

St John's Hartford & Christ Church Greenbank
Missionary Prayer News for October 2019

Catriona and Stephen Bennett - CMS, Gahini Hospital, Rwanda

Praise:

- Give thanks for the interest from a gap year student to join us early next year.
- Give thanks that I have found two other mums who speak English with children in a local town. We are starting a regular play session together.

Prayer:

- Please pray for the English service as another new leader takes over.
- Please pray specifically for the need to have a projector at the English service. The church was decorated during our home leave preventing projection, yet projection is essential to facilitating this service. Please pray for a resolution to this situation.

Many thanks for your continued prayer support,

Catriona and Steve

Kip and Rachel Chelashaw - UFM, Nairobi

Praise points:

- It has been a tough few weeks as Rachel's mum has undergone heart valve surgery. Praise the Lord that she is slowly recovering.
- Elijah (age 8) recently started at a small Christian school and is really enjoying it. We are car-pooling with two other families who drive their children to the same school - both Indian and non-believers.
- Two people recently joined our Bible study - a Christian lady who has had HIV for years, and an unemployed man who struggles with alcohol and doesn't yet know Christ.

For Prayer:

- Please pray for wisdom and good team-work as we work with our small local church. Pray for effectiveness as we seek to disciple the congregation, and reach out to our community with the good news of Jesus.
- Pray for opportunities to speak about Christ with our non-Christian friends. Pray especially for Nganga, who has been meeting with Kip and has lots of questions.

Jemma Graves - OM UK, Oswestry

Please pray for me as I assist with some of the administration involved with the Logos Hope visit to the UK in 2020. Please pray specifically for clarity in what my responsibilities will be with that, whilst juggling other aspects of my administrative role at OM. Please pray for my colleague who is working out what visas will be needed for the ship's crew. Please pray also that the port schedule will be finalised soon, so that we can press on with preparations in each port.

Thank you very much, every blessing,

Jemma

Charlotte Kirkham - St Catherine's, Tranmere

Praise and Prayer points for St Catherine's Children & Young People's ministry:

- **Praise** God for many encouragements in our children's groups over the past month.
- **Praise** God for the 30 children from years 1 and 2 at Mersey Park who want to attend lunch time Bible club.
- **Praise** God for the start of SOUL, the Christianity Explored Course for teenagers, and the 3 teens that attended the first session.
- **Pray** for leaders and volunteers of all our groups as they prepare sessions, and for strength and encouragement as they lead and help in them.
- **Pray** for Explore, primary mid-week group, that we might see some of our children from last year back again.
- **Pray** for SOUL Christianity Explored Course for teenagers, that those who attend will be challenged and changed by it, and to come to know Jesus, or be strengthened in their faith in Jesus.
- **Pray** for us as leaders and volunteers to form friendships with the families of these children and reach out to them and share our faith with them.

In Christ,

Charlotte

Cornerstone Church Crewe

We have had quite the rollercoaster of a summer at Cornerstone! Lots of encouraging stories from our members who have been at summer camps and beach missions this summer.

After being quite quiet over summer, the church seems to have boomed in the last few weeks ... so much so that we have had to rearrange the room to accommodate more chairs! Sadly we have also had to say goodbye to Pete (Associate Minister) and his family. Below is a prayer request from Matt:

'Over the past 6 months Pete Boorne has been working part-time for the church as Associate Minister. However, Pete and I have recognised that, for a variety of reasons, he and the family need to move on from Cornerstone. We continue to pray for the Boornes, that the Lord will lead them to a place where they can serve him wholeheartedly, and we thank God for those in Cornerstone who have already stepped up to fill the gaps. *Matt*'

Thank God for our growing family as we seek to encourage each other in our faith and reach out to the community in Crewe.

A few of us went to a music ministry conference in Nottingham last week. This involved talks from Paul Mallard on Singing with Joy, and several seminars including Leading on Guitar, Worship with few musicians and Encouraging music as a Pastor/Minister. This was such an encouraging conference for us at Cornerstone who are involved in the music. We are in the process of introducing live instruments back into our services, which has been such an answer to prayer!

Pray for the church this term as we have to pull together even more without the Boornes; pray for servant hearts and confidence to step into various roles in the church that are out of our comfort zones.

It seems way too early to pray for Christmas, but pray that we can encourage those around us in Crewe to come and hear the gospel at one of our open-air Christmas services in the derelict church by the Lifestyle Centre. We're very excited for our first Cornerstone Christmas!

Thanks again for all your prayers!

Holly

Robert Matati - Anglican Minister, Butere, Kenya

Fridah is now back to secondary school, Nathan is back to Karatina University and Wilfred is fresh in Multimedia University. Pray for Wilfred to understand Pay as You Eat system at university. Pray for powerful finish for Nathan in final year at Karatina University. Please pray for Kevin (nephew) to get a job. Thanks for prayer and continued support.

We had a blessed Holy Communion service and baptism. Though I had fatigue after burial services on Thursday and Saturday. I have some fever because I had to ride through the rain after burials. Thank God for offer of new keyboard from bereaved family.

I have taken leave for three weeks to end on 21st October. As usual parishes can't afford to give any money to use on leave. I have travelled so much. I need to rest and I am on treatment for fever. Thank God I have now recovered, though left with sharp pain in the throat.

Thank you so much for funds received. Your support has brought us this far. You have fed us, clothed us, taken my sons to university, provided means of transport to me, roofed our house, built a new toilet for my old parents and saved them from risk of old one that collapsed.

God bless you abundantly.

Robert

Joseph Mayan - Barnabas Ministries, Uganda

Please **pray** for the recent converts from Islam to re-learn the meaning of prayer. In their former life, prayer meant beginning with ablutions and facing toward Mecca when praying. Please **pray** for these new converts to learn how to pray with their heart and spirit and to agree in prayer with God's Word.