

## 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

Michael Tettey, Joanna, Joelle and  
Janelle

Claire Smithson

Melissa Newell returning to Ecuador with  
SAMS Ireland (South American Mission  
Society)

Giving thanks to God for:

- the arrival of the rainy season after months of drought, providing enough water and power in the hydroelectric dams to provide constant electricity;
- a lovely Christmas season in church and with friends.

Please pray for:

- The changes taking place in the church where Melissa is based - the election of new church leaders; the pastor of the church and for Global Mission Fellow, Rhealyn from the Philippines;
- Melissa, as she completes the transfer to her new organisation SAMS, involving a return to the UK in February and March before returning to Ecuador in April.

## 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)

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**MWM Prayer and Care coordinator:**

Maggie Patchett

**Prayer requests for spring 2025 should reach**

**Maggie by March 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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**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 (MCB) website [Mission Partners - The Methodist Church](http://MissionPartners-TheMethodistChurch). Contact the Global Relationships team or MWM if you need support to access further information. 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/for-churches/global-relationships/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/global-relationships/)

### Pray for the Global Relationships Team:

**Andy Dye:** Director of Global Relationships

**Rebecca Boardman:** Deputy Director for Global Relationships

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

**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

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

We pray for Rachel and Sylvester who are now back in the UK.

### Birmingham District Link with the Kadoma District of the Zimbabwe Methodist Conference PH Day 5

Please pray for the Kadoma District of the Zimbabwe Methodist Conference, for Bishop Peace Simango and the presbyters and deacons of that District. We rejoice in the growing churches of that District, and the commitment of the young people sharing in God's ministry. We pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will be made manifest amongst the people, to address the challenges and opportunities that arise in the local community. We pray that God will be known in the reality of the people, to be the faithful and compassionate God. The Birmingham District, also asks for prayers as they work towards the merger of the District with the neighbouring Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District to become the new WEST MIDLANDS DISTRICT from September 2025.

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

Please pray for:

- the start of the new school and university year in South Africa;
- that children are able to learn with confidence and joy in peace and safety; for wisdom and strength for the families, teachers and support staff that they may teach in love. Pray, that God bless all with patience, tolerance and respect;
- those who are starting at universities, often in new places, unsure of their accommodation, food and other needs, that they are able to access the help they need;
- all victims of sexual abuse of children and youth – boys and girls who are forced into sexual activities like family rape,

molestation, sodomization, statutory rape; for young girls subjected to teenage pregnancy, forced marriages, human trafficking. We thank God for his mercy, love and peace so that we can all learn to protect life and the vulnerable from being taken advantage of;

- the renewal of AnneKatherin and Matthias's visas, allowing them to stay in South Afrika till the end of 2026;
- their oldest son, Vincent, that he will get an apprenticeship for August this year, when he returns to Germany.

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

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

On 2nd March we shall be marking Cuttack Sunday, as we celebrate the partnership in our churches across the District, with prayer requests and resources from the Diocese. We pray for the Bishop of Cuttack, Rev SK Nanda and his family, the Diocesan officers, superintendents, pastors and evangelists, and lay leaders of the many congregations and social projects. Please also pray for:

- Eunice and Malcolm Halliday who are spending 6 weeks volunteering alongside theological students at the Odisha Christian Theological College in Gopalpur on Sea, supporting the students, who are predominantly from rural Tribal villages, in learning conversational English to support their studies.
- Dr Mary Chang, the OCTC principal, the staff and students, and all those who support them.

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

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

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

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

Deacon Sylvia Kempson, Chaplain to a Cameroon Fellowship in the Northampton District writes:

We give thanks for the growing understanding between our two denominations, both in this country and Europe through the work of the Cameroon Women's and Men's Fellowships and those Cameroonians who live as part of the diaspora of Europe and the UK. We pray that we will continue to strengthen our commitment to continue on this journey and so help to bring about God's Kingdom where we are.

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

Please pray for the Methodist Women of Argentina, who held a residential gathering recently on the theme 'Re-envisioning our faith'. Their leader, Ana Bustos, has sent outlines of their workshops in the hope that the women of Cumbria will be able to replicate them and then share some of the outcomes. Economic issues in Argentina mean many women could not afford to pay to attend, so instead of a delegate travelling from the UK, the money was made available to the Methodist Women in Argentina to facilitate attendance. The Cumbria Partnership Group contributed £1500 and Cumbria Methodist Women in Britain added a further £500. This was much appreciated, and the growing bonds between the women of Argentina & UK are encouraging.

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

We thank God for:

- A wonderful anniversary week in January celebrating 10 years of our Fresh Expression "INSPIRE" in Chemnitz;
- new doors opening and new opportunities to serve and bless the neighbourhood through INSPIRE;
- those in Britain and Ireland who pray for us and partner us in mission.

We pray for:

- Gillian as she adapts to some new responsibilities and changing expectations in her new employment as a GBGM missionary through the United Methodist Church in the USA. We are blessed and grateful for this new possibility, and that Gillian can continue her service and ministries at INSPIRE;
- Barry as he endeavours to balance his two part-time roles as a mission partner leading the INSPIRE Fresh Expression, and as a partnership coordinator for Europe for the MCB;
- for INSPIRE and its team of volunteers in this year where our city, Chemnitz, is the European Capital of Culture. The city expects around 2 million visitors this year. INSPIRE's socio-cultural programme will play its part. [www.inspire-chemnitz.de](http://www.inspire-chemnitz.de)

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

We pray for:

- the peoples of Zambia, who in 2024 endured a terrible drought which led to crops, especially the staple food of maize, failing, animals dying, malnutrition, and an increase in need and poverty, amongst those already living on the edge of survival;
- all those impacted by the lack of power due to the depletion of water in the Kariba Dam and we pray for healthy rains in 2025;

Climate change is also exacerbated by deforestation and this happens in Zambia where trees are cut down to produce charcoal for cooking, especially in rural areas, and areas where there is no electricity. We pray for Jenny Featherstone (previous mission partner) and her team at Happy Planet, seeking to teach people to make sustainable bi-mass brickettes.

### Fiona Kendall - Italy - PH Day 29

### Matthew Laferty—Italy—PH Day 29