

We continue to hold in prayer:

Michael & Joanna Tettey & family - Benin/Togo - PH Day 3

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

Freddy & Dee Takavarasha - South Africa - PH Day 6

Jonathan & Isabel Hill - Zimbabwe - PH Day 7

Angleena Keizer - Israel/Palestine - PH Day 15

Eden Fletcher - Hong Kong - PH Day 20

Barry & Gillian Sloan - United Methodist Church in Germany - PH Day 26

Fiona Kendall - Italy - PH Day 30

European & Legal Affairs Advisor Mediterranean Hope

Matthew Laferty - Italy - PH Day 30

Pray for the Global Relationships Team:

Conrad Hicks: Director, **Sandra Lopez:** Partnership Coordinator of Latin America and the Caribbean, **Olubunmi Olayisade:** Partnership Coordinator for Africa, **Barry Sloan:** Partnership Coordinator for Europe.

For Partnership Coordinator of Asia and the Pacific please contact the Director, **Andy Dye:** Programme Team Leader, **Catherine Hickey:** Programme Team Officer: People2People

Simon Bennett: Administrator, **Natalie Hastings:** Administrator, **Liddy Buswell** and **Meg Haslam:** Global Church Youth Reps

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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) and copy for wider circulation and in church newsletters.

Paper and electronic copies are available, as well as further information in prayer letters and on the Global Relationships website 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.

Prayers for all who have experienced sadness and loss:

We pray for all who have experienced, at the time of death and final farewell, painful separation from those who have been so important to us in our lives. We hold in God's love the families and friends of Mission Partners who have died recently. We praise and thank God for their lives of faithful and courageous service spanning many years in the past.

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

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

Mission Partners Prayer Concerns

Jenny Featherston - Zambia - PH Day 7 Pray:

- For Marita, her visit to Luanshya hospital for elephantitis was not very successful and she is still in a lot of pain. The plan was for her to stay there for treatment, but she was sent home the same day.
- She had an arduous 3-day journey back to Chapata, staying overnight in the broken down bus.
- For Bridget who looks after Nathan and his sisters, she is very run down with an infected wound from a caesarean, gall stones which couldn't be operated on till after the birth, and is just recovering from malaria, as well as a new baby to look after.
- For the fundraising efforts of CADRO to touch the hearts (and pockets!) of local businesses, and for them to be able to inform may on their walk to Lusaka next month.

Praise:

- For dedicated and capable people like Jane Mwenda and the Play4all volunteers
- For Nathan, as he has been off dialysis for over 3 weeks now and back with his sisters in Mansa We hope he will soon be just tablet and diet controlled for a while, then possibly stop the medication altogether.
- For the motivated CADRO members who meet weekly to support each other. They have changed their lives and are

determined to keep away from alcohol addiction.

Keith & Ida Waddell - Zambia - PH Day 7

Thanks:

- For the good rains that should provide a good harvest and an end to load-shedding (power-cuts).
- For the reduction in Covid-19 cases

Pray:

- That flooding will not affect the food security of struggling rural households.
- For the speedy and safe arrival of Covid-19 vaccines in Zambia.
- For a successful immunisation programme.
- For the development of the sheltered workshop at Mwandu
- For those that have lost their jobs and the economic burden this places on families, many now just eating once a day.
- That God will call the right people to take over as our successors in the Health and Education Departments.

Claire Smithson - Kenya - PH Day 8

Pray:

- For our hospital management as they continue to make hard decisions. Especially about when to return to "normal" salaries
- That supplies of Covid 19 vaccines will be enough for everyone
- Good rains due to start mid-March, so that ordinary people will have food to eat.

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

Pray:

- For the impact on everyone of very real concerns relating to Covid 19 and access to vaccinations.
- For the preparations for the new academic year from April with social and economic challenges for students and others seeking employment.

Daniel and Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman, Kwame, John, Anna and Catherine - Italy - PH Day 30

Please pray for:

- The children as they adjust to online schooling during lockdown.
- The church, that our online witness grows even if we cannot be open in the usual ways.
- Our ministry as mission partners, that God would continue to lead and guide us as a family as we seek to do God's will.

Pray for Mission Partners in transit: Sharon and John Harbottle PH Day 31

Thanks:

- For a continued improvement in John's health, that test results are good, that recovery is steady.
- For technology giving us opportunities to see family, follow webinars of our choice and meet with the church community.

Pray:

- For peace in Haiti where Covid-19 has remained relatively controlled, but where the economic and political disturbances are impacting very heavily on the people.
- For wisdom here in the UK as we make the transition out of Lockdown, patience with one another and energy to fulfil a vision of a better way of life.

MWM Conference 2021: Celebrating Diversity

Mission together in the global village

5th June 2021 Online conference

We are made in the image of God, with all our incredible diversity.

Rather than fragmentation, this gives us the opportunity to celebrate and interact with each other to create a rich and immense collective body of Christ

Speakers include: British Methodist theologians **Prof Anthony Reddie**, **Rev'd Prof Frances Young** and **Rev'd Dr Inderjit Bhogal**

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