

hard on themselves as they try to keep up with their school syllabus in a language that is new to them;

- wisdom for Barry as Covid-19 restrictions have relaxed, and more travel is possible. To know when and where to go as all the requests and appointments come in;
- the German Tent Mission. It has had to cancel all its mission outreaches in Europe this summer. It is also suffering financially due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Thank you for being our partners in mission.

Daniel and Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman, Kwame, John and Anna – Italy – PH Day30
Pray with us as we:

- thank God we are all safe and

well and for the opportunity to serve in an intercultural church ministry here in Rome.

- pray for God's guidance in seeking to encourage lay people to train in preaching and leading worship.
- ask God to raise up leaders in the church from all walks of life.
- pray for Daniel as his time as interim director of MEOR comes to an end and for the new director of MEOR as he begins his ministry in Rome.
- pray for Grace who will give birth in November and for the children as they go back to school.
- pray for the Italian teachers who are under considerable pressure.

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

MWM would like to express grateful thanks to our **Magazine Editor, Tim Baker**, for all he has done over the years for us. As his term of office has now come to an end, we are looking for someone to take on this role.

We also give thanks for all **Margaret Williams** gave to our organisation.

We are now looking for someone to take on the role of treasurer, as a matter of urgency.

If you feel you might be able to help with either of these positions, or know someone who could, please contact our president, Inderjit Bhogal.

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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 as well as further information in prayer letters and on the Global Relationships pages on the Methodist Church in Britain website <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide/global-relationships>. Contact the Global Relationships team or MWM if you need support to access further information.

It is with deep sadness that we convey to you the sad news that **our treasurer, Margaret Williams** has died. She had been ill for some time. Margaret has been a wonderful woman and gift of God. Among her many contributions of love in life Margaret has eminently served MWM both as registrar and as treasurer. We ask you to keep her family in your prayers.

Pray for the Global Relationships Team: Conrad Hicks - Director; Andy Dye; Catherine Hickey; Steve Pearce; Sandra Lopez; Bunmi Olayisade; Barry Sloan; Simon Bennett; Natalie Hastings.

Pray for Mission Partners on leave.

Pray for World Church Partners working in the U.K. - All who leave their homes to share in the mission and ministry of the church here in Britain.

Pray for many of our partner churches across the world, where covid 19 and climate disasters have added further challenges and distress to severely disadvantaged communities.

COVID19 has impacted on us all and this affirms our precious gift of prayer that we offer to each other both near and far.

MWM Conference 2021

Save the date: **4th to 6th June 2021.**
More details will follow nearer the time.

Unfortunately our autumn regional conferences had to be cancelled.

We give thanks for the valuable commitment and practical support of

- **All We Can**, and other supporting partners including:
- Methodist Church in Ireland MISSION ASSOCIATES: Those supported by World Mission Partners, but serving with other organisations. Stephen McCann: 24-7 Ibiza James and Hazel Farmer & family: Serving in a majority Buddhist nation in South East Asia
- WMP'S SUPPORT OF OTHER WORKERS OVERSEAS Indigenous missionaries in Myanmar (Burma)
- WMP's work with Church in Chains, an Irish organisation that encourages prayer and action in support of persecuted Christians worldwide.

Mission Partners Prayer Concerns and Requests

We pray for all our Mission Partners, whether or not they have sent in specific prayer request.

Michael and Joanna Tettey and family – Togo – PH Day 3

Hans & Mary Van Den Corput, Marcel and Maurice – Nigeria – PH Day 5

Freddy & Dee Takavarasha – South Africa – PH Day 6

Jonathan & Isabel Hill – Zimbabwe – PH Day 7

Keith & Ida Waddell - Zambia - Day 7 Pray with us:

- for continued political stability here in Zambia, for non-violence as the ruling party and opposition begin campaigning for the forth-coming elections to be held in 2021.
- that the Church leaders, while needing resources to fulfil the Church's mission, will provide leadership and wise guidance and make wise decisions at this difficult time.
- for young people back at school in exam classes as they will write national examinations in December

and that the Ministry of General Education plans responsibly for the re-opening of schools.

- for our front-line health care workers, for protection and courage as they care for Covid-19 patients and others.
- for ourselves and our family and all with whom we share special joy and special concern. We share real concern and prayer for two of Ruaridh's workers from World Renew who have been detained by the authorities in Laos but not charged.

Jenny Featherstone - Zambia - PH Day 7

Please pray for:

- Play4all, who stopped looking after children in March, due to Covid, but are still feeding and supporting families and volunteers.
- Others being supported, including Marita, Bridget, seven yr old Hans, Nathan, and the continuing work against alcohol addiction in Choma, and of course the Covid 19 epidemic (details are in Jenny's newsletter).

Claire Smithson - Kenya - PH Day 8

Please pray for:

- Claire as she goes through all the preparations to be enabled to donate a kidney to a close relative.
- Maua Hospital, in a financial crisis because of reduced patient numbers due to fears of COVID, and increased costs because of staff protection. Staff have taken one substantial pay cut already. They face huge challenges.

Sharon and John Harbottle (former Mission Partners in Haiti) PH Day 11

As we pray for the people of Haiti, we continue to hold, Sharon and John Harbottle in our prayers
Please pray for:

- John's healing following the course of radiotherapy, that there will not be complications and added difficulties, that he will be renewed in strength and health.
- We thank God for his daily love and care shown to us through family friends, church and hospital staff, and we thank all who are praying for us during this time.
- We pray that Sharon may remain well, be blessed with extra patience and fortitude, and that love, in sickness and in health, may be constant.

Angleena Keizer – Israel/Palestine – PH Day 15

Please pray for:

- Israel going back into lockdown the effect this will have on the economy and mental affect it has on people.
- West Bank who have decided even though highest of those infected since the start of the pandemic has chosen not to go into lockdown for

fears of an already struggling economy.

- the Gaza strip and all those who especially feel the sense of being betrayed and forgotten as a result of the UAE, Bahrain and Israel signed agreement.
- Angleena, recovering from an ankle injury and shingles. Thank you for your prayers in these continued uncertain times here and world wide.

Rachel Ullmer – Church of Pakistan – PH Day 16

Pray for:

- all the children in the Pakistani church Sunday School in Lahore who are getting ready for school on 15th September. Schools and teachers are not generally given care and advice, and cannot afford masks and sanitizer. Pray for their safety.
- myself, I have just retired from working in Pakistan but am looking for a job in UK. I am also waiting for my house to become available as, due to the government covid rules, the tenant was allowed to stay longer so I am staying with friends and relatives at the moment.

Eden Fletcher – Hong Kong – PH Day 20

Sheila Norris – United Church of Christ in Japan – PH Day 21

Barry and Gillian Sloan – United Methodist Church in Germany – PH Day 26

Please pray for:

- the refugee children who are struggling with their schooling in lockdown. Gillian and InspireKids do online homework clubs for them. Pray that these kids will not be too