

Thank you for your prayers for Becky who passed the first year of her pharmacy technician course. Please pray for her as she goes back to do her final year.

Thank you for your prayers for Tim whose health is improving after leaving his job which was causing him a high level of stress. Please continue to pray that he'll be able to find a job in Southampton, to be near his girlfriend and to be involved in the ministry to international students in his church there.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers for TWR and us as a family. They are greatly valued.

*Andrew, Lesley, Becky and Tim*

### **Olivia Rigby - UCCF, Stoke**

Praise God for His grace, that in my weakness and sin He still wants to use me to build His kingdom.

Thank God for the privilege of being on the Relay team. It was such a genuine honour to be trusted with some of the most enthusiastic, zealous, and passionate volunteers I've met, guiding them to think more deeply about grace, about God's plan for them, and about how we can be honouring God best with our lives.

Thank God for a fantastic time at Forum National with 27 of my students from 3 universities attending. Thank God for how they've been so clearly and excellently envisioned for evangelism on campus.

Please pray that the new Uncover Mark resource would be well used by my students, that they would take the call to tell their friends about Jesus seriously and not hide behind the events run by the CU.

Please pray for Matthew, my new Relay worker at Keele, to settle in quickly and to find a church and some friends. Stoke can be a lonely place (as I experienced a lot last year), so please pray that he would feel comforted by God and that he wouldn't be disheartened by the lack of people around him.

God bless

*Olivia*

### **Mags Southern - SAMS, Asuncion, Paraguay**

Pray for St Andrew's College and the Annexe school as it enters a period of change. Mags hopes to leave here at the end of the year and that means there will have to be a new head. Pray for that person as they take over, that they may be able to lead the pupils on in their journey with Jesus.

The Annexe school has lost some pupils because they have moved to new housing which has been built in Zeballos Cue. They thought they were going to a new school but have since returned because it hadn't started yet. Others have had to move to higher ground because of flooding. The area isn't good for living in and many will probably move out eventually. Please pray for the future of the school if the pupils move away.

## **St John's Hartford & Christ Church Greenbank Missionary Prayer News for September 2018**

### **Catriona and Stephen Bennett - CMS, Gahini Hospital, Rwanda**

#### **Praise:**

- for the safe arrival of a UK trainee surgeon to help Steve with the surgical workload
- for a new team dedicated to leading the cathedral English service

#### **Prayer:**

- for the current project of drilling a bore hole to hopefully overcome Gahini's water shortage once and for all
- for knowledge where to prioritise our energies, as we are discovering increasing areas where our skills can be of use in hospital

Once again, I cannot say often enough how much we value the prayers of those who are able to pray for us. So thank you.

With best wishes,

*Catriona & Steve*

### **Kip and Rachel Chelashaw - UFM, Nairobi**

This week marks a year since we arrived in Kenya. In January, Bethany became seriously ill and doctors warned that this might be the end of our time in Kenya. As we look back, we can see that God used this time to open the door for our children to go to the Kindergarten run by Mrs Ichihashi, a missionary lady whose husband ministers at our church.

Now, we sense that the Lord is opening a door that will bless our children and bring more contact with non-believing families. Mrs Ichihashi has been encouraging us to look at a nearby Christian school for Elijah (7). We have felt somewhat reluctant due to the school fees and the fact that we have 4 children to budget for. The head strongly encouraged us to enrol him and trust the Lord for provision for the years to come.

We began a Bible study in May and now have a small group of believers who come regularly, ask questions and are keen to grow in their understanding of how the whole Bible points to and is fulfilled in Christ. We hope to start a Christianity Explored course in October and have one friend (a Hindu-background lady) who is interested. Please pray that she and others would come.

Our church asked us to lead the young people in a series of Bible studies on godly relationships. About 25 teenagers have been coming, most of them from very poor and broken homes. Pray for them as they grow up in a culture that is so far from the Biblical model of relationships. Pray that they would trust in the Lord with all their hearts.

This month Kip' will be teaching a group of Anglican ordinands and at a Bible training school called iServe. Many pastors in Kenya are poorly equipped to teach the Bible—pray that the Lord would use Kip' to help them understand and teach it better.

Love and prayers

*Kip', Rachel, Elijah, Ezra, Susanna and Bethany Chelashaw*

## **Jonny and Erica Greaves - The Oakes, Sheffield**

Please pray for:

- Campers to be transformed by the power of the gospel
- Protection for our school relationships and schools to keep wanting to come here
- Our speakers (Dan, Johnny, Rob, Mez and Ciara) as they plan and prepare
- Continued safety and protection
- Full camps
- Campers to have Christian influences in their lives
- More school pupils to return on holiday camps and then continue to visit
- The gospel to be clearly shared through word and deed and for many to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus
- Parents to engage with their children about all they have learnt when they return from camp

## **Alex Lucas - UCCF, London**

Please pray for:

- Freshers! that lots of new students will come along, sign up to (and stick with) CU and see why it's important. Pray that those Freshers will be great future CU leaders too.
- Pray for Freshers week to go well, for last bits of organisation that has to take place and that everything will fall into place.
- Pray for the Royal College of Art CUs "transhumanism" discussion to go well and that non-Christians will come along and be up for a good discussion and see God clearly in the transhumanism debate. We're having John Wyatt come along to do this for us on October 18th - please pray for him as he speaks!
- Pray for M\* who is a new Christian, that she will find a church and get to grips with the basics of our faith and learn to love Jesus and His Word more and more.
- Pray for my two Relay workers (a discipleship year for graduates who are placed in specific CUs and supervised by me) to settle in well to the term!

In Him,

*Alex*

## **Robert Matati - Anglican Minister, Butere, Kenya**

Thanks for prayers. Dad has improved health after medication. We had a 'Rooted in Jesus' seminar in July. Pray that the Clergy and lay ministers practice what we learn and make many disciples. We had a wonderful canon's fellowship in Nairobi.

We are suffering due to rise in petrol costs (from 112 to 130 ksh) - this is sad. Transport will be affected. Pray for us. Thank you so much for the recent funds. God is great! We went through (nephew Kevin's) graduation ceremony successfully. This a dream come true for Kevin.

Schools are now open for third term. Please pray for Wilfred to successfully take KCSE exam to join university next year. We recently had a Prayer Day in Mukumu Boys' School. My joy is to see my children back to school thanks to your support.

God bless, *Robert*

## **Joseph Mayan - Barnabas Ministries, Uganda**

Several months ago, we shared that there was a mob attack on converts in the village currently hosting more than 100 converts in their homes for discipleship. Three of the host families were attacked and sustained significant injuries. The attack has been reported to the police, and we know who the attackers are. But, we don't have physical evidence. So, they have not been arrested. One of the converts was hit with a stone in the middle of the head; the other received an injury in his eye. The condition of these two has worsened, so they have been referred to a regional hospital. Please pray for their healing and for justice to be done.

Rejoice with us! In the past six months, Barnabas Ministry teams have reached over 600 people in Muslim-dominated communities with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Of those people, 270 accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord, and 132 of them were from a Muslim background. With this blessing comes the great responsibility to disciple them in their new faith. Because of increased persecution, please pray with us that these new converts will stand firm in their newfound faith and that families in the community will be willing to host them in their homes during their initial intense period of discipleship.

## **Johnny and Ann McClean - UFM, Thailand**

We thoroughly enjoyed our five week trip to the UK this summer and it was lovely to catch up with so many of you. Praise God for safety in travel, refreshing and encouraging fellowship with supporting churches around the country and the added bonus of sunshine and blue skies almost everywhere we went! We have returned to Bangkok refreshed and ready to start the new school year. A real answer to prayer, so thank you for praying!

Pray for Johnny as he gets back into the daily and weekly routines at the church. Pray for good time management, wise decision making and wisdom in talking pastorally with various church members. Pray that we, as a church, will walk well alongside both those who weep and those who rejoice.

Praise God for answered prayer in a really positive start to the new school year. Pray for Ann as she considers her own role in the school and as possible changes emerge in the coming weeks. Pray that all five of us will live out Matthew 5:16 in the coming term.

## **Andrew Pettinger - TWR, Altrincham**

TWR has been involved on the Indonesian island of Lombok since the earthquake, broadcasting programmes of information and encouragement. Please pray for the effectiveness of these programmes as well as for the relief work on the island.

TWR broadcasts programmes into North Korea and we recently heard of someone who had escaped the country and become a Christian after listening to the TWR programmes. Please pray for the producers of these programmes, who very rarely hear from any listeners, that God will give them the words to say and guide them as they plan the broadcasts.

Andrew's Dad, David, has recently been experiencing some discomfort. Please pray that the course of radiotherapy treatment will help to relieve this.

Lesley would value your prayers as staffing levels continue to be an issue. There is further pressure following a merger with the central Manchester hospitals which has resulted in a lot of changes to documentation. Add to that preparing for a CQC inspection in October...!