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**Prayers for:**

- The people of Haiti, many of whom were still recovering from the devastating earthquake of 2010, as they piece their lives back together after Cyclone Matthew; pray especially for those who lost loved ones.
- The people of Fiji as they continue to recover from the effects of Cyclone Winston; pray especially for those who still live under tarpaulin, awaiting materials to rebuild their homes.
- How prepared are you and your family to the risks of natural hazards? How you can learn more about disaster risk reduction?

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

**Prayers for:**

- The thousands of migrants trying to make their home in Europe.
- Ourselves as we study Italian.
- Our children - that they continue to enjoy the new environment and that they settle in well.

**Tim and Angela Macquiban – Italy – PH Day 30**

**Thanks for:**

- The 60th anniversary year of

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Ponte Sant'Angelo Church.

- The gifts to buy new chairs for the church and a container for the project to support disabled people in Ghana in work.
- The work of our intern Lucy with young adults.

**Prayers for:**

- The school teaching Italian to migrants on our premises.
- The heritage project opening our doors to visitors and pilgrims.
- The victims of the earthquakes in central Italy, where people are still homeless.
- The ecumenical work of the Methodist Office Rome and its links with the Vatican.

**John Howard - Jerusalem**

**Prayers for:**

- The "Praying Together" initiative, where Jews, Muslims and Christians pray together in the Old City of Jerusalem. It has now been held monthly for over a year. May relationships continue to grow between people of faith divided by so many aspects of life here.
- The attempts in the Palestinian Community to resolve the split between Hamas and Fatah, with the possibility on new leadership emerging.



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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
Julia Edwards	Fiji	Jan 2017 - Mar 2017

**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)**

## From our mission partners

### Pat Jamison – Ghana – PH Day 4 Thanks for:

- Good health and safety as I travels.
- Kindness of all who pray for me and care for me.
- Productive time spent with my World Church Relationship officer Bunmi and opportunity to meet people in Accra.
- Large numbers attending Boys Brigade with 119 now registered
- Unexpected gifts from two of the boys.
- Opportunity to enjoy time with Shona and visiting places related to my life and work.

### Prayers for:

- My nursing registration and driving license to be obtained.
- More dedicated help for Boys Brigade with large numbers and different age groups with different needs.
- Family of Hannah, 14 years old, who died with renal failure.
- Anita's continuing healing to be able to walk with ease.
- Cynthia, a single mother with 7 children, coping with many challenges.

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

#### Prayers for:

- The church in Germiston as we seek to utilise the opportunities for growing together in this time of transition and turmoil.
- For Steve to be given opportunities to minister in ways that are life-giving and focused on the local community.

- The continued growth of Magnify (Women in Leadership programme) so that more women will be able to be encouraged to develop in their leadership.
- Jane's development as a coach, that she may be able to support others so that they can grow and develop.
- Opportunities for proper rest and relaxation so that we can be refreshed to serve.

### Keith and Ida Waddell – Zambia – PH Day 7

#### Thanks for:

- Our first nine months as Education and Health Secretaries and the privilege of being able to serve the Church in this way.
- UCZ St Andrew's School and the Korean Presbyterian Montessori School where Ellie and Mubita have settled well.
- The peace and tranquillity Zambia has enjoyed despite the political polarisation after the recent General Elections.

#### Prayers for:

- Wisdom, knowledge and understanding for us as we undertake and develop our roles and for safety on the road as we visit the Schools, hospitals and clinics nationwide.
- The staff and pupils of both schools as work to upgrade both continues.
- The Zambian Government as they meet with the World Bank and IMF, so that the poor,

vulnerable and marginalised are protected from the worst aspects of the proposed austerity programme.

### Claire Smithson – Kenya – PH Day 8

#### Thanks for:

"...Some of the children born with HIV, that have been in our programme for years, are now young adults and having children of their own. This is a dream we never thought possible when the programme started in 2002, when our aim was to keep the children alive as long as possible and give them a good quality of life. Those expectations have been far exceeded!!"

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

#### Prayers for:

- The continuing relief work following hurricane Matthew and in particular the relief work offered by Eglise Methodiste d'Haiti (EMH); for mobile clinics, roofing homes, schools and churches, supplying aquatabs and filters for drinking water, seeds for planting and food for families.
- The preparations for the 200 year celebration of Methodism in Haiti in February 2017, for the visitors attending, the celebration services, the accreditation of 300 Local Preachers, the heritage exhibition, the partners conference and all the events planned. As we give thanks to God and rejoice in our past history may we honour Christ in the present day and by his Spirit

capture the vision for the future.

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

#### Prayers for:

- Steve, that he will be successful in learning the language to facilitate his teaching.
- His desire to help the students become aware of different cultural influences within theology.
- Guidance as he prepares lectures for new classes next semester.
- Sensitivity in starting an English Language chapel service for students, staff and faculty.
- Lorraine, that she will bring glory to God through all that she does.
- Creating new opportunities within the church for all ages to deepen their relationship with God and their ministry to God's creation.
- Reaching out beyond the church to new groups of people, including immigrants to Korea, foreign people working or living temporarily in Korea and for local people who want to develop their English and faith.

### Julia Edwards - Fiji – PH Day 25

#### Thanks for:

- The post-disaster relief efforts of governments, international aid agencies, communities, individuals and the Church, as each tries to response as best they can in difficult circumstances, and often with limited resources.
- Organisations such as UNWOMEN who assist in strengthening the resilience of