

- The four Methodist students who have completed their studies are all to be inducted as probationer ministers within two weeks.

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

Please pray for our ministry as it continues to expand.

Julia Edwards – Papua New Guinea – PH Day 23

Please pray for:

- The people of Papua New Guinea following the earthquake on 26th February. Bishop Wai said *"The people of the highlands are not used to the impact of natural disasters, and this earthquake of magnitude 7.5 took everyone by surprise. The last major earthquake to hit the highlands region, was in 1922."*
- The United Church in Papua New Guinea establishing church-led response centres in Tari, Hela Province and Mendi, Southern Highlands, to coordinate initial needs assessments with the assistance of the six other member churches.

Barry and Gillian Sloan – Germany – PH Day 26

Please pray for:

- Our Tent Mission team here in Germany. There have been some changes to the team and with that some turbulence. Pray for wisdom for the leadership;
- For the team members, their spouses and their families. That God may renew and inspire us all to be a blessing to each other and those we seek to serve.

Fiona Kendall – Italy – Day 30

Please pray for:

- Healing amongst the Italian people following fairly bruising elections which split the population;
- Perseverance and courage for those involved in search and rescue operations in the Mediterranean Sea;
- Open hearts and minds throughout the world to those in greatest need.

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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 'World Church News' 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 the move': We pray for a number of our Mission Partners as they face a time of change during this year, that they will feel a deep sense of God's presence with them in all that lies ahead: Julia Edwards, Angleena Keizer, John Howard, Sharon and John Harbottle, Val Ogden, and Steve and Lorraine Emery-Wright.

Mission partners on leave – Please check dates and availability with the World Church Relationships (WCR) Team

Email: wcr.admin@methodistchurch.org.uk

Mission Partners	Country	Leave dates
Revd Tim McQuiban	Italy	On Sabbatical April to June

Conference 2018 1st – 3rd June

There is still time to book!

The Hays Conference Centre
Swanwick

'Africa — Gospel and Culture'

Bookings: info@mwmbookings.org.uk

Mission Partners Prayer Concerns

Stephen and Jane Day – South Africa – PH Day 6

Please pray for:

- Jane and our family as we grieve the sudden death of Jane's father Louis;
- The development of Magnify as it falls under the Institute for Creative Conversation;
- Continuing progress in growing unity in Germiston and between the local churches, with new responsibilities for Jane and Steve to be pastors to three more churches;
- Wisdom and energy to grasp the opportunities before us.

Keith and Ida Waddell – Zambia – PH Day 7

We give thanks to God for the call he puts on individuals to work in the United Church of Zambia Health and Education facilities.

Please pray for:

- The teaching and medical staff at our schools, hospitals and clinics that they are blessed and fulfilled in their lives and work, spiritually socially and professionally;
- The new HA at Mbereshi and other new heads and deputies all appointed within a year; pray that they will settle well and continue to improve the quality of teaching and learning at their schools and the care of patients in our health facilities;
- Peace for us and our families as they care for frail and failing parents, and other seriously ill

relatives. This is a matter of concern for us separated from them when we work overseas.

Jenny Featherstone – Zambia – PH Day 7

Please pray for:

- the carpentry workshop at Chodort, that they will find more customers; the income from this supplements the training programme, and they are currently desperately short of funds.

Chris and Vera Lacey – Columbia – PH Day 9

Please pray for:

- The general finances of the church – we've had to say goodbye to half of the staff in the office due to an inability to pay salaries, and times are tough for everyone;
- The people of Brisas del Mar, for the clinic there which struggles to find funding;
- for the continued construction of the church building and the next visit from Volunteers in Mission in February;
- Sofie's and Abigail's settling in to their school – particularly for their Spanish and ability to communicate with and make friends.

Sharon and John Harbottle - Haiti - PH Day 13

Please pray for:

- The leadership of EMH to

manage limited resources most effectively;

- The communities still working to recover from the effects of Hurricane Matthew, and those assisting them to get longer term solutions for clean water and sanitation;
- Guidance for EMH in its endeavours to improve support of communities through agricultural, microcredit and health development activities;
- Improvement in the abilities of church members and preachers to share the Good News of Christ in their communities, through the training and materials provided by the Christian Education Department;
- The upcoming Youth Leadership training supported by SALT Grant that the energy of the many young people in the church may be utilised and focussed;
- Give thanks for funding from MWiB to initiate a Women's Empowerment training course. Pray that for those attending it will be transformational.

John Howard – Israel/Palestine – PH Day 15

Please pray for:

- The situation in Gaza. The two million residents of Gaza are going through terrible difficulties, water is unsafe, electricity on a few hours a day, shortages of basic items in the shops. There is also increasing concern that there might be a new Gaza War. Please pray for peace and for an

- end to the blockade of Gaza;
- Young people here in the West Bank, losing hope and in some cases becoming desperate. Unemployment is very high and the permit system can leave people feeling that they are imprisoned. Pray for a breakthrough in the peace process so that lives can be radically improved for all those in the West Bank;
- John, as he faces the challenges of living here. It is often a place of unpredictability, checkpoints closed or "flying checkpoints" in places you don't expect them. There is always the worry about Visas and whether the authorities will decide that they don't want me here.

Rachel Ullmer – Pakistan – PH Day 16

Please pray for:

- The new Bishop and the Diocese as plans and changes are made;
- Thank God that I have been granted a visa;
- For the future of the schools and that teachers will be encouraged to be more effective in their teaching;
- For the Church in Pakistan as it deals with contemporary issues, that it will stay close to God.

Anne Baldwin – Sri Lanka – PH Day 18

Please pray for:

- Anne, newly arrived at The Theological College of Lanka;