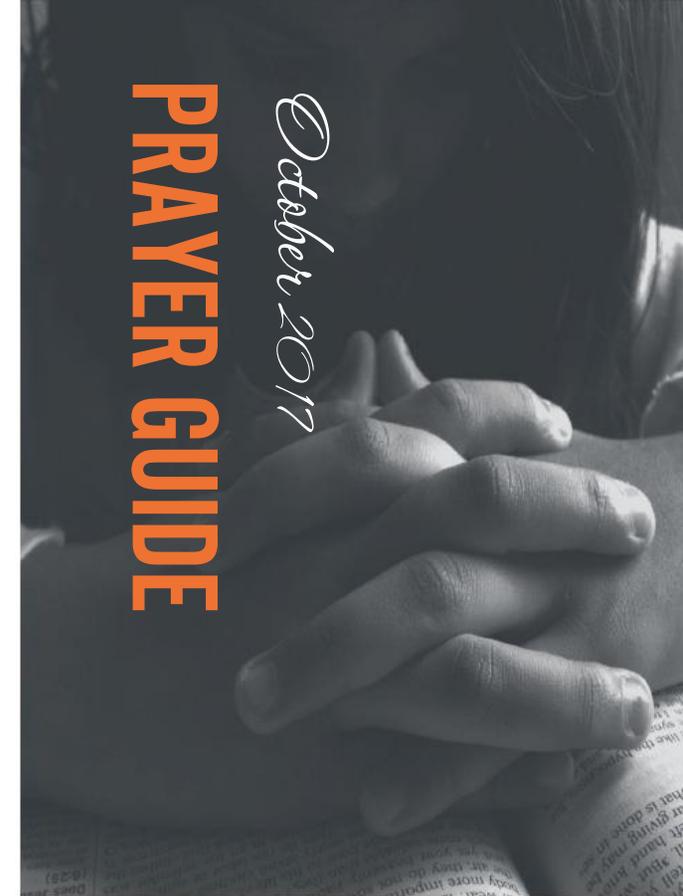
*Markus participated in the Winter/Spring Equip! course of "Hands On Chef" in Kitchener. He remarks, "I ended up being surprised by the new things I learned each week."*

*Keep in prayer new opportunities for Equip in Guelph as it's offered there for the first time. You can hear more about Markus' story in the summer edition of the West District newsletter:*

[www.christian-horizons.org/newsletters](http://www.christian-horizons.org/newsletters)

# PRAYER GUIDE

*October 2017*



"God is all mercy and grace — not quick to anger, is rich in love. God is good to one and all; everything he does is suffused with grace."

~ Psalm 145:8-9, *The Message*

  
**Christian Horizons**  
serving the person with exceptional needs

*week two:*

## OCTOBER 8-14

"The heavens proclaim the glory of God.

The skies display his craftsmanship.

Day after day they continue to speak;

night after night they make him known."

~ Psalm 19:1-2, NLT

**THOUGHT:** Using neither sound nor word, God's creation speaks to His glory. In a culture where it seems only loud voices are heard, the Psalmist reminds us to pay attention to God's voice speaking through everything – and everyone – around us.

### PRAYER POINTS

- In Nicaragua, praise God for another successful school year. The end of October is when their school year wraps up. Give thanks for hardworking teachers and students who are committed to diverse and inclusive education.
- We pray for children with disabilities and their families, especially in rural areas, who are working through health challenges. We remember those within Christian Horizons Global programs who are being treated for Malaria and pray for their health and recovery.
- Pray, too, for a young man who has been experiencing increased seizures. Pray that these do not negatively impact his quality of life and his ability to belong to community.

*week three:*

## OCTOBER 15-21

"But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere." ~ James 3:17, NLT

**THOUGHT:** When we think of wisdom, it is often in reference to knowledge or intelligence. James points to a different wisdom, one that is "from above" and is known by its purity, peacefulness, gentleness, and mercy. May we be wise with one another in this way.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for employees who work night shifts. In Niagara, we are building a communal support network for DSPs working nights. Pray that this is a helpful initiative for them.
- Pray for the transition of a young man we will be welcoming into SIL services in Niagara. Praise for this opportunity.
- Thanksgiving that the rebuilding of our Hamilton Concession 6 location is underway, and prayer for the team that will come together and for everyone who will be supported at this location.
- Pray that people will not experience too much disruption by the process of upgrading locations with additional safety features. Gratitude that we have the resources to be able to invest in people's well-being in this way.

*week four:*

## OCTOBER 22-28

"I served as eyes for the blind and feet for the lame."

~ Job 29:15, NLT

**THOUGHT:** In Job's life reflection we are reminded that we are all interdependent. There are days when I may need to be "eyes" and "feet" for others, and there are days when they will help me see things in a new way, or "go" where I haven't before.

### PRAYER POINTS

- We are thankful for a temporary expansion of the RERS role to assist with recruitment efforts, and pray that many qualified people would join our mission!
- Thanksgiving for new Staff Relations Representatives (Melissa, Darlene, and Phil) and prayer for two new SRR in the communities of Halton and Peel. Pray for wisdom as they support employees.
- Praise God for new services and supports being offered across the organization! We are always excited at the prospect of walking alongside people as they contribute to, and are welcomed by, communities of belonging.
- Gratitude for opportunities to connect with employees at the October 18<sup>th</sup> connection meeting, and to connect with others at community fall fairs!