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## Prayer Diary

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## East Africa

**SAT 1** Gerald and Louise Mwangi train youth and children's workers in Kenya. Pray for Gerald as he hosts groups of young leaders for biblical training and discipleship. These men and women have influence in their communities, so pray for their faith, their walk with God, for them to trust the Lord in all things, to submit themselves to him, to remain repentant and to be diligent in preaching faithfully and in how they interact with others in their parish. Join the Mwangis in praying for more young people to become passionate followers of Christ, willing to be different from those around them and to evangelise to and disciple others.

**SUN 2** Jomo Nderitu is the youth and children's worker for Marsabit Diocese in northern Kenya, and is responsible for 64 churches. Pray for the Lord's protection for Jomo, both physically and spiritually, as he trains youth workers in the vast, rural diocese. Pray for Jomo to have wisdom to know what to prioritise when there are so many needs, and to trust God when he cannot do everything. Pray especially for the evangelistic work with tribes to continue bearing fruit so that many might be saved.

**MON 3** Study partner and lay reader Stanley Munyao has been involved in evangelism and preaching in his local parish in the Diocese of Makueni, Kenya. Recommended by the bishop, Stanley will study the three-year DipTh course at St Andrew's College of Theology and Development, Kabare. Pray for an increase in the number of trained clergy in Kenya, and for Stanley's work in the Diocese's Mission department in church planting to bear gospel fruit.

**TUE 4** Join Rev George Ochiel, director of St Julian's Training Centre in Nairobi, Kenya, in thanking God for the

bishops' workshop held in early January, and the opportunity George had to share the vision of St Julian's with eight bishops. Pray that the Anglican Church in Kenya will increasingly see the value of church leaders being trained to faithfully handle God's word. Give thanks too for the opportunity that has emerged from the Kenyan government's Department of Defence to train 70 chaplains, and pray for guidance on how to deliver the training well. Pray too there may be gospel ripple effects in the lives of many as a result!

**WED 5** Dr Alison Talbert is working at the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme in Kilifi, Kenya. Gives thanks for the successful start to the dose-finding trial of multiple micronutrient supplements for women of reproductive age. As Alison comes to the end of her term as deputy chair of the board of management of Upendo Children, an orphans' support project of the Methodist Church in Kilifi, join her in asking that God will raise up more local Christian volunteers to join the board.

**THU 6** From the Diocese of Kitui in Kenya, study partner Revd Wycliffe Sammy is enrolled on the four-year BDiv course at St Paul's University, Limuru. The Diocese of Kitui is in a semi-arid region with significant poverty and is considered a Missionary Area. Wycliffe has seen his congregation increase in numbers recently. Pray for his training, that he will be better equipped in Bible teaching, church leadership and discipleship.

**FRI 7** Rachael and Bernie Muluuta are in their second year studying at Oak Hill College, London in preparation for church ministry back in Uganda. Pray that they will continue to grow in confidence in and understanding of the Bible, and for Bernie to grow in pastoral skills. Rachael will be attending the BCUK conference on trauma which will be helpful for ministry in Uganda; pray for a fruitful time through both the formal teaching and informal conversations.

**SAT 8** Nekemte School for the Deaf is a Christian community-based education programme for children with disabilities in Ethiopia. Give thanks to God that the malaria outbreak in new areas in Ethiopia, which affected the school, is under control, and that the new wood and metal workshop is completed. Pray for an upcoming conference in Nekemte that aims to raise awareness about the school in the government, churches and local community. Praise God that the Christian staff at the school teach from the Bible, run Christian meetings and provide sign language interpretation at church services, leading many students to know and love the Lord Jesus.

**SUN 9** A returning study partner, Raymond Elphace is now back home in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and has enrolled on the three-year online BTh course at the South African Theological Seminary. Raymond is a Free Pentecostal Church pastor and involved in church planting. Pray for Raymond's discussions with Crosslinks mission partner, John Miller, about starting a JBC course in Swahili in the city to train and encourage local church leaders.

**MON 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 many children who come each Sunday and pray the leaders will faithfully point these children to Jesus. Praise God for the continuing 'Youth on Fridays' meeting, and pray for fruit from the Bible study series on '10 Words Every Christian Should Know'. Pray for Ken and his wife Ann in their marriage and ministry, to continue being disciples who are making disciples.

**TUE 11** Join Andrew and Eunice Moody in thanking God for a successful 'surgical camp' in Kuluva Hospital, Arua, at the end of January. Pray for the next camp, scheduled for May, that the Christian medical teams are able to serve suffering people both physically and spiritually. Give thanks too for

the serious questions that Andrew's students in Bidi Bidi refugee camp have been asking him as they engage with God's word. Pray these students will faithfully pass on what they learn to their church members for the strengthening of the whole church family.

## Central Europe

**WED 12** Give thanks for the encouraging opportunities Jirka and Keira Kralovi have to share the gospel with students and others in Olomouc, Czech Republic. Several non-believers who attended evangelistic events at their church plant in Olomouc have been coming to Sunday services. Give thanks that Jirka and Keira and others in church were able to witness to them; pray that Jesus will reveal himself to them. Pray too for Jirka and Keira as they minister to university students in Olomouc and give thanks for signs that the students are growing in their knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**THU 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. Praise God that after many years of hoping, ABK is set up in the city of Nyíregyháza, in East Hungary. Pray that through this course, the Lord will provide refreshment in the gospel and renewed inspiration for the youth pastors. Pray too for Andy and Zsófi to trust the Lord with change as they adjust to Andy taking up a new part-time role as Director of Langham Preaching: Europe and Caribbean from July. Pray for wisdom and grace in this period of transition.

**FRI 14** Sam Bronsdon also serves in Hungary with Acorn Bibliai Képzés (ABK), and is married to Tirca, a midwife, who is expecting a baby. Pray for Sam as he works to facilitate the summer youth camps and create online resources for ABK. Pray that Sam will be able to finish the work before he leaves Acorn and goes on paternity leave. Pray for intentional,

grace-filled communication between the ABK team and the camp team leaders, so everything will be planned in good time. Pray that all the planning will enable more Hungarian youth to hear the gospel and believe in the Lord Jesus.

## Central & South America

**SAT 15** Harry Clarke is spending his language year abroad serving as a church intern at ISA Church in Santiago, Chile. Praise God for how Harry has settled so well into life in Chile, and that he has become part of a loving, Christian community. Pray that his time in Chile will continue to be formative, as Harry grows in his experience in full-time gospel ministry. In particular, pray for the student Bible study Harry co-leads, that there will be a good intake of new students for the coming academic year, which in Chile begins this month.

**SUN 16** Matt and Helen Pope serve in Santiago, Chile, mentoring and training local pastors. Above all, they ask for prayer for themselves and their children, Eva and Judah, to walk closely with Jesus and love him everyday. Pray too for Matt as he meets with pastors either one-to-one or in groups, that he will be gracious and discerning in how to help them walk closely with the Lord as well as planting churches and discipling younger leaders. Pray too for a two-day conference that Matt and the RED-Santiago network are organising in May for pastors. Pray the Spirit works through the teaching from Pete Nicholas and Paul Tripp, and the time for reflection, to bear much fruit for God's glory.

**MON 17** Study partner Brian Yapura is Argentinian and has lived in the UK for several years. He is studying the last two years of the BA Theology course at Union School of Theology, Bridgend, Wales. Give thanks and pray for Brian's vision to help establish a Bible college or Bible training programme in Rosario, Argentina, to train pastors and others, as only 20% of Rosario's local church

leaders have received any formal training.

**TUE 18** Praise God with Andy and Bethanie Walker, serving in Mendoza, Argentina, for an amazing family camping holiday by the lakes of Neuquen, some wonderfully encouraging pastoral opportunities flowing from a recent couples' weekend, a church weekend away, a mission weekend that motivated gospel opportunities through Advent and an opportunity to train theological educators for the Centro de Estudios Pastorales (CEP) Bible college. However, in the midst of much encouragement, pray for Tore and Emi (former ministry apprentices at the Walkers' church, who are now studying at CEP). Tore and Emi sadly lost their twins at five months of pregnancy. Pray for them as they grieve and for the church family as they support them.

**WED 19** 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 how he is working in Cuba. Give thanks that Prédica Fiel's online mentorship programme has developed into an effective strategy for training many pastors who live in areas without access to preaching training. Alexis says, 'pray for these isolated pastors and their congregations as they dig deeper into the word of God. Pray they persevere in the middle of hardships in Cuba'. Pray too for Alexis' wife, who is recovering from major surgery; pray Alexis can care for her well alongside leading Prédica Fiel.

## Southern Europe

**THU 20** Pray for David and Margarita Ely as they return to the UK from Cyprus. Pray that their three young children settle back into life in the UK and for the ministry transition to go smoothly. As the Elys consider future ministry options, pray they trust the Lord's guidance and that he will provide for all their needs.

**FRI 21** Join JP and Sue Aranzulla in giving thanks for six midweek groups who meet regularly to study Matthew's Gospel. Pray all Christians in Forte Torre Church will belong a group. Give thanks too for ongoing baptism classes (with three Italian men and three teenagers), and the prayerful consideration of church-plant: 'Bologna Ovest'. Whilst being an exciting development, this would have major repercussions for the Forte Torre church family, creating gaps with regard to ministry leaders and the church's finances. Pray for church unity in decision making, and for JP and Sue to know ongoing perseverance, love and wisdom in leading the work.

**SAT 22** Jonny and Ruth Pullar moved to Modena, Italy, in February to serve Stupenda Grazia Church. Thank God for meeting all their needs. Pray for ongoing provision so that they can stay and serve the gospel in Modena longer term. Pray that as the church family studies Exodus, it will grow in knowledge of the Lord and respond to him in faith and obedience. Pray too that the various ways Jonny and Ruth serve the church will promote its growth.

**SUN 23** Chris and Lizzie Brown are based in Bologna, Italy and serve with the Gruppi Biblici Universitari (GBU), the Christian student movement. Pray for Chris directing a Mark Drama performance with the GBU group in Bari (South Italy) next week. Pray many students will be touched by the gospel message they hear and see. Pray for the GBU groups that Chris and Lizzie follow in northeast Italy, that they will have open doors for evangelism in their universities which will grow the faith of the Christian students that Jesus is powerful to save, as well as offering eternal life to non-believers.

**MON 24** Mark and Jane Oden lead Chiesa Evangelica Neapolis, a church in the heart of Naples. Give thanks for their recent sermon series in 1 Corinthians which has been wonderfully

challenging; pray for ongoing fruit and changed lives. Pray for the baptisms of four people on Easter Sunday, for the Lord's protection over them in these last weeks and for non-Christian guests present to hear and see the Lord's work in their lives. Pray too for the Lord's guidance as the church continues to look for a building of their own.

**TUE 25** Luigi Palombo is preaching through a four-week series in Mark 4 at Milan Bible Church in Italy. As he speaks, pray the Holy Spirit uses his words to encourage the church family that it is really worth paying close attention to Jesus' teaching, that he loves to answer prayers for spiritual insight, and that the Kingdom really will be huge even if it doesn't look like many people are interested in Jesus right now in Western Europe.

**WED 26** Pray for Comunidade da Graça, the church plant in Coimbra, Portugal, where Joe and Rachel Clarke serve. Pray for the various small groups (Sunday School, the teenage group, the youth group, home group), that they will really help equip and strengthen disciples of Jesus as they seek to live for him day by day. Pray too for the different visitors the church family receive on Sundays, that many unbelievers will hear the gospel and be saved.

**THU 27** Chris and Rosy Redfearn serve at Iglesia de Jesucristo, in Valencia, Spain. Pray for Chris and Rosy as they seek to witness to the friends and contacts they've made so far in their time in Valencia. Pray for them to have boldness and trust God to open doors so they may share the gospel and that the Spirit may work to produce new life. Pray too for plans for the youth work over the summer, with day retreats and camps being planned. Pray for wisdom in how to teach the Bible well in these contexts. Pray for the Lord to spiritually refresh the Redfearns over the Easter period.

**FRI 28** Julian and Nicky Milson serve in Valencia, Spain, where Julian leads Iglesia de Jesucristo. Give thanks for the signs of growth the Milsons are seeing in the lives of church family members. Pray for a greater commitment to the Lord's people and for gathering together on a Sunday to be a priority; many come only once or twice a month to church. Give thanks for the church's youth group which has seen some new teenagers join from American missionary families in the city. Pray too for Theo Milson's friends who come, that the Lord will graciously save them.

## The UK & Ireland

**SAT 29** Simon and Abigail Donohoe are working with a small team to plant and establish a church in Cherrywood, Dublin, Ireland. Give thanks for the launch team members, who have begun to meet monthly. Pray this team will be growing together in Christ, growing in number, and laying the foundations for a healthy gospel culture for a new church in Cherrywood. Pray for deepening relationships with locals that will open doors to hold out Christ to the lost. Pray for Simon speaking at a church weekend away in April, and preparing to lead Bible Overview seminars at the Kinfire Festival in August.

**SUN 30** John Barretto is part of the church planting team into Cherrywood, Ireland, serving alongside the Donohoes as an evangelist. Though there are thousands living in Cherrywood and the new housing developments will bring that total to about 25,000 people, there is no church of any denomination. John says, 'praise God that he delights in saving the lost and using weak people like me. Pray I will be steadfast, immovable and abounding in the work of the Lord for his glory'.

**MON 31** J works with international newcomers to a UK city, and was in Bradford earlier this month attending the third annual

Anglican Network of Intercultural Churches Conference. The ANIC conference gathers mission-minded people from across the UK to encourage, equip and build greater capacity for effective intercultural mission. J says, 'this year we were exploring how to champion God's Great Commission to all nations. Pray for me as I consider the implications of 'making disciples of all nations' amongst the different people groups I minister to, and how to communicate this with other churches in the diocese'.

## April 2025

**TUE 1** Josh and Cathy Hooker work with the Diocese of Down and Dromore in Northern Ireland, where Josh teaches on the diocese's Bible course. Pray for Josh, who is continuing to cover some Sunday preaching at a local church while they seek a new rector, alongside preparing for the Dundonald Bible Week. Josh is speaking on 'Cross-pieces: the heart of the gospel'. Pray the Spirit works through Josh's talks so they encourage, challenge and equip. Pray too for Josh and Cathy as they begin the logistics of what to take to Namibia when they return; their plan is to be back in ministry in Namibia by early 2026.

**WED 2** Jem Hovil leads the UK charity BUILD Partners and is currently in Kenya. The BUILD programme in 'the Lake Zone' of the Anglican Church of Tanzania continues to spread. Join Jem in thanking God for a 'Training of Trainers' workshop that took place in Kowak Theological College in Rorya Diocese earlier in the year. Jem asks for prayer for the trainers as they establish local learning groups in parishes to equip local leaders. Pray especially for the Lord to sustain Abel, Damian, Dominic, Mercy, Paul and others who lead and coordinate the ministry training on the ground.

**THU 3** Alastair and Elise Donaldson – with Josiah and Edith – moved to County Galway, Ireland, in August last

year to serve in the community in partnership with Calvary Church, Loughrea. Pray for Elise studying a childcare qualification at the local Further Education college, which involves a placement in a local pre-school and has enabled Elise to get to know people in the community. Pray this will lead to gospel conversations. Pray too for ongoing fruit from the Bible study the Donaldsons ran in a local community centre in the lead up to St Patrick's Day. Pray for the interest among the community to translate into hearts open to hear the gospel.

**FRI 4** Helen Sheridan is based in County Mayo, Ireland, where she serves at Calvary Church Castlebar. Helen is preparing for the church's youth weekend away with two sister churches from 25–27 April. Pray that all the Calvary Church youth come (about 10 teenagers), for a time of conviction for those yet to turn to the Lord Jesus and for a significant work in those who have faith. Pray that the Lord will provide a godly, gifted man or couple to lead the youth group in Castlebar, and for Helen to persevere until then.

**SAT 5** Trevor and Andrea Watson are beginning to prepare for their return to Sweden from Northern Ireland. Praise God for an encouraging 'Equipped Conference' in March and continue to pray for the summer conference with John Piper. Give thanks for their daughter Emily's marriage to Peter in January, and pray for them as they seek the Lord together regarding how they might serve him. Pray also for their daughters Grace, studying in Nottingham, and Alice, preparing to sit her final exams in Belfast. Pray for Trevor and Andrea as they prepare to move back to Sweden this summer, for the Lord's sustaining hand over all their planning.

**SUN 6** Neil, Sharon and Anna Watkinson are due to relocate to Sydney, Australia, next month, where Sharon's immediate family lives. From there Neil will continue to run Crosslinks Schools of Biblical Training in the Asia-Pacific region. They write, 'we thank the Lord that Neil's Australian residency was

granted without problems. Pray we settle quickly into a new church, for clarity over where we live and about Neil's ministry role(s) – and that we will keep trusting the Lord in all the changes.'

**MON 7** Pray for all those who serve in prison ministry, running Bible studies, book clubs 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 that the prisoners who have come to know Jesus continue to grow in their love and knowledge of Christ and have fellowship and support in their faith, and for them to find a church upon their release.

**TUE 8** Over 200 churches and numerous individuals in the UK and Ireland partner with Crosslinks to support the ministry of the global church. Give thanks for their cheerful generosity that flows from their faith in the Lord Jesus. Ask that the Lord will honour their gifts, using them to bring many to himself in repentance and faith.

## Northern Europe

**WED 9** Chris and Lotta Strajnic serve at Emmaus Church in Åkersberga in Stockholm, Sweden. Give thanks for the teenagers from non-Christian homes who are regularly attending Emmaus Church's teenage ministry, 'Charge'. Pray God will open their eyes and hearts to the gospel through the Bible teaching and conversations. Pray too for the upcoming Easter evangelistic service, and for the non-Christians who are coming. Give thanks for the small group leaders training course, which is done in collaboration with other churches.

**THU 10** Pārdaugava Reformed Church (PRC) was planted in Riga, Latvia, in 2016, and is led by Mārtiņš Martinson. Mārtiņš says, 'praise God for the steadfast work of the ministry: for Sundays studying 1 Corinthians as a church family; for the

various mid-week Bible studies for all ages; for the team of volunteers who are serving sacrificially in different ministries. Pray for the evangelistic efforts in our church, especially for personal conviction to share our faith. Our church also needs two additional elders – pray God will provide such men.'

## West Africa

**FRI 11** Alex and Susannah serve in West Africa. Thank God for a weekly opportunity Alex has to teach a group of 50 young people from Mark's Gospel. It has been exciting to see the power of God's word; pray for lasting fruit. Pray for K, Alex and Susannah's house-help, who sometimes has religious conversations with Susannah. Pray that God will open her eyes to Jesus, and for Susannah to always be prepared to give a reason for the hope she has.

**SAT 12** Study partner Mensah Ameyaw is enrolled on the two-year MTh course at Akrofi-Christaller Institute of Theology, Mission and Culture in Accra, Ghana, to gain more academic rigour in theology and hone his pastoral leadership skills. Give thanks for Mensah's involvement in preaching and training in expository preaching and theology with apprentices at Redeemer City Church, and in equipping students in expository preaching, leadership and mentorship through Relite Africa Ministries.

**SUN 13** Rick and Alanna Creighton train pastors for church ministry at Jos ECWA Theological Seminary (JETS) in Nigeria. Thank God for our Children's and Youth Ministry course. Pray that the class would bear fruit and students will be inspired and equipped to support children's ministry. Pray for the kids' programme at our 'Fun In The Sun' Easter retreat and that involving students from the class as a practical assignment will work well and give them an opportunity to practice what they have learnt. Thank God for the Life of Christ course and pray that the Mark Drama will bear fruit as a

presentation of the gospel. Pray for energy and a good finish for the Creightons and their students as they reach the end of the semester.

**MON 14** Pray for study partner Adriano Mbackeh who teaches at the Servants of the Word Bible School in The Gambia and is also involved in pastoral leadership in his local church and training church leaders. Adriano has been accepted onto the one-year BTh Honours course at George Whitefield College, South Africa, to strengthen his knowledge in theological doctrine and gain a better understanding of the Scriptures and mission. Pray for this year of intensive study to build Adriano's confidence as he teaches others when he returns home to The Gambia.

**TUE 15** Portia Yiadom serves in Accra as the women's worker for Relite Africa Ministries – a Ghanaian-led Bible training scheme for university students. Pray that the student-led evangelistic outreach to Kwahu, a rural area, this month will grow Christian students' confidence in the power of the Spirit to change lives as well as offering the gospel of Jesus to the lost. Some students are studying online with the Cornhill Training Course in London alongside their university studies. Pray their knowledge and love for God and his word grows. And pray for preparation going into the second 'Training of Trainers' conference from 17–19 June; the first one was last year and a great help in equipping young leaders.

## 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 16** J and Y serve in Asia, teaching Greek and Hebrew to Christians. Give thanks for successful language-learning intensive weeks in January. Four students came from a city J and Y haven't

had contact with before. Pray for wisdom as how to best help them grow. Give thanks for the new pastor of J and Y's church arriving at the end of February. Pray he will serve the church well and that J and Y will wisely use the extra time they have, now J has been released from additional preaching and pastoral care responsibilities. Ask for God's guidance as J seeks to develop the written language resources and looks for a new teacher to share some of the ministry.

**THU 17** N disciples young local believers returning to an Asian country from overseas. Pray for the team of local volunteers to grow as N and others seek to follow up with more of those returning still as 'seekers' (i.e. spiritually open). Give thanks that more 'returnees' in local churches are getting involved in hospitality and outreach to international students in the city. Pray for protection and wisdom and gospel fruit as N bridges between the local and international churches.

**FRI 18** E4L runs five centres where they pastorally care for and educate 150 children from the New Delhi slums in India. Give thanks that so many children have heard the gospel through the teachers and volunteers, and that some of them have joined Sunday School. Pray that children who are both physically and spiritually needy will be able to join an E4L centre, and God will guide the admissions. Pray for the 'Literacy Ladies' picnic on 24 April, that there will be opportunities to speak of Jesus with these women, many of whom are mothers of E4L students. Pray God will have mercy on whole families.

**SAT 19** Study partner David Mishra is the librarian at 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 in more remote parts of the country.

**SUN 20** John and Gillian Robinson run the Place of Grace, clubs and a foodbank in five of Bangkok's needy communities in Thailand. Pray for wisdom and endurance as the Robinsons deal with endless paperwork for visa work permits and school documents. Pray too for the four vulnerable girls who live in My Father's House, the safehouse attached to the Place of Grace. Give thanks they are physically protected and pray that they will know Jesus as the one who forgives their sins, brings peace in their sorrows and comforts them.

**MON 21** 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 four recent workshops in different cities and for God's provision for all the resources needed. Pray for courage and perseverance as persecution and opposition against churches and Christian leaders is increasing in intensity. Pray too for safety for the 16th annual Ezra Conference happening 29 April – 2 May, and for Neil Watkinson and Dr Dinesh Panjwani preparing to teach 150 pastors. Devender Verma, who runs SBT:NI will be travelling with his wife Sangeeta to the UK and Sweden for 6 weeks in May and June. Pray for spiritual refreshment and rest.

**TUE 22** Janet serves at The Centre in Chiang Mai, Thailand, a ministry that reaches out to university students. Give thanks that students have been bringing their friends to The Centre in recent months and pray this will continue in June when the new academic year begins. Pray for Janet and The Centre's team in this current slower and more relaxed time (in the challenging heat and pollution). There are still hundreds of students around, so pray for an encouraging number of students old and new at The Centre, for quality and fun times, and for God to be drawing them to himself.

**WED 23** Study partner Saw Nellson will soon finish the second year of the three-year 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 fellow believers and the impact of the gospel of Christ as the country continues to be affected greatly by political unrest.

**THU 24** David and Rachel Williams thank God for a wonderful group of new students, being equipped for long-term mission with the Church Missionary Society of Australia, at St Andrew's Hall in Melbourne. The students will go on to serve in Japan, Austria, France, Argentina, Tanzania and in secure locations. David and Rachel are about to begin an intensive week to equip the students for language learning; pray they will be thoroughly equipped for the good works God has prepared for them. Pray for grace and wisdom for David and Rachel with their family now spread across Australia and the UK.

**FRI 25** Alex and Kate Phillips are study partners serving in Busan, South Korea. Alex is the pastor at an international church and alongside completing his theological training, and Kate leads the women's ministry alongside studying biblical counselling. Pray that Alex and Kate will seek to be faithful committed servants, and set godly examples for the recently appointed deacons. Pray for a united leadership team. Pray for Alex and Kate's children (Euan, Hana and Rowan) to know Jesus and for them to adjust well to new schools, with Euan starting primary school and Rowan starting preschool.

## Western Europe

**SAT 26** Steve and Dawn Orange live in Brussels, Belgium, where Steve is the pastor of the Protestant Evangelical Church of Woluwe. Pray for the Woluwe church leadership team as they see significant changes this year. Pray for several men with gifts in the

congregation to progress in knowledge and love of the Lord, and for Steve as he leads the smaller team these next few months. Pray too that the Bible college students at the church grow in experience of Christian ministry – Timothée, Lena, Lida, Sarah-Line – and for Dawn, Steve and others as they meet with them.

**SUN 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.

**MON 28** Study partner Toni Arnaud is studying for two years on the Certification of Theological Initiation course at the Brussels Bible Institute (Institut Biblique de Bruxelles). Pray for Toni as he and his wife, Ludivine, plan to return to France to assist in pastoral leadership in a church in Toulon on the southeast coast, or to be involved in a church plant fifty miles from Nice. Pray the Lord grants wisdom as to where they might best serve him and his people.

**TUE 29** Robbie and Lizzie Bellis serve at the Eglise Protestante Evangélique de Louvain-la-Neuve in Belgium, where Robbie is the pastor. They write, 'pray for a bilingual children's holiday club week that the church family is organising in July. Pray for enough people to help on the team and for non-Christian families to sign their children up. Pray for the team as they plan the teaching and activities, and for opportunities to share the gospel.'

**WED 30** Pray for James and Lou Clark in the

university town of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, serving alongside the Bellises. Pray for an open door to make known the riches of Christ among students on the university campus. Pray for James and Lou to be models of progress themselves, and to walk in a manner worthy of the gospel. Pray for the church to be growing in grace, in the joy of knowing Christ and in boldness to speak.

## May 2025

**THU 1** Sena and Jane Ounate-Lare lead Eglise Le Bon Berger in the city of Caen, in Normandy, France. Pray for the church's outreach and especially for the three new small groups that they have started around the city. Pray these groups will be places of discipleship, fellowship and light for those seeking to know more about the Christian faith. Pray too for a couple in the church who are preparing to get married in June, that Sena and Jane will provide godly and wise counsel.

**FRI 2** Study partner David Delahaye works as a professional diver for Ports de Normandie, and is part of Le Bon Berger church in Caen, France, Sena Ounate-Lare (above). 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.

**SAT 3** Tom and Liz Trump serve at Eglise Emmanuel Etterbeek in central Brussels, Belgium, where Tom is the pastor. Give thanks for the stability and unity of the Emmanuel Etterbeek church family. This month, Tom is preaching on the sovereignty of God followed by a series on identity in Christ; pray for fruit so that the spiritually young congregation's worldview is increasingly shaped by God's word. Pray for the upcoming church weekend away (18–19 May), that the church family will all enjoy being together and learning from

the Bible together. A couple are being trained to give their first Bible studies in Mark's Gospel this term. Pray they grow in confidence in their Bible handling and God's powerful word, and in turn may teach others.

**SUN 4** Charles and Frances de Roemer lead a church plant in the market town of Binche, Belgium. Pray for Sunday services in Binche. There are over 20 people who meet regularly to worship, including eight children and two teenagers. Pray that services will be gospel-centred, dynamic, inspirational and that the members will have healthy relationships that encourage them in their Christian life.

## Southern Africa

**MON 5** Janet Webb recently transitioned from developing a Bible curriculum in a Cape Town township primary school, to doing Bible ministry at Lighthouse Academy – a school that serves a deprived community in the Western Cape of South Africa. Join Janet in giving thanks for this new opportunity! Pray for wisdom as she builds relationships with the school staff, children and people of Villiersdorp Community Church. Pray also for God's guidance for Janet and the school's founders as they organically develop and implement evangelism and discipleship opportunities at Lighthouse Academy.

**TUE 6** St Thomas Church in Edinburgh, Scotland, are in their second year without a pastor. Since having returned from Namibia, Thorsten and Kerstin Prill have been helping the church with regular preaching, leading services and providing pastoral care. Pray that the Lord would raise up a pastor with a love and passion for the Lord who can shepherd the congregation well. Pray for Thorsten and Kerstin as they serve the congregation that the Lord would use them to draw his people closer to him.

**WED 7** Term two of 2025 at Johannesburg Bible College (JBC) is underway! Join Nat and Helen Schluter in praying for the rest of the term and the upcoming Christianity Indaba public seminar on the issue of 'Power and the Church'. Praise the Lord for the students he has sent to JBC this year and pray for them as they grow in teaching the Bible. Pray especially for Isaac and Azola Schluter as they head towards their end of school mock exams in August, and for Beth Schluter as she completes her undergraduate degree at the end of this month. Pray all three trust the Lord with their futures.

**THU 8** Adam and Nomfundo Tomalin serve with the Christ Church community in Fredville, semi-rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Give thanks to God that Adam has found a language tutor, and for how their antenatal classes have helped them to get to know others in the area, as well as prepare for the arrival of their little girl. Pray for Adam and Nomfundo as they build solid relationships with people in their church family and local area, and especially for the Lord to provide a few mature Christians who can walk alongside them in a season of much change.

**FRI 9** Study partner Itumeleng Ndlala is the Resident Music Director and a student worker at Hope Church in Auckland Park, Johannesburg. She is studying the three-year BTh Hons course at the South African Theological Seminary to build up her biblical knowledge and theological understanding for ministry in music and worship and in the church's student and women's work. Pray Itumeleng will clearly articulate the message of Christ through the Word and in worship.

**SAT 10** Christ Central Soweto is a church in Soweto, a township in Johannesburg, South Africa, pastored by Rev Musa Ntinga. After outgrowing their current building, the church family are seeking to purchase a new venue; pray for God's guidance throughout

the process which is fraught with local politics. Pray that the sermon series going through the Sermon on the Mount will inspire and equip the church family for 'kingdom living' and serving Jesus daily, and for Musa as he prepares talks, pastors and teaches.

**SUN 11** John and Jenny Miller live in South Africa, where John teaches at Johannesburg Bible College (JBC). Thank God for students at JBC being transformed by God's word and pray that growth in love for God and people would continue long after students finish at JBC. Pray for the staff of JBC preparing new course material for a degree-level three-year course and for John overseeing the course restructuring. Pray for servant-heartedness for John, Jenny and their three sons.

**MON 12** Andy and Rachel Symons serve in Mkushi, Zambia, providing Bible training for a network of local churches. Andy continues to teach Bible handling skills to some local pastors and meet one-to-one to do some discipleship. Pray that the leaders will have a growing desire and ability to handle the Bible well. Rachel is involved in church life, with Bible studies for women, a mums' and toddlers' group and children's ministry. Pray especially for the toddler group, for the mums who come who are yet to know Jesus! Pray too for God to provide Christians friends for their two sons.

**TUE 13** Study partner Josephine Johannes, from Windhoek, Namibia, is the administrator at Central Bible College. She serves in women's ministry and trains Sunday School teachers at her local REACH-NA church. Pray for Josephine who is on the second year of the NQF5 Christian Religious Professional course at Johannesburg Bible College (JBC) in South Africa, where she also wants to familiarise herself with the vision of ministries like JBC and the Proclamation Trust. Pray that both her knowledge of God's word and her love for him will deepen.

**WED 14** Alun and Debbie Burt live and work in Heideveld, Cape Town, where Alun is the rector of St Thomas Church. Pray for the group of church members attending this month's 'Understand the Bible' course, that they grow in their ability to read and understand God's word for themselves, and will be more equipped to teach it to others.

**THU 15** Recommended to Crosslinks by Glenn Lyons, former presiding bishop of REACH-SA, study partner Ruben Myburgh is studying the second and third years of the BTh course at George Whitefield College, in Muizenberg, South Africa. Pray for Ruben as he hopes to serve his curacy in his local church and is studying to gain 'a thorough understanding of Scripture and theology for effective service'.

**FRI 16** Pray for Benjamin, Daniel, Gloria, Hettie and Lucy, and for Alex, the team's leader. These young people make up the gap year team who are serving the Lord in South Africa for six months. Pray for growing love and grace towards each other and those different from them as they serve, that God will be refining and maturing their faith in him and their godly characters. Pray that their Bible studies in John's Gospel and seminars digging into different topics will grow their conviction in the trustworthiness and value of God's word, and they will have many opportunities to put what they're learning into practice at iThemba pre-school and the different church families they are serving.

**SAT 17** James and Lucy Buchanan serve at Hope Church Auckland Park in central Johannesburg, South Africa. Pray for James and Lucy and their four children as they plan a three-week UK visit next month. Praise God for time with friends and family and the chance to visit with supporting churches and individuals. Pray for some good rest and times of mutual encouragement. Pray they would have opportunities to speak about Jesus and to present opportunities for gospel partnerships as they

seek to develop the student and intern-training ministries at Hope Church.

## Eastern Europe

**SUN 18** Brada and Yatza Radanovic live in Novi Sad, Serbia, where Brada pastors Grace Evangelical Church. Give thanks that the renovation work on their house has now been completed and pray this allows Brada and Yatza to use the space well for hosting people and ministry purposes. Give thanks too that the church family is growing in maturity and stability. Pray for wisdom in helping people recognise and develop their spiritual gifts in order to serve their church family and the Lord. Pray the Lord raises up ministry leaders who are growing in Christlikeness.

**MON 19** Riste and Tea Micev run Project Timothy in Novi Sad, Serbia, training church leaders for preaching, evangelism and discipleship and translating Christian resources into Serbian. Give thanks that 'Women in the Word', a Bible-handling training programme for women, the first of its kind in Serbia, recently launched in February! Praise God for this much-prayed for development. Pray that God grows this programme, and many women will be equipped for ministry and grow in godliness as a result. Pray too that the books Project Timothy are publishing will bring many to Christ and build up those already believing for God's glory.

**TUE 20** Local Baptist minister and study partner, Radomir Jovetic, is studying the MA in Local Church Ministry at the Theological Science Academy in Novi Sad, Serbia. He is being equipped to teach and train 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.

**WED 21** Graeme and Bequi Innes serve at Imago Dei in Chişinău, Moldova. Pray for Graeme and Bequi as they prepare for summer camp in June which will be attended by dozens of teenagers from non-Christian backgrounds in their vicinity. Pray for Graeme as he oversees the camp and the team of leaders. Pray for the teenagers that as they hear a Bible overview being taught at camp, that the Lord will open the eyes of unbelievers, and build up those who are already trusting in Christ.

**THU 22** Matt and Sarah serve at Logos Church, an evangelical church in Chişinău, Moldova. Join Matt and Sarah in thanking God for his grace and his work through the academic term, which finishes at the end of the month. Thank Him for sustaining the volunteer team in proclaiming the gospel to students. Pray for Logos Church over the long summer as various people go on holiday or visit family. Pray that God's word would continue to be preached faithfully, and that Matt and Sarah will use the summer well, for both rest and work.

## Crosslinks

**FRI 23** Crosslinks is served by the faithful ministry of the Board of Trustees, much of it behind the scenes. Praise the Lord for the willing, cheerful service of Tim Houghton (Chair), Gabriel Chiu (General Synod Rep), Joel Edwards, Nick Jones, Deborah Kelly (Deputy Chair), David Mills (Hon President), Greg Obong-Oshotse, Kate Randle, James Steer, Rod Thomas, Mark Walkington, Vicky Widdows and Nick Winther. Pray for the Lord to uphold them as they give their time, energy and wisdom to making wise decisions that protect the gospel priorities and direction of Crosslinks' ministry.

**SAT 24** Pray for the Ireland team – for Richard Balmer, Val Gibson, and Pam Smyth – as they help churches in Ireland support global mission. Pray that church visits this term will be well received and lead to

further partnerships. Give thanks for the people who advocate for Crosslinks in their churches. Pray that Richard, Val and Pam will continue to serve the Lord with gladness for the sake of the gospel.

**SUN 25** Give thanks to the Lord for the many supporters of Crosslinks who give with cheerful, servant hearts to gospel ministry. Give thanks for their faithful and generous investment in God's global church and ask the Lord to honour their gifts, ensuring they are stewarded well to enable further global gospel proclamation.

**MON 26** Give thanks to for the faithful 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). Praise the Lord for his sustaining of them through busy roles and ministries. Ask the Lord to continue to protect their integrity as they steer and support their teams, and to uphold them spiritually. Give thanks for the healthy and happy team dynamics that Crosslinks staff enjoy and which enable gospel ministry; pray these continue.

**TUE 27** Pray for the Hub team – for Mark Hackett, Ade Adeoye, Chris Mukhtar, Alex Powell and Andrew Taylor – who do vital yet often unseen work supporting those serving in mission, the Board of Trustees and other staff teams within Crosslinks. Give thanks for Alex who recently joined the team as Finance Manager in February; pray he settles in quickly and is a blessing in sharing the load of the financial administration.

**WED 28** Give thanks for the Mission Partnerships team – for Rupert Shelley, Helen Burns, Margaret McGuire and Polly Phillips – and ask the Lord that he will continue to bless their work, and grant them joy and humility as they serve. Praise the Lord for encouragements of churches growing in their mission-mindedness and for wider networks

engaging with Crosslinks mission personnel. Pray for sustaining in a busy season.

**THU 29** Pray for the Mission Personnel team – for Beth Buchanan, Anastasia Gibbs, Susie Harker, Dee Hemingway and Ian Marden – and for the Lord to grant them increasing discernment and capacity as they provide essential pastoral and administrative care of mission personnel around the world. Give thanks for Susie who recently joined the team as Mission Personnel Assistant in January. Pray she settles in quickly to her role and finds joy in serving the global church.

**FRI 30** The current gap year team are well into their placement in Cape Town, South Africa, and Anastasia Gibbs in the Mission Personnel team is already busy sorting through applications and the logistics for next year's team! Pray for the young people hoping to

serve overseas, that the Lord will guide their steps and help them to trust him. Pray for the provision of godly leaders who can pastorally care for the team. Pray for strength and grace for Anastasia as she manages the many logistics.

**SAT 31** Pray for plans to run a 'Training of Trainers' School of Biblical Training (SBT) in an East Asian country with Langham Preaching this summer, immediately followed by a 'Level 1' (beginner) training event with a new cohort of pastors. Pray for God's hand over the logistics and in the details. Pray too for plans to run a follow-up SBT in a South Asian country in the autumn after the Level 2 SBT teaching the Epistles went well last October. Give thanks for this 'open door' with a former Cornhill Training Course student gathering like-minded pastors keen to grow as Bible expositors in this under-resourced country. Pray for wisdom to how to make the most of this opportunity.

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

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