

April - June
2019

WCC Missionary Prayer newsletter

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

Wayne and Hilary Thomas, Operation Mobilisation, USA

Pray for Hilary, who supports new missionaries in their application process, as she makes the transition to using OM's new applicant tracking system. Some new missionaries were unable to join their field of service after January orientation due to visas being denied. They are in an unexpected limbo and are struggling to discern what's next. Please pray for them as they wait to be reassigned to other locations. 19 new missionaries have pre-field training at the end of May. Remember them as they raise support. They are heading for Belgium, Central Asia, Far East, Israel, Middle-East, Moldova-Romania, the Ship, and Spain. Give thanks for daughter, Martha's, engagement to Ryan - they are planning a December wedding. Wayne is thankful for successful cataract surgery on both eyes in March.



Moira Smith, OMF, East Asia

Moira gives thanks for a productive time in Thailand between January and March. Pray as she now works remotely from Westhill until her next trip later in the year, dividing her time between OMF work and short term-employment, primarily exam invigilation in May and some tutoring. Give thanks for 2 new workers in the application process to be assistants in OMF's Chiang Mai boarding homes - these family style homes enable some teens from missionary families to attend international schools. One more assistant is needed and time is short before the new school year. Pray that God will provide.

Aberdeen Street Pastors

Continue to pray for Malcolm Stewart, Hazel Ibbetson, 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. Ask for more street pastors to join the team.



Mission International, Burundi

Give thanks that the Kibonobono water project to provide several more villages with fresh clean water from a prolific spring is now fully funded. Rema Burundi are in discussion with the relevant government ministry for approval for the project. Pray for approval so that work to lay the pipeline can start soon. At the remote Nyembuye clinic (visited by several from our church in 2010) work has started to build new men's and women's wards plus a dental surgery and bloods lab. Give thanks for the funds raised in the UK to enable better medical and dental care.



Scripture Union

Pray for Cheri Booth and Pamela Sloan, regional workers for the North East and Shetland as they encourage and support the work of SU in our local schools. Pray that SU's aim to have 500 school groups operating across Scotland in 2019 will be met so that many young people can hear the good news and grow in their faith. Remember the North East Primary Weekend being held at Alltnacriche from 3rd – 6th May.

Children for Christ, Romania

Praise the Lord for the safe arrival from Scotland of a lorry filled with aid and for good weather at both ends for the loading and unloading. Pray that aid waiting in N Ireland can be sent soon. Give thanks for the 80 people who attended a March training day for children's workers. Pray for the final winter training day on 13th April and for the many leaders willing and ready to hold 5 day clubs in the open air this Easter and reach many children through God's word. Pray for preparations for the summer long camps which begin in June.



Teen Challenge, North East Scotland

Pray for the new Aberdeen initiative to help hurting men and women with life-controlling addictions. At the city's King's Community Church Tuesday, from 3pm-5pm, Teen Challenge will offer visitors advice and counsel, with the opportunity to place them in either the men's recovery centre, Sunnybrae, near Fyvie, or the women's recovery refuge, Benaiah, near Mintlaw. Give thanks for the 2019 Graduation on 28th April as guests celebrate with men and women whose lives have been turned around through completing the Teen Challenge programme.

Continue to pray for the following ministries supported by WCC:

- ✚ **Little Sisters in Jesus, Zambia** – caring for 70 orphan and poor children, teaching them sustainable living and the Christian faith.
- ✚ **Somebody Cares Trust, Aberdeen** – bringing practical help and hope to people in need in the Aberdeen area
- ✚ **Mthatha Diocese** – especially for Bishop Nkosinathi, Rev Tembinkosi Mazomba at St Simon's, Dyke, and Rev Bulewa Sihlali at St Barnabas, Ugie.

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