

PRAYER NEWS

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Study Partner News



It is good to welcome **Ochalla Omot Cham** as our new study partner at **St Frumentius Anglican Theological College** in Gambella, Ethiopia. Ochalla is in his second year of the **Diploma in Theology** course. He comes from Dimma, a remote and

dangerous area in the south of the region. Ochalla plans to return in 2020 as a missionary to several small ethnic groups in Dimma where the gospel has as yet made little inroads.

We are also supporting **Simon Mumbere Mastaki**, studying the **Masters in Mission Studies** course at **Africa International University (NEGST)**. Simon is from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and is a pastor in the evangelical church, lectures at a church training institute and runs a gospel radio station.



Sadly, **Emanuel Danford** has been unable to start his **Masters in Theology and Contemporary Issues** course at **St John's University of Tanzania**. The university was unable to teach this level of courses this year due to a government restriction. Emanuel will continue his parish ministry and enrol at St John's next year when we hope the situation will have changed.

At the end of October 2018 BEST is committed to support 48 study partners from 24 countries, all actively engaged in theological and ministry courses in 24 different colleges in 17 countries. They are from:

AFRICA

Ethiopia 2; Ghana 2; Kenya 5; Malawi 1; Namibia 3; Nigeria 7; Rwanda 1; South Africa 5; Tanzania 6; Uganda 2; Zambia 2; Zimbabwe 1

ASIA

Myanmar 2; Nepal 1; Pakistan 1

EUROPE

France 1; Greece 1; Hungary 1; Serbia 2

SOUTH AMERICA

Chile 1; Peru 1

Of these, 33 are individual study partners and 15 are recommended through their institution's application.

There are 14 studying for a Masters/PhD; 21 are studying for Bachelor degrees; 4 are studying for Diplomas or Certificates, and 9 are on ministry training courses.

39 of them are men and 9 are women.

Crosslinks Summer Briefing

Whether you receive this newsheet by post or e-mail, we are including a copy of the 2018 Crosslinks Summer Briefing, which in this edition focuses on the work of BEST. You may have already have seen a copy of this publication but we have added it in case you can pass it onto others who may be interested in praying for and supporting BEST. More copies are available on request.



Irene Apio (Uganda) and **Khumbo Chimbali** (Malawi) were studying this year's **Ministry Training course** at **Johannesburg Bible College** in South Africa. Irene was unable to renew her visa for the last part of the year, but is completing the course by distance learning. Khumbo did not return to South Africa in July because of ill-health, which was due to the fact she was pregnant. Khumbo hopes to return and complete the course in the future.



John Maganjo Waithira from Marsabit diocese has changed his degree course from Psychology and Counselling to the modular **BTh** course at **Africa International University (NEGST)** in Nairobi. John will be travelling from Isiolo to Nairobi in December to attend the second module.

Previously, we had reported that **Thomas Poëtte**, studying for a **Research Masters** at the **Faculté Libre de Théologie Évangélique** in Vaux sur Seine, had moved to a pastorate in Marseille. Everything went well for Thomas and his family, who now also have a third child, a boy, Leon, born in August.



Thulisile Soko, who had been involved in the women's ministry at Hope Church, Auckland Park, Johannesburg has put her distance learning counselling course on hold since joining the full-time staff at **Johannesburg Bible College** earlier this year.



If you have not had the opportunity of reading **Cecilia Mumbi's** report from the mission trip to Lesotho that she and other George Whitefield College BTh students made this summer, take a look at her blog on the Crosslinks website – www.crosslinks.org/lesotho-mission-trip

Leavers

Pray for those who have completed their courses in the last couple of months or so and will be beginning to serve the local church or starting to work in bible colleges and other Christian organisations.

They are:

- **Anold Edward** completed his apprenticeship at iServe Africa in Nairobi and has returned to Tanzania to marry his fiancée, Joana, and to serve in the Diocese of Lweru.
- At Morogoro Theological College, **Elia Maluna** has finished the DipTh course and will be working in Gairo, Tanzania, especially ministering among Muslims.
- Also serving in Gairo will be **Julius Ndeni** and his family. Julius completed the BA in Theology course at St John's University of Tanzania, Dodoma.

