

our INSPIRE fresh expression project in Chemnitz; that he will settle well and learn German quickly; that he will be blessed by his time here, as well as being a blessing to the children he is ministering to in InspireKids;

- the important integration work between refugee and German children and youth that takes place through InspireKids; our leader Keren and her staff and volunteers; Sophia who will be starting as a new part-time social worker in InspireKids;
- Gillian's ministry of hospitality and welcome in INSPIRE. That all visitors and guests would be blessed by the Christian witness of generous hospitality, catering, service and table fellowship;
- Barry, serving on the board of directors at Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church, especially at this difficult time when the church is painfully divided on issues of human sexuality;
- guidance and wisdom as he serves on the various committees (legislation, central conferences, and church plants);
- that all our efforts will help the church move forward in its global mission "to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world".

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Prayer requests for Summer/Autumn 2019

should reach Irene by 31st July 2019 via email to prayerandcare@mwm.org.uk

Daniel and Grace Morris Chapman and family – Italy – PH Day 30

Please pray for:

- youth with mixed heritage struggling to explore their identity in Christ;
- the Methodist Waldensian union of Churches in Italy, blessed by the coming of Migrants from all over the world;
- the family's furlough (June-Aug), to be a time both to share and to rest;
- the family's move to Rome in August: that they will be able to serve effectively there, and that the children would settle quickly;
- the family to be able to get properly registered with the Italian health system.

Fiona Kendall - European and Legal Affairs Advisor, Mediterranean Hope - Italy - PH Day 30

Although numbers attempting to cross have dropped, the death rate in the Mediterranean Sea is steadily rising and the conflict in Libya is adding to the danger faced by refugees attempting to reach Europe. Please pray for:

- those who are desperate to be kept safe from harm;
- safe ports to be opened and the root causes of migration to be tackled.



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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 Global Relationships Monthly Bulletin 'World Church News' are available online at www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide/GlobalRelationship and by email or post.

Global Relations Team: Please pray for:

- the developing team: Conrad Hicks, Director; Andy Dye; Catherine Hickey; Carolyn Lawrence; Steve Pearce; Sandra Lopez; Bumni Olayisade; Barry Sloane; Julia Edwards; Simon Bennett;
 - 'the Church CAN partnership' - between Global Relationships and All We Can, combining resources to work with churches to develop leadership, capacity and strategy for their ongoing mission;
 - the Rohingya people, following Steve and Revd Barbara Glasson's visit to Myanmar with Barbara visiting both the Myanmar and Bangladesh sides of the border.
- We give thanks to God for the life of Revd Peter Stephens, the first Presiding Bishop of the Gambia who now rests in God's peace.

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.

Mission partners on leave: Please check dates and availability with the Global Relationships (GR) team - Email: gr.admin@methodistchurch.org.uk

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Mission Partners Prayer Concerns and Requests

Michael and Joanna Tetley and family – Benin – PH Day 3

Please praise God with us for:

- a successful completion of our time in Benin and for all He has allowed us to achieve whilst there;
- all who have helped to make our stay in Benin fruitful;
- our new posting to Togo and the continued opportunity to serve God and the people of Togo specifically and West Africa in general;
- our daughters' flourishing in Africa especially socially and at school;
- relatively good health whilst serving in Benin since September 2014.

Pray with us as we ask God to:

- continue to bless the leadership and the congregation of EPMB as they work tirelessly to bring relief to the people in Benin;
- smooth our transition as we relocate from Benin to Togo – especially our accommodation - allowing the renovation works on the house to be finished on time and within budget;
- smooth the transition as we hand over our roles to the new team in Benin;
- bless our new roles in Togo - may it be fruitful and bring the Glory of God to the Methodist Church Togo (EMT), the country Togo and the West African region;
- continue to bless our daughters as they continue to flourish in all aspects of their development.

PH Day 5

Please pray for the difficult situation in **Cameroon**, where two pastors of the Presbyterian Church were killed and life

has been very challenging as political cessationists are now turning against their own communities due to hardship.

PH Day 6

Please pray for the countries of **Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe** especially those affected by Cyclone Idai, and for all those affected and displaced by changes in climate. We think especially of the churches as they their use funds to give aid, part of those funds given by Methodist people in Britain and Ireland via All We Can and Methodist grants. May the good Lord continue to uphold them and provide the necessary resources they require.

Stephen and Jane Day – South Africa – PH Day 6

Please pray for Stephen and Jane returning to the UK, that they can find spaces to help them process their time in South Africa, re-connect with family and friends and for new beginnings in the Croydon circuit in September.

Freddy & Dee Takavarasha – South Africa – PH Day 6 -

Please pray for their new ministry in South Africa

Jenny Featherstone - Zambia - PH Day 8

Please pray for:

- those affected by the serious drought in southern Zambia. The price of mealie meal has doubled and people struggle to afford it;
- the Global Relationships office liaising with partners to support victims in Zambia and Tanzania, which is also affected by the drought.

Claire Smithson - Kenya - PH Day 8

Please pray for:

- Maua Methodist Hospital, as a new C.E.O. takes over, without a medical background but has been in charge of medical facilities. He is a Meru Methodist and so understands a lot of the problems. Transition is always difficult - please pray for wisdom;
- Claire, continuing to develop the work with people living with HIV, positive moves towards developing youth-friendly services, with specific emphasis on a service for teenagers living with HIV and other chronic illnesses. Pray for a social worker with a heart for the teens;
- Claire, that God will uphold her in the loss of her mother in April.

Peter Ensor- Kenya - PH Day 8

We pray for Peter ending his mission partner service this year.

Sharon and John Harbottle - Haiti - PH Day 13

We give thanks for:

- the safe birth of Tobias - a new grandson, a son for Tony and Chantal;
- the visit in January of Helen and Alan, with sons Peter and David;
- all your prayers during the time of insecurity in Haiti in February.

We pray for:

- the church struggling financially in a country with further decreased resources;
- peace and safety on the roads so that we can visit the clinics and churches across the country;
- the new assistant health coordinator;
- a smooth transition and final handover to local staff as we leave.

Angleena Keizer – Israel/Palestine – PH Day 15

Please pray:

- for peace and justice in Israel, West Bank and Gaza;
- that Angleena may respond with love, compassion and empathy to those she encounters as she hears their stories and experiences their struggles and seeks to walk alongside;
- that she has the ability to share injustices against human rights and stand for the oppressed, whilst being a friend to all;
- for safety, and peace for her family as she serves in a land of conflict and struggle.

Anne Baldwin – Sri Lanka – PH Day 18

Please pray for the nation of Sri Lanka as the impact of the Easter Day bombings continues to affect the Christian community; for the bereaved, the injured, the fearful and all those, of many faiths, who are working together to bring peace. May all know the peace and healing power of the risen Christ.

Sheila Norris – Japan – PH Day 21

Please pray for:

- Michiyo Nishimura, who runs our Chaplaincy Centre office here at Kwassui Women's University. She is currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer. A very dedicated colleague only now succumbing to sick leave. We pray for her healing, and that her faith will continue to sustain her;

Julia Edwards - Papua New Guinea - PH Day 23

Please pray for Julia, newly appointed as regional coordinator for the Pacific, awaiting a visa to return and work in PNG.

Barry and Gillian Sloan – Germany – PH Day 26

Please pray for:

- En, a young man from Mongolia newly serving as a Global Mission Fellow with