

- Wisdom for all leaders in political, religious and civic society.
- The 2 Methodist Churches in Chemnitz that are both involved in giving church asylum to refugees.
- INSPIRE, the Fresh Expressions project that Gillian and I are involved in in the city centre, as we build community with people of all and no faiths.

Tim and Angela Macquiban - Italy – PH Day 30

Please pray for:

- Angela and Tim as they begin to prepare to return to Britain next year.
- The special challenges and opportunities of the work in which they are both engaged.
- For migrants and refugees anxious because of the passing of the Salvini Law and fearful of their future in Italy.
- Rachel in her intern role volunteering with JNRC (Joel Nafuma Refugee Centre) at St Paul's Within the Walls and the

new 'Safe Space' initiative, organised in partnership with MEDU and the United Nations refugee agency UNHCR. The project is for women and mothers with babies, who have nowhere else to go and need a calm and safe space.

- The Ponte Sant' Angelo Methodist Church Rome preparing to receive Daniel as their new minister next year.
- Gratitude for Angela's opportunity to share in 'a memorable day' celebrating Diwali with people of different faiths focussing on the sayings of Mahatma Gandhi concerning peace and non-violence.

We pray for the family and friends of **Edna Whewell**, who died on 8th December Age 101, and give thanks for her life and her work as a Medical Missionary in South West China and India.

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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 online at www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide/world-church and 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: Angela and Tim Macquiban, Grace and Daniel Maurice Chapman, Stephen and Jane Day.

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

MWM Conference 2019

31st May – 2nd June

China's Mission to the World

The growth of Christianity has been strikingly strong in recent years. What has led to that situation? What are the strategies of Chinese Christianity? What can it teach us?

Meet members of the Chinese congregations in Britain including **Revd Kan Yu**, and **Dr Alexander Chow** of Edinburgh University

Worship to be led by **Christine Elliott** (CTBI China Forum) & **Revd Dr Barbara Glasson**.

To book, email bookings@mwm.org.uk

Mission Partners Prayer Concerns

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

Please pray for:

- The many changes of the church and hospital to result in greater efficiency and cooperation, with Christian ways of sharing and living the Gospel of Jesus. That the Light of Christ will shine through the Church and all its associated organisations.
- A healthy spirit, body and mind for our whole family.
- Adequate preparation for our daughters to re-enter the system of school and general life of the UK when it is time to return.
- Continuing travelling mercies for each day.

Give praise for:

- Ongoing good health and living experience in Benin and West Africa in general and ongoing good health for all our relatives and friends.
- Good support from our supervisor at WCO Methodist Church UK.
- Ongoing revelation of God's Grace and Mercy - ever since we have been on the Mission field. Our testimonies are many!!!!

Stephen and Jane Day – South Africa – PH Day 6

Please pray for:

- Stephen and Jane entering a time of transition as they prepare to return for a circuit appointment in Britain beginning next September.
- a good ending in Germiston and a good reintroduction to life in the UK.

Keith and Ida Waddell – Zambia – PH Day 7

Please pray for:

- Young people in Zambia and the misuse of alcohol - sometimes mixed with smoking dagga which is a lethal cocktail.
- Ida finding great difficulty in having her concept paper to roll out Cervical Cancer Screening and Treatment in UCZ Hospitals and clinics accepted.
- A Scottish Registered Charity which is needed to support the application.
- If anyone has any links to a possible Charity please let us know. Much of the ground-work has been done to bring this service closer to women in need, as only 7% of rural women are presently able to access the next stage of treatment after screening.

Sharon and John Harbottle-Haiti – PH Day 13

Please pray for:

- Our health - we are much improved.
- A peaceful Christmas and New Year to come into much political unrest in Haiti due to dissatisfaction with the Government.
- The work and ministry of a new Music School opened to train choir leaders of Eglise Methodiste d'Haiti and offer instrumental lessons too.
- The initiative in agricultural training for farmers through short courses at Vialet, that confidence and entrepreneurial skills will be enhanced.
- The effectiveness of courses in Christian Education, especially for training class leaders, the empowerment of women and ministry among children, in witness to Christ and strengthening the church, with gratitude for continued grants for this work.
- Funds to be secured for the health programme and the appointment of an assistant coordinator (NMA) to extend in circuits, clinics and the community.

Angleena Keizer – Israel/Palestine – PH Day 15

Angleena, recovering from a sudden emergency operation with

gratitude for all the care she experienced and shares with us: *'I thank God for the new Cardiac Care Unit at the Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation Hospital, which is linked to the Imperial London Hospital. I thank God for the quality of care and expertise given. I experienced something unique to the many different hospitals I've visited over the years. There was so much warmth, care and lots of laughter over and above their professionalism. The heart of the matter was the matter of the heart: mine had calcified and was blocked. Words can't fully express the overall experience it turned out to be because of the heart attitude of those I encountered in this hospital. They embraced me, took me into their care and most of all their hearts. It reminds me of Proverbs 17:22. A cheerful heart is good medicine but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. I walked into the hospital not able to breath, I walked out with an unblocked heart and full of laughter!*

Barry and Gillian Sloan – Germany – PH Day 26

Please pray for:

- the recent far-right violence and racist marches happening in Chemnitz since the start of September.
- The city of Chemnitz at this time, for all foreigners living in the city - including refugees and students.