

Mission Partners in Transit - PH Day 31

Wendy Kilworth-Mason recently returned from Rwanda.

Joanna Tettey, Joelle and Janelle — see day 3

Angleena Keizer, returned from Israel/Palestine, now back in Circuit in England.

For the current Global Relationships e-news and updates on the use of the World Mission Fund by our partners see : www.methodist.org.uk/global-relationships/

For more information about conference decisions on the future of lay mission partners, see notice of motion 104 on page 2 of <https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/29813/conf-2023-daily-record-2023-7-28-june.pdf>

MWM Annual Global Mission Conference 2024

Challenging our perspectives: Focus on Eastern Europe.

Our usual weekend— 31st May to 2nd June

But a new venue!

CLIFF COLLEGE, Calver, Hope Valley, Sheffield, S32 3XG

More details coming soon or go to MWM.org

MWM South West regional conference

29th - 1st October 2023

at Ammerdown Conference Centre near Bath.

Theme: Islam and Christianity; Competition and Cooperation.

Lead Speaker: Dr David Thomas (Emeritus Professor of Christianity and Islam, Birmingham University). For more details and a booking form, contact Mike Dennis at mikedennis_uk@yahoo.co.uk

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Prayer requests for Autumn 2023 should reach Irene or Maggie by Oct 31st via email to prayerandcare@mwm.org.uk



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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/people-in-mission/mission-partners/>

Contact the Global Relationships team or MWM if you need support to access further information.

Pray for the Global Relationships Team:

Conrad Hicks: Global Relationships Change Leader

Andy Dye: Interim Director of Global Relationships

Barry Sloan: Partnership Coordinator for Europe

Andrew Ashdown: Partnership Coordinator for Africa.

Sandra Lopez: Partnership Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean

Sheila Norris: Partnership Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific

Trudi Awuku: World Mission Fund Officer

Simon Bennett: Administrator; **Natalie Hastings:** Administrator

Eli Atif and Luca Barwick Plant: Global Church Youth Reps.

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. For news on incoming partners see: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide/global-relationships/people-in-mission/people-2-people-programmes/>

We continue to pray for all our partner churches across the world, and for all who have experienced distress, sadness and loss from the impact of COVID, Climate change and other disastrous events around our world. This affirms our precious gift of prayer that we offer to each other both near and far.

MWM Conference 2024 SAVE THE DATE

31st May to 2nd June

and notice the new venue — Cliff College
See the back page for theme and more details.

Mission Partners Prayer Concerns and Requests

We pray for all our Mission Partners, whether or not they have sent in specific prayer request. Please use the Prayer Handbook for details.

Lord Jesus you sent your disciples into all the world to baptise and proclaim your Kingdom. Bless all who leave their home to share your love in distant places and guide them day by day in their service of you. Amen.

We hold in prayer all our mission partners, in particular those serving in lay ministry positions, as they come to terms with the decision of the church to phase out the employment of lay mission partners from September 2024 and explore the potential of other pathways for lay people to serve overseas in the future. We pray they, and the places where they serve, receive clarity and peace of mind with regard to their and their families' futures, as they face the anxiety and uncertainty, and pray that in all the changes, all may know God's love surrounding them, holding them and guiding their paths. Amen.

Sharon and John Harbottle—The Gambia—PH day 2

Please pray for:

- 'Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow' in all that we face;
- Courage for those suffering in Haiti;
- Continued growth in grace for the church in the Gambia.

Rachel and Sylvester Deigh – Sierra Leone – PH Day 2

Michael Tetey – Benin/Togo – PH Day 3 (see also day 31)

Prayers for the family as Joanna, with Joelle and Janelle relocate to London to enable the girls to continue their education, while Michael remains in Togo.

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

Annekatherin and Matthias Buchold - South Africa - PH Day 6

Jonathan & Isabel Hill – Zimbabwe – PH Day 7

Keith & Ida Waddell - Zambia - PH Day 7

Gina & Malcolm Oliver, Luyando and Chipo -Zambia - PH Day 7

Giving thanks:

- For the fund-raising dinner and dance for Mbereshi Hospital. They plan to use the money for refurbishment of the hospital theatre. Methodists for World Mission (MWM) gave a generous £2000 grant recently to help rebuild the condemned laundry at the hospital.

Please pray for:

- Lubwa Mission: That the vision of rebuilding much of the existing structure may be developed into a viable long term plan. That the existing structure which seems to have had its foundations undermined by termites, may continue to serve its purpose until funding for a new structure can be secured;
- the Roads: may the government use its limited resources wisely in developing a road, rail and air infrastructure that helps the country to move forward in an economical and sustainable way.

Daniel & Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman, Kwame, John, Anna and Catherine – Uganda – PH Day 8

Please pray for the family as they move from Italy to serve in Uganda; that they may all settle in well.

Claire Smithson - Kenya - PH Day 8

Give thanks with us that Rev Deye has been elected as the new Presiding Bishop

of the Methodist Church in Kenya. This should give the whole church, as well as the hospital a period of much needed stability.

Please pray for:

- The financial situation at Maua Methodist Hospital. The economic turmoil in Kenya means there is a shortage of doctors, and paying staff salaries and medical supplies are now a challenge.
- For Claire, a few years only until retirement, but now, as all our mission partners, facing an uncertain future.

Melissa Newell - Ecuador—PH Day 10

Please pray for:

- Continued safe travelling
- God's guidance on how best to support and connect with the Ecuadorian people
- The leaders and members of La Iglesia Evangélica Metodista del Ecuador, and the discipleship of the young people.

Chris and Linda Haines – Honduras – PH Day 11

Please pray for:

- Fostering discipleship and developing leadership in the churches on the main Island and the Cay
- Encouraging outreach and social initiatives from both churches into their communities
- Supporting the work of the bilingual Methodist school and college
- Involvement with the work of the MCCA beyond Utila, and children's work locally.

David Hardman - Israel/Palestine - PH Day 15

Sarah Lowe – Sri Lanka – PH Day 16

Please pray for:

- A wise and stable government
- The church's relief work in feeding and caring for people impacted by the recent economic collapse

- The return of the tourist industry
- The work of healing for those carrying deep trauma from the war.

Eden Fletcher - Hong Kong - PH Day 20 Barry and Gillian Sloan – Germany – PH Day 26

Please pray for INSPIRE, our Fresh Expression of church in Chemnitz. Particularly for our new venture, Soul Sunday, beginning in September.

Ray and Karen Borg - France – Day 27

Please pray for:

- Inspiration for the EPUdF (Eglise Protestante Unie de France) as it grapples with the challenges of ministry in a large, mainly rural area
- Continued progress in learning French
- Discernment in finding the fine line between fitting-in and being an agent of change.

Mathew Lafferty - Italy - PH Day 29

Fiona Kendall - Italy - PH Day 29

Please pray for:

- Respite for those in Italy suffering the effects of climate change, such as tremendous heat, violent storms and torrential rain, particularly those who have inadequate shelter and support;
- Safety and welcome for those attempting to reach Italy by boat, who remain at the mercy of unscrupulous smugglers, completely inadequate vessels and hostile policy which sends boats to distant ports on arrival;
- Ongoing collaboration by government and civil society in developing and expanding legal pathways which support rather than obstruct people on the move;
- A humane response by ordinary folk to those attempting to settle in Italian society.