January & February 2018

WCC Missionary Prayer newsletter

News and prayer points for the missionaries and missions our church supports

Moira Smith, OMF, East Asia

Pray for Moira as she supports missionary families with their children's education and development, both directly, and through local advisors in East Asia.

Give thanks for the special learning week in November at the learning centre in a city in SW China that Moira could help with. This was an encouragement to the teacher and to parents. Give thanks that the children are keen to learn.

Moira gives thanks that her financial support level has been over 90% of target in 2017. Pray for this to rise so she will be fully funded from designated personal support.

Pray for Moira's next trip to E Asia from 23 January till 24 March when she will mainly be in Thailand.

Pray for the children's programmes at two staff conferences in February. These have been Moira's responsibility to organise and train the helpers. Give thanks for sufficient helpers.

Blythswood shoebox appeal

Give thanks for the 104 shoeboxes we provided for the 2017 appeal which have been distributed to needy people in Eastern Europe.

The children's camp in Romania are grateful for the boxes they received and could share with children in the village. Perhaps some were from us!

Wayne and Hilary Thomas, Operation Mobilisation, USA

http://uk.om.org/wayneandhilary

Hilary selects and prepares new applicants from the USA to work with OM in various long-term ministries across the world.

Pray for wisdom, discernment and sensitivity as she works with individuals planning to start ministry in January 2018 and for others as they raise support to be able to move out at a later date.

Pray for Hilary to learn to use a new IT system from January.

Wayne collects surplus food from restaurants that can be used by the OM team and needy people.

Pray for continued good health.

Pray for success in their applications for American citizenship.

Rachel McLullich on DNA2

Pray for Rachel as she works on her project about how to get a church motivated on missions, being outward-looking and doing outreach. Also as she prepares to do a 3 month mission from May.

Justice Rising, DR Congo

Pray for continued implementation of the kingdom curriculum lesson plans that Becky Lowe developed for the Justice Rising schools in eastern DR Congo.

Aberdeen Ministries:

Street Pastors

Pray for Malcolm Stewart, Dave Andrew, Hazel Ibbetson and Lawrence Watt on the streets every 4th Friday night. Give thanks for good relations with police and door staff, and pray for opportunities for spiritual conversations. Pray for Gerry Bowyer leading Street Pastors in Aberdeen.

Pray for Schools Pastors mentoring needy pupils at St Machar Academy and for Becky Lowe coordinating the team. Pray for continued trust with pupils and staff.

Jenny Taylor

Somebody Cares Trust

Pray for this Christian ministry run by Jenny Taylor providing clothing and household goods for needy people in Aberdeen.

Give thanks for completion of the huge task of moving the warehouse to the former Wood Group offices in Greenwell Road.

They are grateful for the food items we provide towards the food bags.

Cheri Young

Scripture Union

Pray for Cheri Young as she encourages the 40 SU groups in schools across NE Scotland.
Pray for children who with their parents are considering applying to take part in an SU holiday this coming summer.
Give thanks for the 150 years of SU Scotland ministry.

Benaiah centre

Teen Challenge

Pray for the men and women seeking to get permanently free from drug and alcohol addictions.
Give thanks that the funds to buy the Benaiah women's centre at Mintlaw have been raised.

Steven Hamilton

Friends International

Pray for Steven Hamilton supporting outreach to international students in Aberdeen.
Pray for the 10 international students mainly from China exploring the faith at the international Bible study.
Pray for the monthly international café at The Mission Church.

Wilma Somerville

Romania:

Wilma (from Aberdeen) set up the Children for Christ children's camp in Varfurile with her husband Harry in the early 1980s.

Pray for the 80 children who committed their lives to Jesus during the 9 summer camps - for fellowship and follow-up.

Give thanks for the monthly training of 70-80 leaders and Sunday school teachers.

Remember the 8 children in the Casa Harry children's home. One of the boys did well in recent tests – a boost for his low self-esteem.

Bishop Ndwandwe

Rev Pinyana

Rev Bulelwa

Ministries in Africa:

Mthatha Diocese, S Africa (our sister diocese)

Pray for the newly appointed Bishop Nkosinathi Ndwandwe who has taken over from Bishop Sitembele on his retirement.

Pray for Rev Mcebisi Pinyana who is now dean of St John's Cathedral.

Pray for Rev Tembinkosi Mazomba as he leads the growing ministry at St Simon's at Dyoke.

Pray for Rev Bulelwa Sihlali's ministry at St Barnabas, Ugie and for strength after treatment for leukaemia.

Hope Centre, Burundi

Pray for the children and Pastor Leonard and his family who care for them particularly with continued insecurity in the country.

Pray that Pastor Leonard will make a full recovery from recent illness.

Little Sisters in Jesus, Zambia

Pray for the seven Houses of LSIJ throughout Zambia caring for 70 orphan and poor children who are taught the Christian faith and sustainable living. Drought and famine are causing increasing need. They are grateful for the vegetable seeds provided by WCC.

Issued by WCC Missions Group.