
CBC MONTHLY MISSION UPDATE

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CBC

STEVE & GILL BRYANT – WEC

- We praise God for safe travel, good health and many useful meetings and visit during Steve's trip to Thailand.
- There were many answers to prayer for the conference. There were many delegates from sub-Saharan Africa and parts of Asia, areas from which new missionaries are being sent. Those who needed financial help to attend were funded by generous donations, and it was amazing to see how God answered prayer for visas even in the most complicated circumstances. Pray that all the networking and conference input will result in better sending, with good care for families and children on the mission field.
- Gill's learning circle now has 8 participants. It will run each Friday from 10th Nov to 15th Dec from 6am to 8am (to facilitate attendance by people in the eastern hemisphere). Pray for a good start and that the group will feel at home with each other and able to share and contribute.
- Steve has many participants for his online safeguarding training, which will run all day on Tuesday 14th and Tuesday 21st November.

STEVE LANCASTER – *The Word for the World*

- Steve recently led an Oak Hall trip to Israel which was disrupted by the outbreak of the current conflict. Praise God for the way in which He provided for their evacuation. Whilst they did experience the tension in the land, they were far away from the troubles in Gaza and were able to leave the country without incident.

- Praise God that we would appear to have found a treasurer! Not confirmed yet, but it's looking likely!
- Please pray for our small team of translators in Albania working on the Aromanian translation project, which started this year. It's proving to be tougher than expected. Pray that we can add to the team, and that progress can be made.
- Our teams in Myanmar have told us that it is no longer safe for them to leave their homes due to the ongoing civil war and close monitoring, and therefore community checking is becoming a much harder process. Please pray for peace in that country and that the translators would be strengthened to continue with their tasks, whenever and wherever they can.

OASIS

- Long-term missionaries and short-term volunteers are always needed at Oasis—please pray that the Lord would raise up workers.
- Team members Steph & Jeremy and their twins are returning to Oasis this week from home leave in US. Pray for them settling in again.
- Pray for the possibility of anyone from CBC to go out to Oasis, either as a visit or to serve.

BEN F – BMS (India)

Ben requests prayer for:

- Fruit to come through showing the Jesus film, and evangelism, that it will give birth to disciple-making.
- Ask the Lord to open doors to Bhutan for the mobilisation of the Gospel, and to triple the number of house fellowships.
- Pray for new leaders to be trained that are developing out of our new fellowships.
- Pray that we are able to stand firm in the eye of persecution and the challenges faced. Pray for the ongoing persecution happening in different states of India.

STUART & LYNNE LITTLE – Mercy Ships

- Give thanks for the work Mercy Ships continues to do for the forgotten poor in Africa and the opportunity given to Lynne and Stuart to help in some way.
- Pray for their travels back and forth to the Africa Mercy in South Africa over the next 6 months.
- Pray for clarity of purpose as they transition into life back home over the next year.
- Pray for a new long term volunteer HR director to follow Lynne on board and for her team to grow in confidence without her around.

AFRICA INLAND MISSION – MISSION TRIPS

- Rhiannon and Carol went to an undisclosed location to provide the children's teaching during an AIM conference in October. Praise God that the logistics with travel all went smoothly. They were so blessed by their time with the workers, learning about how they are living.
- Praise God too for a great time with lovely children who formed great friendships through activities and time together. They responded well to the teaching and were happy to be with us for many hours –they were all happy and settled so the parents and other adults were able to have their teaching and training without worry and interruption.
- Please pray for the workers as they go about their daily lives, living for Jesus and seeking opportunities to share the gospel in their locality.

AIM Kenya team

- Pray for the team heading to Nairobi to provide children's and youth work at the AIM Kenya conference 17-20 November.
- Pray for the teaching programmes, equipping the team to serve well together and to be a blessing to the conference delegates.
- Pray for the children to have receptive hearts to hear God's word, to form good relationships with each other and to be encouraged in their faith by the team and their peers.

TEARFUND

When disasters strike it's people living in poverty who are hit the hardest. They are often living in areas prone to flooding, landslides and cyclones, and in houses that cannot withstand these shocks. And all through no fault of their own – they cannot afford to live anywhere safer. These families often did not have the income to meet their basic needs before the disaster hit, and so, with no savings to fall back on, the situation immediately becomes even more desperate. Please pray for people affected by natural disasters.

PRISON MINISTRY

- Please pray for the physical protection for believers inside prisons.
- Pray for unity and brotherly love between believers inside prisons, that they might shine like the stars in the sky as they hold firmly to the word of life.
- Pray for believers who are about to be released, that they might be welcomed into churches and supported with love and fellowship.
- Pray for believers in prisons as they share their faith, that they might be wise as serpents and gentle as doves as they navigate the tough culture of life behind bars.

BIBLE SOCIETY

Our vision is for the Bible to be shaping the lives and communities of people everywhere.

Please pray with us so that all our planning and acting is guided and empowered by God's Spirit and so that our vision will become reality.