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Prayer Diary

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East Africa

SUN 1 Gerald and Louise Mwangi (with Jeremiah, Daniel and James) train youth and children's workers in Kenya. Please pray for Louise as she works as Head of Academics in a small international primary school in Nairobi where Jeremiah, Daniel and James attend. Please pray for all of them to be salt and light in that environment. Pray particularly for Louise to be kind, discerning and wise as she is involved in management of the staff, providing mentorship and support as well as correction when needed.

MON 2 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 the successful sports ministry and for the Explore theological course. Praise God for the resources for ministry in 2025, and for the churches and individuals who faithfully support this work through Crosslinks. Pray for the Children and Youth Workers' Summit in April. Pray for strength and sufficient resources for the ministry in 2026, including a one-week iMarika youth conference in December.

TUE 3 One of our two new study partners at Africa International University in Kenya is Celestine Lagat, who is the Children's Ministry Coordinator at All Saints Cathedral in Nairobi. Celestine is studying the two-year MDiv in Theological studies course. Pray that this course will equip her to teach and nurture the children, mentor and empower the Sunday School teachers and volunteers and maintain a Christ-centred and biblically sound children's ministry programme.

WED 4 Pray for St Julian's Training Centre in Nairobi, Kenya, as they seek to train pastors across Kenya in Bible-based preaching. Pray for pastors who receive training to preach faithfully to their congregations, so that communities, churches and individuals grow in faith. Pray for the leadership team and the advisory committee to have wisdom for future planning of the programme.

THU 5 Dr Alison Talbert is working at the Kenya Medical Research Institute-Wellcome Trust Research Programme in Kilifi, Kenya. Give thanks for the team of more than 40 employees and students that she supervises at the KEMRI/Wellcome Trust research unit. Pray that she will grow as a mentor as team members develop their research skills and gain experience, and that she will encourage those lacking in confidence to become leaders in their own fields.

FRI 6 Our other new study partner at Africa International University in Kenya is Eric Ndekenge, who is from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Eric is studying the three-year MA Missions course to equip him to train church leaders in theology, church planting, evangelism and discipleship. Pray for Eric and these leaders who often face the consequences of political turmoil and armed conflict in their country.

SAT 7 Rachael and Bernie Muluuta are studying theology at Oak Hill Theological College in London as they prepare to return to ministry in Uganda. They write: Thank God for the finances for and the privilege of spending time deeply studying the word of God and thinking through what it means to pastor and disciple people in a Christ-like way. This semester we have modules on word ministry, the minor prophets and pastoral care. Pray the word and Spirit would be greatly at work revealing our blind spots and growing us in the areas necessary so that we reflect more deeply our Lord and Saviour. Please also pray for us as we prepare for the arrival of our baby girl in mid-May!

SUN 8 Nekemte School for the Deaf is a Christian community-based education programme for children with disabilities in Ethiopia. Give thanks for the new partnership with Deaf Child Hope, an American Christian charity, who arrange child and teacher sponsorships. Pray for good communication across the language barrier and for the school with the extra work involved. Praise God that the wood workshop has made its first sale of 35 mini blackboards to Nekemte and outlying village schools. Pray that the building of the bakery will start now that the site has been decided. Pray that the UK team finds a way to provide the hearing aids that the school requests.

MON 9 In Tanzania, at Kagera Christian Theological College, where parish workers and clergy from the Kagera Diocese are trained, Erick Josephat is enrolled on the one-year Evangelist Certificate course. Pray for our study partner, Erick, as he will serve in the Nyakahanga Parish, where there is a need for trained evangelists and church workers.

TUE 10 Ken Irungu serves as the youth and children's worker at GracePoint Church Kikuyu, on the outskirts of Nairobi, Kenya. Praise God for the opportunity each week to teach about 80 children in Sunday school. Pray for more leaders/volunteers to sign up to help with teaching the five age-appropriate groups. Praise God for about 20 young people who join for Youth on Fridays. Pray for fruit that will last from this weekly fellowship. Pray for Ken and his wife Ann to keep growing as disciples who make disciples.

WED 11 Also being trained on the Evangelist course at Kagera Christian Theological College in Tanzania is study partner, Geoffrey Marco. He will be involved in parish ministry and gospel outreach with Erick Josephat in the Nyakahanga Parish. Pray this course will equip them both to declare the good news of Jesus to many in the communities where they will be sent.

Central Europe

THU 12 Jirka and Keira Kralovi run student ministries at Olomouc University and train Christianity Explored leaders in the Czech Republic. Please pray for Jirka and Keira as they continue studies with the student Christian group in Olomouc. Pray especially for outdoor evangelistic events coming up as the weather improves and for non-Christians who have been coming, that Jesus would call them to himself. Please also pray for some contacts Keira has made, that they would ask more about the Bible and the gospel and come along to see more.

FRI 13 Andy and Zsófi Oatridge lead Acorn Bibliai Képzés (ABK), which trains Hungarian leaders in Bible-centred youth work, and serve in a church plant. Andy also serves part-time as Director of Langham Preaching: Europe and Caribbean. Praise God for the many different day / weekend Regional Acorn Bible courses this spring, and for the expansion of this course as it goes to different parts of Hungary to help youth leaders and pastors. Please pray for more teachers to join the team which would enable more training opportunities regionally. Pray also for wisdom and guidance as Andy, Zsófi and the Acorn team seek God's will for the future of Acorn as Andy juggles Acorn, Langham and local church responsibilities.

Central & South America

SAT 14 Matt and Helen Pope serve in Santiago, Chile, mentoring and training local pastors. Please pray for Matt working mainly with pastors in Chile. Pray especially that Matt can help them create a culture in their churches that creates leaders and new believers. Pray for the whole family (Helen, Eva and Judah) that their love for the LORD would grow and grow this year. Pray also for joy, fun and safety living in Chile. And specifically for Eva to be able to get a visa to work in the USA in 2026-27.

SUN 15 New study partner, Joaquín Cortes, has just started the two-year BTh course at the Centre for Pastoral Studies in Santiago, Chile, and is training for pastoral leadership and ordination in the Anglican Church of Chile. Please pray for Joaquín who, once he has completed his studies, has a particular desire to work in church ministry and gospel outreach in the south of the country among indigenous peoples.

MON 16 Please pray for Andy and Bethanie Walker and family to recover from a three-month road trip round the UK visiting churches and to recalibrate to life and ministry in Mendoza, Argentina. Praise God with them for so many wonderful opportunities to reconnect with family and friends, share what the Lord is doing and also to enjoy some of the cultural highlights of the UK like snow, fried breakfasts and musicals! Pray for recently arrived short-termer Ben Herring as he serves in Mendoza for four months.

TUE 17 Also beginning the two-year BTh course at the Centre for Pastoral Studies in Chile is study partner, Rodrigo Salas Tapia. He was a schoolteacher and head of department but is now training for full-time church ministry in the Anglican Church. Currently serving as a church youth worker and Sunday school teacher, pray that this course will help equip Rodrigo for overall pastoral leadership.

WED 18 Prédica Fiel ('Faithful Preaching') trains Cuban church leaders and Bible teachers how to interpret and teach the Bible. Alexis Perez, who leads Prédica Fiel, writes: It is a busy season at Prédica Fiel. We praise God for all the ministry that is going on right now. We are in the middle of our online mentorship programme, local training in Havana, and some in-person preaching workshops. All this in the middle of harsh conditions in Cuba. Please pray for pastors and Christians in Cuba, that they can stand firm in the middle of so many hardships

that have been going on for more than 60 years but continue to get worse.

THU 19 Having had to defer his studies for a year, Ignacio Navarro is another study partner at the Centre for Pastoral Studies in Chile who is now able to start the two-year BTh course. Ignacio and his wife, Tiara, also studying at CEP, are planning to be involved in helping to establish and strengthen a small Anglican congregation in the coastal city of Valparaiso, east of Santiago.

Southern Europe

FRI 20 JP and Sue Aranzulla serve at Forte Torre church in Bologna. Pray for them as they pray and plan through all the implications of leaving Bologna to move to Genoa in early 2027, capital city of the region of Liguria, with the aim of laying foundations for beginning another church plant from late 2027 onwards. Pray the Lord would raise up godly faithful leadership for Forte Torre, and for a smooth and united transition process.

SAT 21 Jonny and Ruth Pullar serve at Stupenda Grazia Church in Modena, Italy. Please pray for their personal encouragement and growth in grace, and that they'd be good examples of following Jesus. Thank God for the new opportunities to serve university students. Pray the believing students would come to the Christian Union and invite coursemates to 'come and see' Jesus. Also for the students Jonny and Ruth meet one-to-one to grow in faith and their walk with Christ.

SUN 22 Chris and Lizzie Brown are based in Bologna, Italy and serve with the Gruppi Biblici Universitari (GBU), the Christian student movement. In the run-up to Easter they have some Mark Drama performances planned both with churches and GBU groups. Pray these will be effective in reaching non-Christian friends. Their church will organise an egg hunt in the local park the week

before Easter. Pray for good weather and that many kids and families will come and think about the importance of the resurrection.

MON 23 Mark and Jane Oden are transitioning from being based in Naples, Italy – where they have served since 2013 at the Chiesa Evangelica Neapolis, a church in the heart of the city – to serving Chalmers Church, Edinburgh. Please give thanks for the leadership team that the Lord has raised up around Mark and Jane. Pray for M and L as they lead the church, for wisdom and love. Pray for the members as they get used to new leadership, that they would encourage M and L in their new roles. Please pray for Mark's induction service at Chalmers (26 March) and for the Oden family as they jump several cultures: Naples / Edinburgh, small church / big church, Italian free evangelical / Scottish presbyterian background.

TUE 24 Please give thanks to God for Comunidade da Graça, the church plant in Coimbra, Portugal, where Joe and Rachel Clarke are serving. Pray that as God's word is taught, God's people would be transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ, and unbelievers would repent and believe. Moreover, please pray for Joe as he speaks at a church youth weekend away near the end of this month, followed by a mission week.

WED 25 Chris and Rosy Redfearn serve at Méndez Nuñez Church in Valencia, Spain. They write: March in Valencia is wild with fireworks being set off in the streets 24/7 until a final huge statue burning. It'll be wild for us as a family too as Rosy is due with our third on the 16th. Please pray for: safe delivery and time to enjoy the new life in the family; a big youth apologetics event planned for the last Saturday in March to give the youth in the city confidence in the truth of the gospel; the evangelism group from the church to have opportunities to not just speak of Jesus but also see their friends want to investigate things further.

THU 26 Julian and Nicky Milson serve in Valencia, Spain, where Julian leads Comunidad Anglicana Evangélica de Valencia. They write: Give thanks for a good term at church and the continuing grace of God at work in our church family. We feel fragile but safe in God's hands. Please pray that he would work mightily through our weakness and that his glory would be seen in our frailty. Please pray for what seems like the enormous project of trying to raise funds to buy our own building. Please pray too for our son Theo as he sits his A-Level exams next term.

The UK and Ireland

FRI 27 Simon and Abigail Donohoe are working towards planting and establishing a church in Cherrywood, Dublin in partnership with Immanuel Church Dublin. Give thanks for an encouraging outdoor carol service in December and for the weekly Bible study that meets in their home. Please pray that the Lord would be gathering a united group of gospel-hearted people to be part of the launch team for the new church, that the Bible study group will keep growing in Christ and in number, for ongoing contact with those who've come along to evangelistic events, and that connections in the local area would lead to more opportunities to hold out Christ to the lost.

SAT 28 J works with refugees in a UK regional city. The Arabic-speaking Christian fellowship restarted a year ago and meets regularly on Saturday evening. Some members have very sporadic attendance, although this is expected within this community due to the level of uncertainty they encounter in personal circumstances. Do pray for some individuals who have challenging family relationships and others with mental health issues related to past trauma. Pray for consolidation in relationships with those who used to attend, the current core group and those that remain on the periphery.

SUN 29 Josh and Cathy Hooker have been on home assignment in Northern Ireland. Please pray for Josh as he returns to Namibia in April. Cathy and Matthew will return later, after Matthew's exams. Pray for suitable rented accommodation to become available in Windhoek. Pray for Josh as he reconnects with Eastside church and begins to minister alongside the leadership team. Pray for all the practical things that need to be done before their return to Namibia.

MON 30 Jem Hovil leads the UK charity BUILD Partners, which trains Christians in Bible-handling across East Africa. Jem is so encouraged by the tenacity of the BUILD programme of Kamango Diocese, in the volatile eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Pray for Revd Manzi as he leads the work, not least in the context of the recent death of their bishop, Daniel Sabiti-Tibafa. Praise God for the strong team of trainers that has been developed with cross-border help from BUILD in the Church of Uganda, and pray for the Lord's protection of the fledgling work and wisdom as they pray and plan to expand to other dioceses in eastern DRC.

TUE 31 Please join Michael Durant in praising God for the opportunity to become a Crosslinks mission partner based in the UK, working with the BUILD initiative across East Africa and beyond, training Christians in Bible-handling and leadership. Please pray for the ongoing fundraising and for wisdom as Michael's role takes shape. There is increasing demand for BUILD's training - please pray that more leaders would be equipped to lead biblically, to the glory of God!

April 2026

WED 1 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.

THU 2 Alastair and Elise Donaldson (with Josiah and Edith) are based in County Galway, Ireland, serving bi-vocationally in the community in partnership with Calvary Church, Loughrea. Give thanks that the Bible study group in Gort is growing in stability with a deeper sense of fellowship between our small number. Elise hopes to complete her studies in childcare by the end of May, enabling her to apply for a wider range of roles from September. Give thanks that the children continue to enjoy school and are making little connections for the gospel also. Please pray for further opportunities to grow the work in this part of Ireland!

FRI 3 'It is finished.' (John 19:30) Praise God for the sacrifice of his son Jesus on Good Friday. Pray that people all over the world who don't know him yet will see God's love for them displayed at the cross and put their trust in him. 'He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!' (Philippians 2:8)

SAT 4 Helen Sheridan is based in County Mayo, Ireland, where she serves at Calvary Church Castlebar. Helen is taking a six-month break, to June. Please pray the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they give would spur her on in hope and eagerness to return. As Paul prays, 'May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.' Please pray likewise for Calvary Church.

SUN 5 'He is not here; he has risen!' (Luke 24:6) Give thanks for the amazing truth of the resurrection! Praise God that sin and death are defeated, and that we have the certain hope of eternal life with him. Pray that many more people will have the opportunity to examine the evidence for themselves this Easter and encounter Jesus.

MON 6 Thorsten and Kerstin Prill, based in Scotland, are partnering with Crosslinks to provide theological guidance, cross-cultural training, member care and counselling to mission partners. Please pray for Thorsten as he helps Crosslinks develop a cross-cultural orientation programme for new mission partners. Remember all those serving cross-culturally, that they may cope well, enjoy cultural differences, and serve with sensitivity. Pray too for Kerstin and Thorsten as they provide pastoral support to mission partners from diverse backgrounds, asking that God grants them wisdom and genuine connection with each person.

Northern Europe

TUE 7 Chris and Lotta Strajnic serve at Emmaus Church in Stockholm, Sweden. Give thanks for the training programmes for small group leaders and church planters, and for the new potential leaders who are being trained. Give thanks for the recent Easter evangelistic service, both for all those involved in its preparation and for a clear gospel message. Pray for non-Christian visitors who came to the Easter service. May the gospel truths they heard bear fruit in their hearts.

WED 8 Trevor and Andrea Watson serve churches and their leaders in and around Gothenburg, Sweden, as well as equipping believers across Sweden through Rotad conferences and resources. They write: Give thanks for our recent Equipped conference with Sam Allberry. Our focus was Romans 12-15, and our theme, 'A people transformed by the gospel'. Please pray for the

gospel to go deeper in our lives and our churches, so that we would increasingly become like the one we believe in. Please pray for us as we prepare for our first 'A Praying Life' weekend in May. We want so much for prayer to be at the heart of our ministry here in Sweden. We know it needs to be!

THU 9 Pārdaugava Reformed Church (PRC) was planted in Riga, Latvia, in 2016, and is led by Mārtiņš Martinson. Praise God for sustaining the ministry during the cold and dark months of winter. Pray for the Bible study leaders and participants to continue in their diligence even as the summer approaches. Praise God for the new church members who have joined the congregation in the last few weeks. May God help them grow in maturity that is visible in their convictions and love for Christ and his people.

West Africa

FRI 10 Please pray for our four new DipTh study partners at Zabolo ECWA Theological Seminary (ETSZ) in Nigeria. Bala Ngodi will be involved in evangelism in northern Nigeria; Bulus Andu in gospel outreach in a neighbouring state; Jessica Matthew will serve in children's ministry and alongside her husband, also an ETSZ student; and Luka Ibrahim will be involved in gospel outreach and church planting through the Church of Christ in Nation in Plateau State.

SAT 11 Alex and Susannah serve in West Africa. Praise God for the printing of the W Bible. Pray the ship arrives this month, in time for the distribution ceremonies. Pray for 11 young men for Alex to disciple and for faithfulness in training them in the Scriptures. Pray for God to raise up 10 Baayfaal evangelists to share the gospel far and wide in this country. Pray for a Crosslinks short-termer who joined them in January, to grow in his faith, his language and his boldness in sharing the gospel with friends.

SUN 12 Rick and Alanna Creighton train pastors for church ministry at Jos ECWA Theological Seminary (JETS) in Nigeria, where they are getting towards the end of semester. Only a few weeks left until exams. Please give thanks for the learning, mentoring and discipleship that has happened this semester, and pray that the semester will end well. Their children, Asha, Conor and Jack, have a few weeks more of school, before the family travel to the UK for June/July. Please pray for Asha: she is finishing school, and hopes to begin university in the UK in September.

MON 13 Wisdom Joshua is a new study partner at the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Jos (JETS) in Nigeria. As an undergraduate, he helped Crosslinks mission partner, Dr Rick Creighton, as a teaching assistant at JETS. Wisdom is enrolled on the two-year MA Systematic Theology course, serves in his church's children and youth ministries, and shows potential as a theological educator in the future.

TUE 14 Portia Yiadom serves in Accra, Ghana, as the women's worker for Relite Africa Ministries – a Ghanaian-led Bible training scheme for university students. Give thanks for the 66 Relite students enrolled this year and the Lord's sustaining of them. Pray for the staff and volunteers teaching on the two-week Inter-Semester Programme happening this month, an intensive residential training in Bible exposition. Pray that nothing will stop students from joining, and that the course will equip them to handle God's word faithfully.

WED 15 Another new study partner at the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Jos (JETS), is Josephine Isuwa, studying the three-year BA Theology (Youth Ministry) course. Her fiancée is also studying at JETS as a church pastor. Pray for them both, especially Josephine as she will be a rare asset in the church in Nigeria as a trained pastor's wife and will be involved in young people's and women's ministry.

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.

THU 16 J and Y serve in Asia, teaching Greek and Hebrew to Christians. They write: Give thanks for enthusiastic new Greek and Hebrew teachers! Pray for the continual Greek and Hebrew training – the ongoing classes, training of new teachers and production of new materials, as well as making new links with seminaries and other groups. Pray about new laws coming into force which threaten to impact churches. Pray for courage to keep preaching Christ in season and out. Pray that as a family we will grow in Christ and be faithful witnesses in our neighbourhood.

FRI 17 N disciples young local believers returning to an Asian country from overseas. N gives thanks for the answered prayer in the provision of a local male co-worker for her online returnee group serving those settling back into her country from overseas. Pray that their team of now five would have wisdom to be encouraging returnees to put the Lord first in family, work, and in commitment to church as the pressures on believers in her country continue to increase.

SAT 18 E4L runs centres where they pastorally care for and educate children from a North Indian city's slums and the surrounding areas. Thank God for three new centres, serving some of the poorest of the poor villages. Please pray for the team as they plan to conduct Vacation Bible School (VBS) at all centres during the month of May. Pray for new admissions of children in all centres. Each centre is aiming to enrol 30 children, and there are currently a total of five E4L centres. Pray for the teachers, volunteers, and staff, that God would grant them wisdom, strength, protection, and a heart of love for the children they serve.

SUN 19 Sonu Chitrakar is a study partner on the two-year MDiv course at Nepal Ebenezer Theological Seminary, Kathmandu, and will teach and disciple women in a church in Bhaktapur and be involved in community outreach among women and youth. Pray for Sonu as she seeks to help educate women, youth, and others in their faith and daily life, especially as many young people are coming to Christ.

MON 20 John and Gillian Robinson run the Place of Grace, clubs and a foodbank in five of Bangkok's needy communities in Thailand. They write: Give thanks for our new bus which we used for the 12-hour drive up to Chiang Mai for a student convention, where every one of our students won a medal. Praise God the girls in the safe house are doing well and growing in Christ, and for two young women from Myanmar – one working in the safe house and one as a teacher at the school. Please pray for Gillian as she grieves the loss of her mum. Pray for families in the slum communities who are really struggling with finding work and their health.

TUE 21 Study partner Aliya Gharti is on the two-year MDiv course at Nepal Ebenezer Theological Seminary, Kathmandu, where he has served as an intern. Give thanks and pray for Aliya as he is training to be part of the teaching staff at NETS and as he encourages local church leaders as they seek to minister servant-heartedly to their congregations and teach God's word.

WED 22 SBT:NI trains church leaders to study, teach and apply God's word effectively in areas which are increasingly hostile to the gospel. Give thanks for the Ezra Theology Module which ran from 2–7 February, with 52 pastors and leaders in attendance. Give thanks too that 20 pastor-students have enrolled in the BTh (4-year) Ezra Theological Course for the academic years 2026–2029. Pray for the upcoming 17th Annual

Ezra Preaching Conference from 5–8 May for 150+ pastors and leaders. There will be talks from Exodus and Titus, along with six workshops focused on various practical ministry topics.

THU 23 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 thank God that they could visit family in England earlier this month, especially precious following the death of Rachel's dad last December. At St Andrew's Hall, students are coming to the end of an intensive that teaches them how to learn language in their future location. Pray that they will persevere in language learning so that those they serve will hear the gospel in their mother tongue.

FRI 24 Alex and Kate Phillips are serving in Busan, South Korea. Alex is the pastor of an international church, and Kate leads the women's ministry. They write: Please pray that we will fix our eyes on him more each day. Please praise God for growing our church family in unity and faith. Please pray that our church will be able to reach the growing population of international students with the gospel. Please praise God for Yuha, our foster child, and pray for her continued growth physically and spiritually. By the time this prayer diary is published, she may or may not have been adopted.

SAT 25 As Neil and Sharon Watkinson (with Anna) settle into Sydney, they ask for prayer adjusting to a new pattern of ministry and family life, with Neil balancing his role as Assistant Minister at St Luke's Clovelly with the Schools of Biblical Training work in the Asia-Pacific region. Please ask the Lord to help them serve people well locally; and for energy and wisdom for Neil helping those committed to preaching God's word across the region.

Western Europe

SUN 26 Steve and Dawn Orange live in Brussels, Belgium, where Steve is the pastor of the Protestant Evangelical Church of Woluwe. They write: On 23 and 24 May we have our church weekend with Robbie Bellis encouraging us to get to grips with our protestant reformed heritage. Please pray too for placement students with us: Florian, Pierre, Timothée, Toni, Lida, James, Joshua. May they be equipped for ministry now and in the future. We're planning on employing Lida part-time as a women's worker/logistics coordinator from September - that is a first for us as a church.

MON 27 InterAction run bilingual summer youth camps in Belgium, France and Germany. This is the time of year when the different teams of leaders get together for preparation days, start preparing their Bible talks for this summer's camps, when the head cooks plan their menus and make their food orders, and when directors assemble all the paperwork necessary for the camps to function. Pray with InterAction that all this activity will serve the cause of the gospel, through the evangelisation and discipleship of campers and through the training of leaders and assistant leaders.

TUE 28 Give thanks and pray for two study partners at the Institut Biblique de Bruxelles (IBB) for the 2025-26 academic year. Florian Vanlaethem is a recent convert to Christ, but has already shown leadership potential, so is studying the Certificate in Introductory Theology to explore possible church ministry in Woluwe. Clement Buchet is completing the three-year Diploma in Religious Science course in preparation for full-time gospel ministry in northern France.

WED 29 Robbie and Lizzie Bellis serve at the Eglise Protestante Evangélique de Louvain-la-Neuve in Belgium, where Robbie is the pastor. They write: Please thank God for new members joining the church and for baptisms taking place recently. Please pray that as a church we'd continue to spend time with unbelievers and seek opportunities to speak to them about Jesus and to invite them to church. Please pray also for the monthly evangelistic Bible club that Lizzie runs - may God give her energy, joy in Jesus and lots of good ideas, and may he use it to save some of the children and their parents. We are also preparing a children's holiday club for the month of July; please pray for non-Christian parents to be willing to sign their children up and that they'd hear the gospel.

THU 30 James and Lou Clark seek to reach and equip students in the university town of Louvain-la-Neuve in French-speaking Belgium, alongside the Bellises. Please pray for believing students on the campus to grow up in their salvation. Pray for James and Lou to be models of progress themselves, and be walking in a manner worthy of the gospel. Pray for the church plant to be growing in their joy of knowing Christ and in boldness and confidence to speak of the Lord's deeds.

May 2026

FRI 1 Sena and Jane Ounate-Lare lead Eglise Le Bon Berger in the city of Caen, in Normandy, France. Praise the Lord for the firm faith of several people in the church despite their difficult circumstances and pray that through this witness others will come to know Christ. On 14-16 May their church, together with six other churches in Normandy, will be hosting the Annual Convention of the French Baptist Federation in Caen. Pray for this event and for the delegates from over 100 churches throughout France.

SAT 2 Coming from Guadeloupe, study partner Jean-Davy Frair has been working with IFES Caribbean and is now training at Faculté Libre de Théologie Évangélique at Vaux sur Seine in France. Pray for Jean-Davy as he studies the three-year BTh Evangelical Theology course and will return with his wife to Guadeloupe to continue student ministry, and potentially be involved with pastoral ministry and Bible teaching in the Association of Evangelical Churches in Guadeloupe.

SUN 3 Tom and Liz Trump serve at Eglise Emmanuel Etterbeek in central Brussels, Belgium, where Tom is the pastor. They write: Please pray for the Emmanuel Etterbeek church family as we work through the rich treasure of the Lord's Prayer in our preaching series. May we learn from the Lord Jesus himself how to delight in God through prayer, shaping our prayers around his priorities and our daily needs. May this deepen our prayer life and strengthen prayer as the central exercise of our faith.

MON 4 Charles and Frances de Roemer lead a church plant in the market town of Binche, in rural Wallonia, Belgium. Being a Christian young person is very difficult in Belgium. The pressures of school performance and intolerance towards Christian beliefs are just two of the problems. Also in the Belgian church there are few fellow Christians to connect with. In the Binche church there is a small handful of youth (which is a real blessing!) and in recent months they have been meeting to study the Bible together. However, organising with youth is never easy, so pray for motivation on their behalf and patience for Charles and Frances as they facilitate these meetings.

Southern Africa

TUE 5 John and Jenny Miller live in South Africa, where John teaches at Johannesburg Bible College (JBC). Thank God for the growing number of JBC's sister colleges across Africa, and the privilege John has of supporting and encouraging staff. Pray for these colleges to faithfully train students to preach Christ from all the Scriptures, and for protection and provision for each college. Pray for patience and gentleness for Jenny home-schooling their three sons, and for all the Millers to be growing more like Jesus.

WED 6 There are two new BEST study partners in their first year at Johannesburg Bible College. The first is Felix Kuffuor who is from Ghana and will serve as a church-plant pastor in Accra with the Sovereign Grace Reformed Church. Pray for Felix as he studies the two-year NQF 5 Certificate - Christian Religious Professional course alongside others from South Africa and countries across Africa.

THU 7 Nat and Helen Schluter serve in South Africa, where Nat is the principal of Johannesburg Bible College (JBC), and Helen teaches and serves in operations. Give thanks with them for Easter and their students faithfully preaching Christ across churches in South Africa and beyond, and staff doing a week of teacher training. Please pray for the start of term two, as this is one of the tougher terms for students with assessments. JBC is looking forward to the Christianity Indaba (conference) at the end of this term. Please pray for the Alex campus build, JBC higher accreditation, and JBC related training across the continent.

FRI 8 Adam and Nomfundo Tomalin, with Thandiwe, are involved in student ministry with The Bible Talks in Pinetown, South Africa. Praise God for the first term of ministry on the university campuses, and for the official start on a new campus this term. Pray for the Tomalins as a family to continue to build and strengthen relationships with people on the team, at church, and in the surrounding community. Pray for them to keep pointing each other to Jesus in their family and to be intentional with the time they spend together.

SAT 9 Our second new study partner at Johannesburg Bible College is Yusuph Melele from Tanzania. Yusuph is studying the two-year NQF 5 Certificate – Christian Religious Professional course to be equipped to teach Training of Trainers, Bible Leadership and other classes at the Dar-es-Salaam Bible School. Pray for Yusuph as he trains and mentors young church leaders and also has a pastoral ministry in a church in a Muslim area.

SUN 10 Christ Central Soweto is a church in Soweto, a township in Johannesburg, South Africa, pastored by Rev Musa Ntinga. They write: Give thanks that we are now using the new church space and that new faces from the surrounding community are already beginning to join us. Pray that meaningful relationships would be formed, unity would continue to grow, and many would encounter Christ through our hospitality and love. Pray for the church property purchase to be fully finalised, trusting God for wisdom, provision, peace, favour, and clarity in every remaining step of the process. Pray that all our ministries would reach the new community and that God would use this space for lasting gospel impact.

MON 11 Among our new study partners at George Whitefield College in Cape Town is Nonhlanhla Tshabalala, who is studying the one-year BTh Hons course. Pray for Nonhlanhla who wants to be equipped further for Bible teaching and ministry among women and young people in Soweto, and also has potential to teach in a Bible college.

TUE 12 Janet Webb serves as a Bible teacher at the Lighthouse Academy, a township primary school in Villiersdorp, South Africa. Praise God for providing the resources and teachers needed to open a new class at Lighthouse Academy in January 2026! A hundred children from under-resourced communities are now part of the school. Please pray that the staff team will look to Jesus when navigating any settling in challenges. Pray for Janet to be faithful as she prepares Bible lessons and empathetic as she mentors new teachers in implementing them. Ask that God will do great things for his Kingdom in the hearts of Lighthouse Academy's teachers and children.

WED 13 Andy and Rachel Symons serve in Mkushi, Zambia, providing Bible training for a network of local churches. May is a time of waiting for the subsistence farmers in Zambia. The harvest starts around June, so Andy will continue to teach at his different churches until the harvest begins. Pray for God's word to be understood and applied. Rachel will be starting to help plan the annual conference that the church hosts at the boys' school. Please pray that the preparation will go well and that the conference will be well attended.

THU 14 Our second new study partner at George Whitefield College, studying the one-year BTh Hons course, is Tashil Singh. Tashil is an apprentice at a REACH church in Cape Town and ministers to many local teenagers from a neighbouring block of flats which is one focus of the church's gospel work. Pray for Tashil as he trains for evangelism and outreach and who has a heart for the Muslim community.

FRI 15 Alun and Debbie Burt live and work in Heideveld, Cape Town, where Alun is the rector of St Thomas Church. Pray for those who have joined St Thomas since the beginning of the year, that they would put down deep roots into God's word and his church, and that he would grow them to produce much kingdom fruit. Pray for the clergy of REACH SA, as they go on retreat together this month. Pray for unity and renewed dedication to reach all of South Africa with the gospel.

SAT 16 Praise God for a growing church at Hope Church Auckland Park in Johannesburg, South Africa, where James and Lucy Buchanan serve. Please pray that many people in the church would join small groups and grow in their love for and service of one another. Please also pray for their staff team and volunteers, especially for joy, unity, and overflowing love for the Lord to sustain them towards the middle of their ministry year.

SUN 17 Having served in student ministry at Hope Church, Auckland Park, Dineo Aphane is now studying the two-year Higher Certificate in Christian Living course with the South African Theological Seminary in Johannesburg. Pray for study partner, Dineo, that previous ministry experience and his studies will equip him for pastoral leadership and Bible teaching and preaching in a REACH-SA church.

Eastern Europe

MON 18 Brada and Yatza Radanovic live in Novi Sad, Serbia, where Brada pastors Grace Evangelical Church. They write: Praise God for unbelievers who come to our services and testify that they feel accepted and unburdened from their issues. Pray that all our efforts and activities have a clear intention and outcome in mind, and Christ-like character formation above all. Pray that our evangelistic efforts stem from our daily walk with God in a normal and relaxed way.

TUE 19 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. Please pray for the Women in the Word programme they will be holding at the end of May, the second-to-last teaching workshop in a two-year programme. Pray for the 25 women who are going through the entire programme, that they would be blessed through the riches of God's word in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Give thanks too for their daughter who is doing well at school, and pray she can be a witness to Christ there.

WED 20 Local Baptist minister and study partner, Radomir Jovetic, is in his final semester of the MA in Local Church Ministry at the Theological Science Academy in Novi Sad, Serbia. He will teach local pastors and church workers and promote expository preaching at the Baptist seminary, where he has been 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 21 Graeme and Bequi Innes serve at Providenta Church in Chişinău, Moldova. Please join with them in giving thanks for the recent AER Moldova National Bible Conference, which Graeme co-organised. Praise be to God that hundreds of Moldovan believers from across the country gathered together for edifying teaching from God's word, and precious time of fellowship together. Please pray for the Innes family as they drive back to the UK for home leave this summer, and that this time in Britain will be restful, refreshing and encouraging as they continue to build gospel partnerships.

FRI 22 Join Matt and Sarah in thanking God for their new church family in Nisporeni, Moldova. Praise God for his guidance and provision as they moved, and how they've got to know the church family and the young people from the town who come to the kids' and youth groups. Please pray that God would work through camps for children and teens over the summer to grow his kingdom, and that Matt and Sarah would be good witnesses to their new neighbours.

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SAT 23 Schools of Biblical Training have taken place in several countries which are politically unstable, more prone to natural disasters or where the church faces persecution, adding to the challenges for developing the work. Please pray for the establishment of strong expository preaching movements – especially in the Asia-Pacific region; for God to draw together locals with the right convictions, gifts and experience to encourage like-minded biblical preachers; and for national churches to welcome faithful biblical preaching.

SUN 24 The Ireland Team aims to help churches and mission partners sustain healthy relationships as they strive together for the gospel. Please pray that the Lord would use the Ireland team – Richard Balmer, Pam Smyth and Val Gibson – to nurture loving gospel partnerships between those who are sent and those who are supporting them. Give great thanks for all our brothers and sisters in Ireland who love the Lord and his gospel.

MON 25 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 26 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 27 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 through the recent audit process, and pray for their ongoing work on this particularly ahead of the Crosslinks AGM in June.

THU 28 Pray for the Mission Partnerships team – for Rupert Shelley, Helen Burns, Margaret McGuire and Dan Reid – asking the Lord that they will continue to serve joyfully and humbly. Pray for encouragement as they attend the Evangelical Ministry Assembly (EMA) in London next month, and for the Lord to sustain them as they prepare for the Crosslinks Summer Celebration in June too.

FRI 29 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 joy and perseverance as they provide essential pastoral and administrative care for over 200 mission personnel around the world. Pray for wisdom as they help enquirers discern where and how they might serve long or short-term.

SAT 30 Pray for the gap year team as they are over halfway through their time in Cape Town. Pray particularly that their relationships with each other and with their hosts would be Christ-like. Pray that the Lord would protect them from and sustain them in conflict, weariness and homesickness. Pray their relationships with those they work with would deepen so that they can be more effective in their service.

SUN 31 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, David Mills, Greg Obong-Oshotse, Kate Randle, James Steer, Rod Thomas, Mark Walkington, Vicky Widdows (Deputy Chair), Joel Edwards 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.

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