

monsoon approaches with intense heat and the prevalence of dengue fever in Colombo.

- Our health, faith, life, marriage and work together.
- The process for renewal of our residence visas in June to go smoothly.
- Us both to be full of God's love for each other and all those around us.

**Steve and Lorraine Emery-Wright – Korea – PH Day 22**

Please pray for:

- Lorraine as she seeks direction to develop our multicultural ministry as our mission changes.
- Steve as he continues to discover ways to lecture in theology to non-English speakers.
- South Korea in the current tense political climate. That world leaders be more open to listening to others and work together to improve the situation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Julia Edwards - Fiji – PH Day 25**

Pray together with this request from Stirling Methodist Church:

- "When you go back to Fiji take this candle to your church, light it and pray for peace, not just peace among people but peace with the planet, peace with plants, peace with animals, birds and fish, peace with the air, the land and oceans."

- Pray also for The annual Ecumenical Youth Concert aiming to celebrate the different denominations and for young people to come together to share and display unity in the body of Christ.

**Daniel and Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman – Milan – PH Day 30**

Please pray for:

- The multi-cultural / multi-lingual church in which we serve
- Continued growth in understanding and love between the many different nationalities present.
- That God would enable us to be his church together.
- Our family and our own integration and continued development in the Italian language.
- Our residence application, that the bureaucratic obstacles may be removed and we would be granted residence permits (necessary for all EU citizens staying more than 3 months).

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# Prayer and Care

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**An update to the Prayer Handbook supporting our mission partners working across the world and in Britain**

Please use with the Prayer Handbook (PH) – the days are highlighted - and copy for wider circulation and in church newsletters. Both paper and electronic copies are available. The inspiring texts of prayer letters and the WCR Monthly Bulletin are available by email or post.

**World Church Partners working in the U.K.**

We pray for all who leave their homes to share in the mission and ministry of the church.

**Mission partners on leave – Please check dates and availability with the World Church Relationships Team** Email: [wcr.admin@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:wcr.admin@methodistchurch.org.uk)

| Mission Partners               | Country      | Leave dates         |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Keith & Ida Waddell            | Zambia       | 08/05 – 25/06/2017  |
| Dr Hans & Mary Van den Corput  | Italy        | 16/06 – 19/07/2017  |
| Rev Jane & Rev Stephen Day     | South Africa | 22/06 – 19/09/2017  |
| Rev Barry and Gillian Sloan    | Germany      | 01/08 - 19/08/2017  |
| <b>New Appointments:</b>       |              |                     |
| Chris and Vera Lacey           | Colombia     | Starting 01/06/2017 |
| Rev Freddie & Dee Takavarasha: | Uganda       | TBC                 |

**Conference 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June Moving People, Moving Stories**

Refugees, economic migrants and people seeking new lives in new places mean more people than ever before are on the move across the globe. Follow our journey alongside some of these people and explore how we can become a church of all nations.

**Bookings: [allansmith@mwmbookings.org.uk](mailto:allansmith@mwmbookings.org.uk)**

## Mission Partners Prayer Concerns

### Michael, Joanna, Joelle and Janelle Tetey – Benin – PH Day 3

Please pray for:

- The family for continual stay in Benin as we are just about to extend our stay here for another two years.
- The children - Joelle & Janelle to continue to enjoy and do well at school.
- Continuous good health as we stay in Benin.
- Our work at the hospital (Polyclinique Le Bon Samaritain) to be fruitful.
- The Management of the hospital as we try to raise funds to complete another block to increase capacity for our medical services.
- The hospital as we try to show the love of Christ through our work here for those who are poor, marginalised and in need of health care in a very poor and under-resourced country.

### Stephen and Jane Day – South Africa – PH Day 6

Please pray for:

Steve and Jane, heading back to the UK for a 3 month sabbatical from July to September 2017, as they reflect on nearly 3 years in SA and prepare for a further 3 years of ministry.

### Jenny Featherstone – Zambia – PH Day 7

Please pray for:

- Our vulnerable students to graduate successfully and find employment.
- The success of a funding proposal Jenny has submitted to fund another 45 students over the summer and for this special group.
- The play4all project in Kitwe and for

- Jane Mwenda, the project manager.
- All who gain so much enrichment in their lives from the play4all project with concern that our funding runs out this year.

### Sharon and John Harbottle - Haiti - PH Day 13

We give thanks for the 200 year celebrations of Methodism in Haiti, the many visitors who attended, the exhibition and book signing, that 120 Local Preachers received their certificates of accreditation and some their 40 year service certificates; for the success of the stewards training course provided by the Department of Christian Education using money from the SALT grant UK.

Please pray for:

- The 15 ministers of Haiti, especially those who are school chaplains to the 6 secondary schools and the 150 primaries throughout the country as they respond to the needs of their many congregations.
- The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the autonomy of the MCCA and the Caribbean Council that will be held in Haiti 23rd May to 1st June for the 8 districts of the MCCA.
- For those affected by Hurricane Matthew, especially in Cayes, Leon and Jeremie who are now waiting for crops to grow and homes to be rebuilt. For the mobile clinics offering hope and healing, the continued roofing and construction projects, the clearing out, repairing and re-equipping of Gebeau clinic to restart services including eye surgery.

### John Howard – Israel/Palestine – PH Day 15

Please pray for:

- The hunger strikers in Israeli Jails and the many Palestinians who are supporting them with demonstrations and political meetings. Many of these have ended with tear gas and many injuries on the part of demonstrators.
- The end to "Administrative Detention" and for progress to a just and sustainable solution to the conflict here.
- The many pilgrims who come to this "Holy Land" to walk where Jesus walked. May they find that they are able to read the bible with fresh eyes and grow spiritually as a result. While here, may they meet Palestinians and Israelis and seek to understand a little more of the background to the conflict.
- The many internationals here as volunteers and clergy, each seeking to contribute and play a part in resolving the conflict. Pray for wisdom on the part of those who come, to play a constructive part and not to complicate the situation further.

### Angleena Keizer – Sri Lanka – PH Day 19

Please pray for:

- Improvement to my health after being very ill with dengue for the second time since my placement in Sri Lanka.
- Strength to return to my body and recuperating back home with family.
- The many individuals and families affected by dengue, and especially those grieving as a result of the virus.

- The hospitals that are full due to the recent outbreak in many parts of the country and for the medical staff.
- The many areas of the country suffering drought at this time, and the extreme heat during the next few months.

### Raing and Mervyn McCullagh – Sri Lanka – PH Day 19

Pray for:

- The work of National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) in every aspect of its ministry and witness, giving thanks for the incredible opportunities that Mervyn and Raing are privileged to share in through its work.
- The new projects developing with tea and rubber plantations communities, that NCCSL would assist in giving everyone the opportunity for fullness of life.
- All those affected by a legacy of war and violence in need of true reconciliation, that they may find peace, hope and fulfilment in their lives.
- Our work and relationships with colleagues that we will work together to enable and encourage each other. Our work is increasingly focussed as we settle in to our respective roles; pray that it is productive and of positive benefit.
- A number of interesting opportunities for partnership being developed, where Mervyn will be in the UK for some meetings with NCCSL partners in May and other meetings that are ongoing, that these will bring about good results for future work.
- Gratitude that we are both in good health and enjoying life and work, that this continues particularly as