



# Crosslinks

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## Prayer Diary

September – November 2025

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## Central & South America

**MON 1** Matt and Helen Pope serve in Santiago, Chile, mentoring and training local pastors. Matt writes, 'it has been a strange season for the Pope family. We've had some highs with training in Colombia and a RED Santiago conference for 700 pastors in Santiago that Pete Nicholas and Paul Tripp spoke at. But we've had a big low with the sudden death of Helen's dad. It has been an odd time but God has been very kind. Pray for us all to walk near to God, amid the work that carries on here and now with lots to do in the UK following the death of Helen's dad.'

**TUE 2** Study partner Luis Gomez Gonzalez is studying the Bachelor of Theology course at the Centro de Estudios Pastorales (Centre for Pastoral Studies) in Santiago, Chile. While serving as a church apprentice, Luis displayed a love for theology, history and philosophy, a competency for Bible teaching and a capacity for pastoral ministry. Pray for Luis and his family in their placement church, and for Luis as he balances family responsibilities, ministry commitment and study.

**WED 3** Praise God with Andy and Bethanie Walker, serving in Mendoza, Argentina, for the third Gospel Conference – a fantastic time with 120 participants, including 20 pastors, being taught from God's word by Nigel Styles. Ecclesiastes challenged all present to honour God especially when 'life is just not fair'. Pray for more pastors and churches to be involved next year as Andy and Bethanie seek to promote expository preaching in Mendoza. Pray also for Andy teaching Old Testament Writings at the Centro de Estudios Pastorales this term, for the Diocese of Argentina's 200th anniversary retreat in October and for joy in visiting gospel partners around the UK this winter.

**THU 4** Due to personal circumstances, study partners Tore Perez Gibbons and his wife, Emi Fernandez, are currently living at home in Mendoza, Argentina. Tore is looking forward to finishing his third and final year studying online with occasional visits to Centro de Estudios Pastorales in Chile. Pray for Tore and Emi as they help train apprentices and pastors, and are involved with church planting. Tore and Emi serve alongside mission partners Andrew and Bethanie Walker at the El Señor de la Viña Church; pray for mutual encouragement in their ministry.

**FRI 5** Prédica Fiel ('Faithful Preaching') trains Cuban church leaders and Bible teachers how to interpret and teach the Bible. Join Alexis Perez, who leads Prédica Fiel, in praising God for the increased growth of the ministry. As they look ahead to a new year, pray that God will continue to be faithful in providing sound ministry resources for the Spanish-speaking world. Give thanks too for Prédica Fiel's recent training of eight pastors from Mexico who will be new instructors for the online mentorship programme and in-person workshops which are beginning to expand to the rest of Central America. Pray for the new term of online mentoring that starts at the end of the month, and for two preaching workshops Prédica Fiel are hosting in two weeks.

**SAT 6** Study partner Belen Yulan Soledad will soon complete her final year of the BTh course at the Centre of Pastoral Studies in Chile. As a qualified schoolteacher, Belen has been looking to gain training and experience in church ministry. Pray for Belen who wants to improve her Bible handling skills to be equipped to help in the pastoral care of women and young people in Bible teaching and discipleship in an Anglican church in Tucumán, Argentina.

## Southern Europe

**SUN 7** Join JP and Sue Aranzulla in praising God for a 'new' Forte Torre year (their 16th!), as church ministries restart in full swing after the summer break. Pray for a broader sharing of responsibilities, particularly as JP seeks to appoint 1 or 2 new 'elders-in-training'. Forte Torre's church plant 'Bologna Ovest' is now meeting weekly. Pray it will grow in depth of maturity as well as number. Pray too for Forte Torre's upcoming weekend away (31 October – 2 November), that it will strengthen relationships and the church members' commitment to personal time with the Lord. Pray too for JP and Sue as they manage the difficult challenge of caring for JP's father from a distance.

**MON 8** Jonny and Ruth Pullar serve at Stupenda Grazia Church in Modena, Italy. Give thanks for the evangelistic camp they served at in Bologna in June, and pray for the teenagers to remember the gospel, believe in Jesus and join a healthy church. Thank God for the preaching workshop in Florence in August that Jonny attended; pray for Jonny and many others to preach the word faithfully. Pray for Jonny and Ruth as they reach out to university students in Modena, that they will meet some who are keen to study God's word.

**TUE 9** Chris and Lizzie Brown are based in Bologna, Italy and serve with the Gruppi Biblici Universitari (GBU), the Christian student movement. Praise God for the teenage holiday club that has just taken place (1–5 September) at their church, and pray for lasting fruit in those who came. Pray for the national GBU weekend for student leaders happening 26–29 September, for a good time of training and encouraging them to 'share Jesus student to student' (the GBU motto!). Many of the church and GBU activities restart in September – pray for creative ideas and wisdom in planning for the new academic year.

**WED 10** Mark and Jane Oden lead Chiesa Evangelica Neapolis (CEN), a church in the heart of Naples. Give thanks for many opportunities over the summer to serve the Italian church ('Basic', a Christian summer camp for 18–22 year olds where Mark was the main speaker and 'Workshop Predicazione', a national preaching conference that Mark helped organise). Pray for Mark and Jane as they build up the men and women of CEN prior to leaving Naples in April 2026. Pray too for Mark as he prepares to speak on the book of Ruth at the Finocchio Church weekend away in a few days' time (12–14 September).

**THU 11** Pray for Joe and Rachel Clarke as they begin a new academic year serving in Comunidade da Graça, a church plant in Coimbra, Portugal. Pray that they would feel refreshed from their summer break and that they would be full of joy and zeal as they seek to strengthen and equip their brothers and sisters in Christ, and reach the lost with the life-giving gospel of Jesus. Pray too for wisdom as they plan a preaching conference next month, with Nigel Styles coming over as the speaker.

**FRI 12** Chris and Rosy Redfearn serve at Méndez Nuñez Church, in Valencia, Spain. They write, 'pray for us as we grow in relationships with our new church family, especially in our first full semester in our new roles. Pray for us to know how best to use our time to build up the church family with one-to-one discipleship, formal teaching opportunities and informal times together. Pray for our children, Lydia and Santi, as they adapt to a new school and nursery, and for us as we seek to build new relationships in our new local community. Pray for us to be bold and wise as we speak about our faith with new friends and neighbours.'

**SAT 13** Julian and Nicky Milson serve in Valencia, Spain, where Julian leads Iglesia de Jesucristo. Give thanks for a good break for the Milsons over the summer and pray for a good start to the new term. Their

son, Theo, is starting his final year at school. Pray he studies well and is a faithful witness to his friends. Pray for the English Club, their church's evangelistic outreach to local families, that new children join and the cohort from last year return. Pray for the Milsons' church family this term to use all the opportunities God gives them to share the gospel of grace with joy.

## The UK and Ireland

**SUN 14** Simon and Abigail Donohoe are working with a small team to plant and establish a church in Cherrywood in South Dublin, Ireland. Cherrywood has a population larger than most towns in Ireland but no church of any denomination. Give thanks for the launch team, that has begun to meet and pray that this team will grow together in Christ and in number, and lay the foundations for healthy gospel culture for a new church in Cherrywood. Give thanks for connections made in the local area already, and pray for deepening relationships with those living locally and open doors to hold out Christ to the lost. Pray for Simon as he prepares to teach a module on the Gospels at the Irish Bible Institute this academic year, and for the family as they settle into life and ministry in South Dublin.

**MON 15** J is involved in refugee ministry to Muslim background believers in a UK city. J says, 'give thanks for the Arabic Christian fellowship on Saturdays. The aim is to facilitate worship and discussion of the Bible in their heart language, alongside attending a local church on Sundays. Give thanks for the gifted Arab leaders of the group who do the regular Bible teaching and those who supply a meal at each meeting. It is a delight to see believers from different countries and religious backgrounds bonding as a community. Pray for continuing depth in relationships and a good grounding in the gospel of Christ. Give thanks for the desire to reach out to friends and others who have not yet encountered Jesus.'

**TUE 16** Josh and Cathy Hooker have now started their home assignment, having finished their placement with the Diocese of Down and Dromore in June. They are living out of suitcases in a mission house in Northern Ireland until February 2026, when they travel back to Namibia. From their base in Northern Ireland, they will be travelling to visit their partner churches in England over the coming months. Pray for safety as they travel, for good reconnections with churches, for Josh as he preaches and for the large amount of admin that needs to be done before they head back to Namibia.

**WED 17** Jem Hovil leads the UK charity BUILD Partners which trains Christians in Bible-handling across East Africa. Daniel Mukibi serves with BUILD in the Church of Uganda, where he helps to coordinate the work. Daniel is in the UK at the moment, visiting churches and ministry partners and spending some in-person time with Jem. Pray for Daniel's trip, that it would recharge him, including his and Jem's time spent planning. Daniel's senior co-worker, Stephen, retires at the end of the year so discussions are set against that backdrop. Pray for clarity and discernment as they prepare for change.

**THU 18** Lift up all those who serve in prison ministry, running Bible studies and dealing with complicated pastoral issues. Pray for their endurance, for eternal fruit from their labours and for God's word to bring life, purpose and joy into the lives of those they minister too. Pray for prisoners who have come to know Jesus to keep growing in their love of Christ and to find fellowship and support in a church family upon their release.

**FRI 19** Alastair and Elise Donaldson – with Josiah and Edith – moved to County Galway, Ireland, last summer to serve bi-vocationally in the community in partnership with Calvary Church, Loughrea. Give thanks for their first year in Galway, for God's grace and

provision during a big transition of ministry, roles, schools and accommodation. Give thanks too for the recent opportunity to host an evangelistic Bible study in Gort, and for local friends having the chance to unpack God's word in a welcoming environment. Pray with Alastair and Elise for this group to grow and mature in faith in Jesus Christ, and for a blessed ongoing partnership with Calvary Church, Loughrea.

**SAT 20** Helen Sheridan is based in County Mayo, Ireland, where she serves at Calvary Church Castlebar. Helen writes, 'Pray for the church, that we will be patient in uncertainty, grow in the humility it takes to love well all the more, and that the Lord will provide for us with pastoral oversight. Give thanks for the affectionate unity we have that makes Sunday gatherings so encouraging. Give thanks to the Lord who knows the beginning from the end, and everything in between.'

**SUN 21** Thorsten and Kerstin Prill, based in Edinburgh, Scotland, are partnering with Crosslinks to strengthen support for current mission partners and those preparing to serve through theological guidance, cross-cultural training, member care and counselling. They'd value prayer for wisdom as they engage in regular mentoring and counselling opportunities, both locally and further afield via WhatsApp and Zoom. Pray too for more opportunities to share the gospel with neighbours and other non-Christians. They write: 'pray that we will humbly depend on the Lord, with a great expectation of what he might do despite our weakness. May we trust in God's power and not lean on our own understanding.'

## Northern Europe

**MON 22** Chris and Lotta Strajnic serve at Emmaus Church in Åkersberga in Stockholm, Sweden. Thank God for the recent encouraging baptism and for new members who have joined Emmaus Church this month. Pray for the first Church Family

Day at Emmaus Church, which takes place this month. Pray for Chris and Lotta as they prepare teaching and activities for the day. Pray also for Emmaus members, that they continue to grow in their love for Christ and each other.

**TUE 23** Join Trevor and Andrea Watson in giving thanks for the recent 'Real Joy' conference with John Piper in Sweden. Praise God that over 600 people were stirred and blessed through God's word, and for a growing movement of churches who are passionate about Jesus and are seeking to joyfully proclaim him in Sweden. Pray for Trevor and Andrea as they move back to Gothenburg at the end of this month. Pray for the Lord's presence and leading in the early days of settling in. Pray too for Andrea's involvement in the women's conference in Sweden with Carrie Sandom from 24–25 October, that it will inspire and equip women for ministry.

**WED 24** Pārdaugava Reformed Church (PRC) was planted in Riga, Latvia, in 2016, and is led by Mārtiņš Martinson. Mārtiņš says, 'praise God for a new year of ministry! Praise God for the various Bible studies that have resumed after summer break. Pray for the midweek work at PRC and for the small group leaders as they prepare Bible studies and serve the group members. Pray that the Spirit will do his mighty work in everyone who comes to these studies. May there be a real growth in understanding that is visible in the love for Christ and his people.'

## West Africa

**THU 25** Alex and Susannah serve in West Africa. Praise God for the new five-year visas that they were recently granted. Pray Alex and Susannah will keep trusting the power of the Word of God as they seek to plant it in their own hearts, the hearts of their children and in the hearts of West Africans. Pray for the teenagers they meet with on Tuesday nights to read through Mark's Gospel and for the

young men on Thursday nights studying Genesis, that each person will have their eyes opened to Jesus.

**FRI 26** Study partner Matthias Quetee is studying the BA Pastoral Theology course at the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary in Paynesville City. Pray the Lord will provide for all of Matthias' needs and that this course will help him continue to establish a pastor training school locally, similar to the Servants of the Word training school in The Gambia, where Matthias learned and served previously. Give thanks that over twenty ministers and church workers attended a weekend seminar on ministry run by Matthias earlier in the year.

**SAT 27** Rick and Alanna Creighton train pastors for church ministry at Jos ECWA Theological Seminary (JETS) in Nigeria. Praise God for so many students who are keen to learn and serve. As JETS approaches mid-semester, pray for the new students to find their feet and for recent graduates as they seek ministry positions. Pray for those who are ministering in different roles across the country, that they will be faithful and resist the temptations that are exacerbated by financial pressures. Pray for God to provide for those in ministry, together with the JETS students and their families.

**SUN 28** Study partner Bright Peter Yorbe is studying the Bachelor of Arts in Theology (Missions and Evangelism) course at Jos ECWA Theological Seminary in Jos, Nigeria, to help in his discipling of young people and leadership training in a local congregation. Bright has asked for prayer for clarity of mind as he applies himself to his studies and encourages young people to live for Jesus among their peers and in gospel outreach.

**MON 29** Portia Yiadom serves in Accra, Ghana, as the women's worker for Relite Africa Ministries – a Ghanaian-led Bible training scheme for university students. Portia says, 'Give thanks for the new

cohort of 65 student leaders who are being trained to teach God's word faithfully to fellow students at the many churches on the University of Ghana campus. Pray for stamina and wisdom as I follow up with the women in that cohort, that the Lord will use me to encourage them and to grow their confidence in his word. Pray I won't neglect my own time with the Lord in his word and in his prayer, and that he will give me discernment in how I use my time and energy.'

**TUE 30** Having been discipled through God's word, study partner Monday Makeri is training to be equipped further as a pastor, preacher and Bible teacher in an ECWA congregation in northern Nigeria. Pray for Monday as he studies the two-and-a-half year MA in Theological Studies course at Jos ECWA Theological Seminary (JETS), that he will teach God's word faithfully and build strong foundations in the church.

## October 2025 Asia & Australasia

*Preaching the gospel publicly and open discipleship are not always possible in parts of Asia and the Middle East, which is why some of the following entries do not include full names or locations. Please pray for sensitivity to the local situation and for opportunities to witness safely.*

**WED 1** Give thanks for a growing team teaching Greek and Hebrew to Christians in Asia alongside J and Y. Pray the team will work well together and have wisdom to know which groups to teach. As Greek and Hebrew literacy grows, pray it will result in more faithful preaching and churches growing in the truth. Pray for faithfulness in J and Y advocating for adoption, serving in their church, witnessing to friends and neighbours (especially to B and YF) and that at all times the joy of the gospel will strengthen them.

**THU 2** N disciples young local believers returning to an Asian country from overseas. Pray that she and the local volunteers will have patience, wisdom and love to help each new returnee live for Christ in the opportunities and opposition they face with colleagues, family and society. N also serves on the pastoral staff of an international church. Pray that their ongoing Sunday lunchtime evangelistic courses would continue to be well attended by both seekers and those wanting to be equipped to share the good news.

**FRI 3** E4L runs seven centres where they pastorally care for and educate children from the slums of a North Indian city and the surrounding areas in India. Pray for the E4L Christmas preparations for the children, for God to give the teachers and volunteers creativity, energy and joy in serving him, and for the children and their families to gain a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas. Pray too for the health and wellbeing of the E4L children, that God will both physically and spiritually protect them, so they may continue to hear about Jesus.

**SAT 4** Study partner David Mishra is the registrar of the Nepal Ebenezer Theological Seminary in Kathmandu, Nepal. He has enrolled on the three-year MA Practical Theology (Leadership) course at the Asia Graduate School of Theology Nepal. Give thanks that, as an associate pastor at his church, David wants to provide faithful and sound Bible teaching. Pray for his plans to engage in gospel mission to more remote parts of the country.

**SUN 5** John and Gillian Robinson run the Place of Grace, clubs and a foodbank in five of Bangkok's needy communities in Thailand. They write, 'the challenges as we minister are many. Pray for strength for us and the staff as we run a school for 42 children, alongside clubs, a foodbank, a safehouse, and do this so we can teach about a God who changes lives. Give thanks that he does,

and pray he will continue to do a transforming work in the students. Pray too for our student convention in November, where students learn new skills and gain confidence, and also for plans to expand the Place of Grace's space to come together.'

**MON 6** Janet serves at The Centre in Chiang Mai, Thailand, a ministry that reaches out to university students. Pray for the students who come to The Centre to remember that they can ask God for peace as they sit their end of semester exams in the next few days. In November and December, The Centre staff will hold a big Thanksgiving meal, a weekend away and Christmas events. Pray that many will come and hear about the God who knows them, loves them and holds the meaning of life. Pray too for energy and unity among the staff team in this busy season.

**TUE 7** SBT:NI trains church leaders to study, teach and apply God's word effectively in areas which are increasingly hostile to the gospel. Pray for the two upcoming SBT:NI workshops in Nepal from 27 October to 1 November, with 50 pastors and leaders expected at each of the two workshops. Pray nothing prevents them from coming, as hostilities increase. Pray for the Ezra Theological Training module from 10–15 November. 55 pastors and leaders will be taught Church History, The Person and Work of Jesus Christ, and Spiritual Formation courses. Pray too that God will give the SBT:NI team the strength they need to persevere amid growing persecution. Pray for wisdom, boldness and protection for all the team members and church leaders across India.

**WED 8** Study partner Saw Nellson is studying the MDiv course at Myanmar Evangelical Graduate School of Theology (MEGST) in Yangon. He is training to be an evangelist and mission worker in the Mandalay Diocese in the north of Myanmar. Pray for him and for local churches in Myanmar in their gospel ministry and practical assistance

following the devastation of March's earthquake and subsequent aftershocks, and in the continuing political unrest.

**THU 9** David and Rachel Williams serve at St Andrew's Hall in Melbourne with the Church Missionary Society of Australia (CMS-A), training long-term mission partners for gospel ministry. They have recently returned from visiting mission partners in Vanuatu who are involved in university student ministry, Bible translation and theological education. Give thanks for the wonderful growth of the gospel across the Pacific. Pray that these mission partners will be encouraged to continue in mission long-term following David and Rachel's visit.

**FRI 10** Alex and Kate Phillips are study partners serving in Busan, South Korea. Alex is the pastor of an international church alongside completing his theological training, and Kate leads the women's ministry alongside studying biblical counselling. Pray for their church which has been welcoming lots of new people since September (international students, English teachers and expat families), that they will encourage them and be encouraged by them in Christ. Pray for Kate as she leads a small, four-person church mission team on a visit to an orphanage in the Philippines that cares for victims of human trafficking. Pray they will be able to love the children faithfully, and pray for God's provision for Yuha, the Phillipses' foster child, that she may be adopted by a family soon.

**SAT 11** Neil and Sharon Watkinson, with Anna, are adjusting to life in Sydney, Australia, having relocated earlier this year. They write, 'with the many changes this has brought, pray we continue to trust the Lord and rely on his timing for a part-time assistant minister role for Neil, which will enable him to continue running Schools of Biblical Training in Asia. Give thanks for the passion we have encountered in many churches here for the gospel to be heard and believed.'

## Western Europe

**SUN 12** Steve and Dawn Orange live in Brussels, Belgium, where Steve is the pastor of the Protestant Evangelical Church of Woluwe. Give thanks for Lida, who has taken on a new part time role with the church's women's ministry and operations. Pray Lida settles in well and she and the church family are mutually blessed by her service. Pray for God's provision for all the resources needed for the church's building project, which will enable the church family to develop their ministries. Pray for a wise stewarding of generous gifts.

**MON 13** By the time you read this, about 300 young people will have participated in InterAction's 2025 bilingual summer camps in France, Germany and Belgium. They will have heard the gospel, made friends and had a lot of fun. Alongside them, there will also have been dozens of young adults serving as 'animefs' (in France and Belgium) or 'CATS' (in Germany). This role is primarily one of practical service, but also involves helping with activities and a strong element of spiritual training. Pray that these young people will put into practice in their churches what they've learned at InterAction.

**TUE 14** At the Brussels Bible Institute (Institut Biblique de Bruxelles), study partner Toni Arnaud is studying for two years on the Certification of Theological Initiation course. Pray for Toni and his wife, Ludivine, as they plan to return to southeast France to work with a Protestant evangelical church in Grasse to plant a new congregation in a neighbouring town.

**WED 15** Robbie and Lizzie Bellis serve at the Eglise Protestante Evangélique de Louvain-la-Neuve in Belgium, where Robbie is the pastor. Praise God for the new initiative of bi-monthly guest services, and pray that all church members will be excited by the gospel and that the church family will grow in their love for the non-Christians they know. Pray

for the church family to invite others to come to church and that some will come (it's a weird thing for a Belgian to come to a Protestant church!) and be saved. Continue to pray for the Bellis family, that the children will know Jesus personally and that Robbie and Lizzie will grow in him.

**THU 16** Pray for James and Lou Clark who serve in student ministry in the university town of Louvain-la-Neuve in French-speaking Belgium, alongside the Bellises. As this academic year gets going, pray for the Lord's mercy in opening spiritually blind eyes on the university campus, and for the believing students to be ready and willing to hold out the Word of Life. Pray for love, joy, patience and perseverance for the Clark family, relying on the strength of the Lord.

**FRI 17** Sena and Jane Ounate-Lare lead Eglise Le Bon Berger in the city of Caen, in Normandy, France. Praise the Lord for the spiritual growth they are seeing in the lives of individual church members. Pray for leaders in the church, especially those who have recently stepped into new positions of service. Pray they lean on the Lord and his grace. Pray for the refugees whom the church has recently welcomed, that the Lord will uphold them through the care and support of church members.

**SAT 18** Study partner David Delahaye works as a professional diver and is part of Le Bon Berger church in Caen, France, led by mission partner, Sena Ounate-Lare. There is a great need for trained church ministry workers in Normandy. Pray for David as he studies the four-year online Postgraduate Diploma in Theology through the Faculté Jean Calvin in Aix-en-Provence, to be equipped to assist Sena in pastoral leadership.

**SUN 19** Tom and Liz Trump serve at Eglise Emmanuel Etterbeek in central Brussels, Belgium, where Tom is the pastor. Praise God for his sustaining grace to the Emmanuel Etterbeek church family this

past year. A particular highlight was the church's weekend away, with times of fellowship and talks on 2 Corinthians. Pray for God to continue his work in and through this church as they stick with this Christian ministry that is both glorious (as God's grace is always glorious!) and weak (as God keeps his people fragile so we lean on him more).

**MON 20** Charles and Frances de Roemer lead a church plant in the market town of Binche, in rural Wallonia, Belgium. Pray that God will give them wisdom, discretion and compassion to handle some of the pastoral and social issues within their community. Pray for help both from the Lord, and from his people, that Charles and Frances will be spurred on in their ministry even when it feels weak.

## Southern Africa

**TUE 21** Lighthouse Academy, the township primary school in Villiersdorp, South Africa, where Janet Webb serves in Bible ministry is growing! Each year the oldest age group pioneers a new class. Thank God for the school's Christian founders and board of governors whose vision includes that every child has 'a bright hope...the joy of knowing their Creator God'. Pray for logistics and funding as they open a new class in January 2026. Pray that the Lighthouse Academy children put their hope in our Creator God. To God be the glory!

**WED 22** Study partner Marko Nguale is studying the Christian Religious Professional course at Johannesburg Bible College (JBC), South Africa. Marko serves in the Sudan Interior Church, a denomination in South Sudan, that has recently established a partnership with JBC. The Sudan Interior Church has very little in the way of resources or formal theological training. Pray Marko acquires much-needed skills to help train others in evangelism, discipleship, church planting and management, plus church leadership in a mostly unreached area.

**THU 23** Nat and Helen Schluter serve in South Africa, where Nat is the principle of Johannesburg Bible College (JBC), and Helen teaches and serves in operations. Give thanks for the students at JBC who have persevered this far and pray for them completing their final assessments and graduating in November at our Celebration Commissioning (CELCOM). Pray for the JBC team as they head to the end of this year, to finish well with energy and joy. Pray that preparations for CELCOM go well and that the JBC gospel partners being recognised in the service will rejoice. Isaac and Azola Schluter are currently writing their school end exams. Pray they will stay strong, remain healthy and remember all they have learned.

**FRI 24** Adam and Nomfundo Tomalin serve in South Africa. They write, 'we're praising God for the opportunity to travel back to the UK to connect with partner churches and individuals, and to form new partnerships as well. Praise God too for the many family members we've been able to connect with whilst in KwaZulu-Natal and the visits from Nomfundo's younger sister and mother. Pray for us as we transition from serving at Christ Church Fredville to the ministry of The Bible Talks at the end of 2025. Pray for us to settle well into a new home and church community.'

**SAT 25** Study partner Alex Sserwadda is studying the online MTh course with the South African Theological Seminary. He is Deputy Head of Theology at the United Martyrs' Seminary in Namugongo, Uganda, and rector of a local parish. Alex has asked for prayer for wisdom, vigour and stamina with all the demands of his studies, his teaching and his church leadership responsibilities, as well as being a husband and father.

**SUN 26** Christ Central Soweto is a church in Soweto, a township in Johannesburg, South Africa, pastored by Rev Musa Ntinga. Christ Central Soweto have outgrown their current venue and are in the final

stages of acquiring a new building. The process has been fraught with delays and local council politics; pray for patience, perseverance and peace in God's timing. Pray the new building enables Christ Central Soweto to grow their local community outreach. Pray too for Siphwe, who is being trained in church planting by Musa, and for his wife, Ntombi. They are preparing to plant a church in Zola, a suburb of Soweto, in 2026. Pray for a team of faithful Christians to work alongside in this new venture.

**MON 27** At the United Church of Zambia University in Kitwe, study partner and BTh student, Bright Musonda, has had opportunities to share the gospel through the university's charity work at a local clinic. Pray for Bright as he attends St Margaret's Church for his field work, where he has preached, attended Bible studies, conducted pastoral visits and been engaged with student ministry at Kitwe College of Education through Zambia Fellowship of Evangelical Students (ZAFES).

**TUE 28** John and Jenny Miller live in South Africa, where John teaches at Johannesburg Bible College (JBC). Thank God for a fruitful year of learning for Johannesburg Bible College students and pray that students will continue to grow in Christ after completing their studies, and continue in faithful biblical teaching. Pray for wisdom for John writing new course material, and for Jenny teaching the children at church each week. Pray that all the Miller family would be rejoicing in the Lord each day.

**WED 29** Andy and Rachel Symons serve in Mkushi, Zambia, providing Bible training for a network of local churches. The last few months have seen Andy attending and teaching at a number of local church conferences. They write, 'It is a great privilege to be able to teach God's word at these events, but our prayer is that it will spark a greater interest in training. Pray that the Lord will continue to place the right people in Andy's path for training. Pray also for our family, that we will keep trusting the Lord day to day.'

**THU 30** Give thanks for study partner Banele Maseko, a ministry worker with Christ Church Soweto in Johannesburg, South Africa. Banele is studying the three-year Bachelor of Theology course at the South African Theological Seminary in Sandton. Pray he will be equipped for the church's ministries in the township, reaching out with the gospel to children, youth and families as well as to the students in the local campus of the University of Johannesburg.

**FRI 31** Alun and Debbie Burt live and work in Heideveld, Cape Town, where Alun is the rector of St Thomas Church. They write, 'pray with us for the people on our second Explore Christianity course of the year. And rejoice with us at the congregation's outreach over the past few months, and for the subsequent opportunities to explain the gospel clearly to those who are interested. Pray for open ears and eyes, and softened hearts to Jesus. Pray the church family is spurred on in their outreach, which though hard and costly, is worth it.'

## November 2025

**SAT 1** James and Lucy Buchanan serve at Hope Church Auckland Park in central Johannesburg, South Africa. Pray that James, Lucy and the church staff team finish the year well. Currently, many students are taking exams before they return home for the holidays, many to tricky home situations. Pray for them to stand firm in the faith and honour Jesus. In December, ministry at Hope Church quietens down but November is extremely busy with training, preparing and planning for 2026. Pray for faithful and faith-filled plans for 2026 and for the Lord's sustaining grace for James and Lucy.

**SUN 2** Study partner Josephine Johannes from Windhoek, Namibia, is the administrator at the Central Bible College and serves in the women's ministry and

training of Sunday School teachers at her local REACH-NA church. Pray for Josephine studying the second year of the NQF5 Christian Religious Professional course at Johannesburg Bible College (JBC) in South Africa, where she wants to understand more about Bible-handling teaching ministries like JBC and the Proclamation Trust.

## Eastern Europe

**MON 3** Brada and Yatza Radanovic live in Novi Sad, Serbia, where Brada pastors Grace Evangelical Church. Praise God for the slow but steady growth of the church membership, and for encouraging signs of deepening maturity in the teenagers. Pray for God's guidance and strength as the church seeks to use every opportunity to share the gospel in the run up to Christmas. Pray too for Brada to have wisdom as he counsels couples and helps them establish wise strategies in conflict prevention and/or resolution. Pray these men and women grow in their appreciation of God's good design for communication in relationships.

**TUE 4** Riste and Tea Micev run Project Timothy in Novi Sad, Serbia, training church leaders and workers for preaching, evangelism and discipleship, and translating Christian resources into Serbian. Pray for the Žene u Reči (Women in the Word) programme. 26 women are currently meeting in person for the third time this year, studying 1 and 2 Samuel. Give thanks for their commitment to God's word and to meeting regularly over the course of the two-year programme. Pray there will be opportunities for these women to pass on what they are learning to their churches and the people they serve.

**WED 5** Local Baptist minister and study partner, Radomir Jovetic, is studying the MA in Local Church Ministry at the Teoloških Nauka Academy in Novi Sad, Serbia. He is being equipped to teach local pastors and church workers and to promote expository preaching at the Baptist seminary, where he

is chaplain, and through Project Timothy. Pray Radomir would deepen his theological and biblical knowledge and his Christian character as a Bible teacher and church pastor.

**THU 6** Graeme and Bequi Innes serve at Imago Dei in Chişinău, Moldova. Pray for Graeme and Bequi as they seek to train Christian leaders and Bible teachers. In the midst of the busyness of family life and wider ministry responsibilities, pray for regular opportunities to meet with, disciple and equip Moldovan Christians to rightly handle the Word of truth. This November there will be a conference for pastors from across Moldova, so pray that it will be a beneficial time with solid preaching and edifying times of fellowship and encouragement.

**FRI 7** Matt and Sarah serve at Logos Church, an evangelical church in Chişinău, Moldova. Praise God for the work of CSC (Community of Christian Students), which Matt and Sarah are involved in alongside their work with the local church. Thank the Lord for the staff and volunteers who work to disciple Christian students and share the gospel with those who do not yet know Jesus. Pray for wisdom to reach non-Christian students effectively, for good collaboration with local churches, and for Matt and Sarah as they humbly seek to help them sharpen their evangelical vision.

## East Africa

**SAT 8** Gerald and Louise Mwangi, along with Jeremiah, Daniel and James, train youth and children's workers in Kenya. The new school year is well underway; pray Gerald and Louise's children enjoy great relationships with their school friends, and Louise, who works at their school, enjoys the same with her colleagues. Pray that they will be salt and light in their local and school community. Pray too for Gerald, who is teaching the Bible to many young people and ministers of the gospel. Pray he will be wise, discerning and spiritually refreshed.

**SUN 9** Jomo Nderitu is the youth worker for the Diocese of Marsabit in northern Kenya, and is responsible for the youth ministry across the diocese's 64 churches. Praise God for ongoing opportunities for gospel ministry in mentoring and discipling students in schools. Give God thanks for his gifts of gospel apprentices who have been very instrumental in helping Jomo reach at least three schools every week. Continue to pray for fruit among the youth and children's workers who attended the summer Diocesan Summit, that what they heard will inspire and influence their ministry for good.

**MON 10** Ministering in the Anglican Diocese of Maseno South in Kenya, study partner Erick Otieno is studying the MA in Theological Studies online through the Africa International University to further equip him to lead ministry training in the diocese. Pray for Erick as he is involved in the grassroots Bible and leadership training project, BUILD, established by Crosslinks mission partner Jem Hovil. Erick will lead the BUILD training in western Kenya; pray his studies prepare him well for this task.

**TUE 11** Join Rev George Ochiel, director of St Julian's Training Centre in Nairobi, Kenya, in thanking God for a recent opportunity to visit the partner churches in UK, and pray George's time bears fruit in more gospel partnerships. Pray for God's provision for a student library, and wisdom as to whether to develop this as a physical or digital resource. Pray this venture helps deepen students' knowledge of God, and therefore their love for him and service of his people.

**WED 12** Dr Alison Talbert is working at the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme in Kilifi, Kenya, and gives thanks to God for the success of the first phase with 108 non-pregnant women in a clinical trial to find the optimal dose of micronutrients for local women in Kilifi

County, Kenya. Now in the phase of recruiting 108 pregnant women, she asks for prayer for members of the community to be willing to enter the study, good health for all the participants and for safe births of their babies.

**THU 13** Evans Opiyo served as the mission director for the ACK Diocese of Bondo in western Kenya where he saw the need to train both clergy and lay people so they can evangelise and disciple others. As he studies the BA Theology course at Great Lakes University of Kisumu, pray that Evans will be equipped in biblical expository preaching, discipleship, pastoral care and in training Christians to engage in gospel mission and evangelism.

**FRI 14** Pray for Rachael and Bernie Muluuta as they study theology at Oak Hill Theological College in London in preparation for ministry back in Uganda. Pray for Bernie as he continues studying the biblical languages and for them both as they delve into the Old Testament prophets. They write, 'the Old Testament prophets are not often taught in churches across Uganda and yet they have much to offer in helping us understand our naturally rebellious ways and our Heavenly Father who loves to save and rescue.'

**SAT 15** Nekemte School for the Deaf is a Christian community-based education programme for children with disabilities in Ethiopia. Praise God for the provision of three fuel-efficient mud stoves which can also function as ovens. These stoves enable the school to make injera for meals, and boil tea and coffee. Give thanks too for answered prayer: one of the deaf teachers is now teaching wood and metal work to students, equipping them with useful skills that may help them to support themselves as adults. Lift up the installation of a bakery, which will provide additional support for the school's costs. Pray that these logistics will enable the school to continue both educating the students, and sharing the Lord Jesus with them.

**SUN 16** Having been a church evangelist in the Anglican Diocese of Kagera in northwest Tanzania for over sixteen years, study partner Yohana Ntabindi has a wide knowledge of and experience in local church ministry, which the Diploma in Theology course at Kagera Christian Theological College will strengthen. Pray Yohana will be equipped to take up ordained parish ministry and lead the church in local gospel outreach, particularly reaching children and young people.

**MON 17** Ken Irungu serves as the youth and children's worker at GracePoint Church Kikuyu, on the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya. Ken writes, 'we want to see the gospel faithfully proclaimed to children and young people. Pray for the Holiday Club happening this month, and for our Annual Youth Camp being held 3-7 December. Pray for fruit from these two events, and for faithfulness in proclaiming the gospel. Pray for more leaders to sign up to help with these events. Pray for continuing faithfulness as I seek to be a disciple-making disciple.'

**TUE 18** Join Andrew and Eunice Moody in thanking God for the 15 pastors who were ordained in Nebbi Diocese, Uganda, this year. Pray that God will show them how they can serve faithfully in their parishes. Pray for the diocese's evangelism team as they continue to visit two prisons each month, that they will boldly and winsomely share the gospel. Pray for Andrew's mother as her physical and mental health continue to decline, for comfort and good care, and for Andrew and Eunice to know how best to support her despite being far away.

**WED 19** Study partner Dereje Gobana is at Nekemte Christian Education College in west Ethiopia. Dereje is studying the four-year BA in Practical Theology. He has been training local church groups in evangelism, which have seen people become Christians through their gospel outreach. Pray for Dereje as he also leads a discipleship group of 25,

a confirmation class of 18 and runs Bible classes for church members.

## Central Europe

**THU 20** Give thanks for the many new opportunities that Jirka and Keira Kralovi have to share the good news of Jesus Christ with students and others in Olomouc, Czech Republic. Give thanks especially for the recent student weekend away they have just returned from, which was a great encouragement for many Christian students to keep going in the faith. The weekend also coincided with a visit from a church team of the Kralovis' partner church, Holy Trinity Oswestry. Pray both the Kralovis and the team members are mutually encouraged by time spent together. Beth Buchanan, Director of Mission Personnel, is visiting Jirka and Keira this month. Pray Beth's visit is helpful to them in their ministry with university students, the church plant, and other youth and evangelistic ministries.

**FRI 21** Andy and Zsófi Oatridge lead Acorn Bibliai Képzés (ABK), which trains Hungarian leaders in Bible-centred youth work, and serve in a church plant. Praise God for the new ABK course, ÉMP, running in partnership with the National Youth Building organisation where Andy and Zsófi have the privilege of training and mentoring 15 youth leaders. Pray for wisdom and love in Andy and Zsófi's mentoring conversations as this is the first time they are taking up this role in a more formal capacity. Continue to pray for wisdom as Andy and Zsófi restructure ABK which runs these Bible training courses.

## Crosslinks

**SAT 22** Crosslinks is served by the steadfast, behind-the-scenes ministry of the Board of Trustees. Praise the Lord for the cheerfully willing service of Tim

Houghton (Chair), Gabriel Chiu, Chris Howles, Nick Jones, Deborah Kelly (Deputy Chair), David Mills, Greg Obong-Oshotse, Kate Randle, James Steer, Rod Thomas, Mark Walkington, Vicky Widdows and Nick Winther. Ask the Lord to uphold them as they give up their time, energy and wisdom to maintain the gospel priorities and direction of Crosslinks' ministry.

**SUN 23** Crosslinks is helping individuals and families as they are sent to do evangelism in the Republic of Ireland. The Republic of Ireland has the lowest proportion of evangelical Christians in the English-speaking world. Pray for the Ireland team – for Richard Balmer, Val Gibson, and Pam Smyth – as they help these mission partners develop partnerships with individuals and churches in the UK and Ireland.

**MON 24** Praise the Lord for the many supporters of Crosslinks who give sacrificially to gospel ministry, many as the widow gave her two copper coins in Luke 21:1-4. Praise the Lord for their investment in his global church and ask him to honour their gifts, ensuring they are stewarded well to enable further global gospel proclamation.

**TUE 25** Praise the Lord for the faithful and cheerful leadership of John McLernon (Mission Director), Beth Buchanan (Director of Mission Personnel), Mark Hackett (Director of Finance and Operations) and Rupert Shelley (Director of Mission Partnerships). Give thanks to God for his sustaining of them through busy roles and ministries, and on visits to partner churches and mission partners. Ask the Lord to continue to sustain them spiritually and protect their integrity as they steer and support their teams.

**WED 26** Give thanks for the Hub team – for Mark Hackett, Ade Adeoye, Chris Mukhtar, Alex Powell and Andrew Taylor – and for their essential yet often unseen work supporting those serving in

mission, the Board of Trustees and other staff teams within Crosslinks. Give thanks for the Lord's sustaining of the team with the transition to a new website and the recent office move.

**THU 27** Pray for the Mission Partnerships team – for Rupert Shelley, Helen Burns, Margaret McGuire and Dan Reid – asking the Lord that they will continue serve joyfully and humbly. Give thanks for the recent addition of Dan Reid as the new Communications Lead, and pray he settles in well. Pray that the Partnerships team will have Christlike attitudes as they relate to one another in the busy run up to Christmas.

**FRI 28** Pray for the Mission Personnel team – for Beth Buchanan, Anastasia Gibbs, Susie Harker, Dee Hemingway and Ian Marden – and ask the Lord to uphold them with discernment and energy as they provide essential pastoral and administrative care of mission personnel around the world. Pray for the team handling an increasing number of enquiries for overseas mission, that the Lord will grant them increased wisdom and capacity in their roles.

Find more background material to aid you in your prayers for Crosslinks mission personnel at [crosslinks.org](https://crosslinks.org), or by using the *People & Places* booklet. You can also get these prayer points via the PrayerMate app at [praynow4.org/crosslinks](https://praynow4.org/crosslinks).

If you would like extra copies of the prayer diary or of *People & Places*, email [contact@crosslinks.org](mailto:contact@crosslinks.org)

**SAT 29** Pray for the gap year team members who are preparing to serve the Lord in Africa for six months from January 2026. Pray for their practical preparations, for raising funds and applying for visas, that the Lord may guide their steps. Pray too for their spiritual preparation, that they will spend time in God's word and foster servant-hearted attitudes. Pray for grace and patience for Anastasia Gibbs in the Mission Personnel team as she manages the applications, the pastoral care and the many logistics of these teenagers.

**SUN 30** Give thanks for the School of Biblical Training (SBT) that happened in September in a South Asian country, with teaching on Judges and 1 Thessalonians. Pray that these elders, pastors and Bible teachers will be encouraged and strengthened to keep expounding God's word, when most of the preaching in the country is topic-based and very vulnerable to the influence of prosperity teaching. Praise God for the preaching training of about 30 young pastors in the north of a country in East Asia over recent years, and pray for wisdom for those considering how to take this programme ahead next year, so that it can have a deeper influence. faithful exposition of the Bible across the country.



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