

**Melissa Newell** returning to Ecuador with SAMS Ireland (South American Mission Society) Please pray for:

- Melissa as she prepares to return to Ecuador in early November;
- Pastora Fabiola, who is currently on maternity leave with her new baby and those leading the church in her absence;
- rain for Ecuador (the entire country) and other Amazon regions, which are also suffering from an extreme drought: there are daily power outages, as most of the electricity comes from hydroelectric plants.

**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/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/global-relationships/)**

## **MWM Annual Global Mission Conference 2025**

**"The World is my Parish – Celebrating World Mission in Methodism's past and exploring God's Mission in the future."**

Following last year's successful conference at Cliff College we are looking forward to meeting there again. Come and join with us in celebrating the contribution of lay mission partners. Hear from recent lay mission partners and MWM partners and look forward to the future.

**Keynote speaker: Rev'd Dr Reynaldo Leao Neto**

General Secretary of the World Methodist Council

*The conference will also include our AGM*

**30th May to 1st June at CLIFF COLLEGE**

Calver, Hope Valley, Sheffield, S32 3XG **Note the venue!**

*For more information and to book go to [mwm.org.uk/conferences/](http://mwm.org.uk/conferences/)*

### **Methodists for World Mission (MWM)**

[www.mwm.org.uk](http://www.mwm.org.uk)

**President:** John Howard

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**MWM Prayer and Care coordinator:**

Maggie Patchett and Irene McKay

**Prayer requests for Winter 2025 should reach**

**Maggie by Jan 15th 2025 via email to [prayerandcare@mwm.org.uk](mailto:prayerandcare@mwm.org.uk)**



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# *Prayer and Care*

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**Methodists for World Mission**

**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 [Mission Partners - The Methodist Church](http://MissionPartners-TheMethodistChurch)

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

#### **Pray for the Global Relationships Team:**

**Andy Dye:** Director of Global Relationships

**Currently recruiting for:** Deputy Director and Programmes Delivery Officer

**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

And with a focus in Britain, **Nigel Cowgill:** Global Communities Officer

**Stella Townson:** Hong Kong Communities Support Officer

**Trudi Awuku:** World Mission Fund Officer

**Simon Bennett & Natalie Hastings:** Administrators

**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: [People in Mission: Mission Partners, Nationals in Mission, Volunteers and the GR team - The Methodist Church](#)

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

**EXTRA!! Meet online with Bishop Samuel Kayinamura from Rwanda**

**Tuesday 19th November at 6:30pm UK time**

For Zoom joining details contact [registrar@mwm.org.uk](mailto:registrar@mwm.org.uk)

**MWM Annual Global Mission Conference 30th May to 1st June 2025**

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.

### A prayer by MWM President, Rev'd John Howard

Heavenly Father we give thanks for all the people who have served overseas as Mission Partners, both lay and ordained. We recognise the pain and uncertainty felt by many as the church has changed its policy on sending people to serve overseas. We pray that as we look forward our commitment to world mission may not be diminished, rather that in new ways we may find how to give and receive to the benefit of the one Church.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Amen

### Rachel and Sylvester Deigh – Sierra Leone – PH Day 2

Please pray for:

- new probationers as they start their ministry and the new student ministers as they start their training;
- that we will find a healthy balance between work and rest;
- continued protection and guidance in our work, in our travels and at home.

### Annekatherin and Matthias Buchold - South Africa - PH Day 6

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

We give thanks for:

- the provision of funds for a Nutrition Centre, a One-Stop GBV Centre and a Student Hostel;
- the upgrading of the Mission Hospital from a Level 1 Primary Care Centre to a Level 2 General Hospital offering more specialities;
- all who regularly pray for us and our work. God bless you as you uphold our work in your prayers.

Please pray for:

- the Mwandu Mission Team, that they may make wise decisions and know the Lord's peace, as they engage with the community in their respective areas, school children, patients, staff and congregations;

- Keith and Ida's daughter-in-law, Fiona, who was hospitalised after collapsing but is now recovering at home in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

### South West Peninsula District and links with the Diocese of Cuttack, Odisha, Church of North India - PH Day 12

We give thanks for the strengthened foundations for friendship and deepened awareness of each other's joys and challenges in our different contexts. We pray for:

- the work of CODE in Puri, and the kindergarten for the children of some of the lowest paid labourers in the town and surrounding area—that funding will be forthcoming;
- the Christian Hospital at Berhampur, and the two rural Health Clinics working with very isolated communities. Prayers are requested for the Chaplain, Deacon Sangeeta Behera, and her pastoral ministry, and for Dr Nanda, and his team of surgical, medical and supporting staff as they continue to serve so faithfully and sacrificially;
- the Orissa Christian Theological College at Gopalpur-on-Sea, its 36 students, largely from the Tribal villages and their Principal Dr Mary Chang.

### David Hardman - Israel/Palestine - PH Day 15

### Sarah Lowe – Sri Lanka – PH Day 16

### Eden Fletcher - Hong Kong - PH Day 20

### Barry and Gillian Sloan - Germany - PH Day 26

### Southampton District link with Zambia - PH Day 26

Please pray for:

- Rev'd Rosemary Fletcher as she travels to Zambia to represent the Southampton District at the 60th Anniversary of Zambian Independence, on Oct 24th, 2024;
- strengthening of the link between the Southampton District and the United Church of Zambia.

### Northampton District Twinned with the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon - PH Day 23

Please pray for:

- The leadership of Bishop Fonki Samuel Forba, the moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon and for Rev'd Dr Sonia Hicks the Chairperson of the Northampton District as they lead the Twinning forward;
- Peace and reconciliation for the people of Cameroon as they are still in the grip of a civil war;
- The ministry of the Cameroon Christian Women's and Men's fellowship not only in the District but throughout the world, and for the District Chaplain Deacon Sylvia Kempson.

### North West England District Link with Argentina - PH Day 24

We pray for:

- The Methodist Church in Argentina in its fearless commitment to social justice and human rights at a time when there is great economic pressure on the marginalised of all age groups. We join them in their prayer for a new time of dignity, justice and truth for all people

and we pray for God to sustain them in this resolve;

- the women of the Methodist church (Federación Evangélica de Mujeres Metodistas Argentina) as they prepare to meet together in November for their national Encuentro, 'Redefining the life of faith' – an important and special time.

### Fiona Kendall - Italy - PH Day 29

Please pray for:

- Mediterranean Hope (MH), in its third year and the around 100 people in need of international protection, currently based in Niger, who will be arriving in Italy this autumn;
- the "pre-departure orientation" programme, both in Niger and in Lebanon, as well as online;
- the group of refugees who were ready to leave Lebanon;
- all partners of MH, continuing to work in country in very difficult circumstances.

### Matthew Laferty—Italy—PH Day 29

### Recently returned Mission Partners - PH Day 31

**Karen and Ray Borg**

**Chris and Linda Haines**

**Gillian Sloan**

**John and Sharon Harbottle**

**Jonathon and Isabel Hill**

**Hans and Mary Van der Corput**

**Gina and Malcolm Oliver**

**Grace and Daniel Pratt Morris-Chapman, Kwame, John, Anna and Ewuradwowa** - We thank God the children are doing well at school and that Daniel's work is going well. We ask for special prayers for Grace and for us to find a good place to live and settle down.

**Michael Tettey, Joanna, Joelle and Janelle**

**Claire Smithson**