

January -
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WCC Missionary Prayer newsletter

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

Wayne and Hilary Thomas, Operation Mobilisation, USA

OM USA's goal is to send 1000 new missionaries in the next 5 years. Pray for those following up with those who recently attended the Impact and the Urbana Missions conferences and expressed interest in serving with OM - over 500 enquirers in total! Hilary asks prayer for wisdom and discernment in placing applicants in a world where visas are becoming harder to come by - Ireland for one. For Hilary, 2019 marks 40 years of knowing Jesus. She asks us to pray that they would both have greater depth in their spiritual growth. Pray too that 2019 would be a year of good health for their daughter, Martha.



Moira Smith, OMF, East Asia

Moira leaves for Asia on 8th January and will be based in Chiang Mai, Thailand until the end of March. January will be busy, preparing to welcome and support short termers who will run children's programs at 3 conferences, as well as reconnecting with missionary families. Wisdom and stamina are needed. Pray too for preparations for a co-operative schooling week in February for a number of children who are usually homeschooled.

Rebekah McGregor, School Pastors, Aberdeen

Please pray for School Pastors and the team at St Machar school as they restart for the new year, that God will use the team to support and love the young people. Pray for opportunities to speak God's truth and love into their lives. Pray for Rebekah's counselling studies, especially for her counselling placements. Rebekah hopes to do a trip with Justice Rising to DR Congo this year. Pray for perfect timing and for a way to be made with visas. A huge answer to prayer is that the children's Kingdom Curriculum that Rebekah wrote is being run in a number of Justice Rising's schools. The trip will be focused on helping to develop the curriculum and continue the work of establishing it in the schools that have been built.



Aberdeen Street Pastors

Pray for Malcolm Stewart, Hazel Ibbotson, Dave Andrew and Lawrence Watt from WCC in their roles as Street Pastors. Pray for wisdom as they encounter those who are hurting and vulnerable, and for God's leading even in the route they walk, so they can bless the ones God wants to bless and be the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need. More Street Pastors are needed - pray for more people to come forward for this role in 2019. Find out more about the training available here <https://streetpastors.org/locations/aberdeen/street-pastors/>

Somebody Cares Trust, Aberdeen

Jenny Taylor writes, 'A big thank you for the support from the church with our food bank. It's amazing how your food donations are always brought in at the right time.' They are thankful for a new van donated by an oil company and new staff to operate it. Other new staff have helped with the smooth running of the charity and some staff have come to know the Lord. Give thanks! Pray as they look for new premises for the shop because of challenges with heating and flooding in the current building. Pray for more volunteers at the warehouse to replace a couple who will step down in March. Remember the work with prisoners who are being supported to integrate back into society, giving thanks for the positive changes Jenny has seen.



Scripture Union

Pray for Cheri Booth as she returns part-time from maternity leave as regional worker for the North East and Shetland. Give thanks for new school groups that have been established this school year. Pray for more volunteers to join a 'pool' for the North East so that groups can remain active, even when regular helpers have to step down or are not available for one or more weeks. Pray for Megan Peet, North East gap year student who has a placement with Aberdeen Christian Fellowship as well as assisting with SU events. The SU Scotland Day of Prayer will be held on **Wednesday 23rd January** – an SU Prayer Space will be set up at The Mission, St Machar's Road from 12 noon to 6pm that day. Consider dropping in!

On **Sunday 3rd February** an annual youth prayer event for P7 to S6 will be hosted at Norwood Hall Hotel. Pray that those attending will be inspired to keep on praying. Remember Powerpoint, the youth event being held on **9th March**.

Teen Challenge, Aberdeen

Teen Challenge helps men and women in NE Scotland find freedom from addiction. They ask for prayer for the residents of their 2 centres, Sunnybrae and Benaiah, to:

- Find strength and determination to come through the initial physical detox stage of recovery;
- Gain clear direction for their futures;
- Restore relationships with their families;
- Be active in sharing their personal stories of freedom with family and friends;
- Become firmly established in churches, as they move on from Sunnybrae and Benaiah;
- Find homes, and not simply houses, in supportive communities;
- Get connected within a healthy circle of family and friends.



Continue to pray for the following ministries supported by WCC:

- ✚ **Children for Christ Romania** – especially remembering the children's winter camp being run from 11th – 13th January
- ✚ **Little Sisters in Jesus, Zambia** – caring for 70 orphan and poor children, teaching them sustainable living and the Christian faith.
- ✚ **Mission International, Burundi** – especially those who will benefit from the water project at Kinonobono
- ✚ **Mthatha Diocese** – especially for Bishop Nkosinathi, Rev Tembinkosi Mazomba at St Simon's, Dyoke, and Rev Bulewa Sihlali at St Barnabas, Ugie.