



CHRIST CHURCH PARBOLD SEPTEMBER 2022 PRAYER NEWSLETTER



ENCOURAGEMENT.

Build your kingdom here.

My Bible readings last week included Luke's gospel chapter nine which begins with the account of Jesus sending out his 12 disciples to preach (proclaim) the Kingdom of God. In doing so he was involving them in his own mission which he had already explained in chapter 4 verse 43, "I must preach the good news of the Kingdom of God".

Reflecting on this I wondered why Jesus chose this to be the theme of their preaching. He must have thought it was of prime importance. Luke, the author of the gospel clearly thought so too, for he makes reference to the Kingdom of God over 30 times in this gospel.

So what then is the essence of this Kingdom? What came to mind is the request in the Lord's prayer "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

It's not an earthly geographical kingdom as many Jews expected. No, it is a heavenly kingdom, the rule and reign of God through King Jesus who came to inaugurate that kingdom on earth.

Jesus taught it begins within the lives of individuals, as he once said "The Kingdom is within you". This happens as we receive Jesus into our lives. But that *is* only the beginning. God's plan is that it should work out through the lives of his people. When Jesus sent out his followers it wasn't just to preach about the Kingdom but he empowered them to manifest it by bringing healing and wholeness to those they encountered.

The title of this piece is the opening line of a song we sometimes sing in church. The whole song is a prayer for the coming of God's Kingdom. It's worth Googling the complete lyrics but here are a few lines that we can all pray.

Awake the kingdom seed in us

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ

We are your church

And we are the hope on earth.

Brian McGucken



PARISH TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN.

- a) Anyone who has a prayer need can phone his/her request to Brian and Frances McGucken (01257 462058) between 6pm and 6.30pm any day, or for urgent needs, at any time. A team of people is on hand to pray immediately for your need.
- b) If neither is available to take your call live - please do not use the answer phone for this purpose - but contact Lin Milne on 463523 or John Mountain on 463919.

Your prayer request will be treated as confidential – unless you state otherwise

NEWS FROM MERCY RESCUE TRUST

I was little perturbed when I got an e-mail from the Trustees of Mercy Rescue. (The email is at the end of this newsletter)

I thought it a little depressing BUT Mercy Rescue continues as usual for now, rescuing babies. Elijah a baby just a few weeks old came into their care recently, needing medical treatment. He needs the use of a nebuliser at the moment. Already they are beginning to see an improvement in his condition.



Jackson a baby who came into the care of Mercy Rescue in early January this year. He was born prematurely and needed lots of care. Jackson is now a bonny bouncing baby having gained lots of weight and is now with his forever family. What Mercy Rescue do best finding families for babies.

Best news of all is that Jedidah has now got Una's visa (thank you all for your prayers). They will arrive at Manchester Airport on the 28th of September and join us at Morning Service on Sunday the 9th of October, when Jedidah will do the talk.

We thank God that the work is continuing as normal for now. Please pray for the continuing work of Mercy rescue and its future.



God Bless, *Barbara*

NEWS FROM THE RICE CART PROJECT

I've just had a lovely video call with Karen in Cambodia this morning. It was so wonderful to see her and catch up. Here's a little update on the Bong Songha Rice Cart project.

Thank you so much for your ongoing prayers for Joko, Karen and the Rice Cart project. Recently, they have had to find a new location and Father God has really blessed them with a wonderful place that is on the corner of a busy street. Being in this new place will hopefully bring in more trade. They are going to start selling from this new location in September. In November, Beth is going to Cambodia for one month and Nigel will join her for part of the time. During their time there, they will have an opportunity to get involved first hand with the work of the rice cart.

Please pray

- that the young men who are working in this project will stay committed & work well together
- wisdom for Joko and Karen as they train & nurture these young men
- that the hearts of these young men would be open to hearing about Jesus.

Lots of love, Beth. Xx

CHRISTIAN QUOTE

"Sometimes the Lord rides out the storm with us and other times He calms the restless sea around us. Most of all, He calms the storm inside us in our deepest inner soul."

--- Lloyd John Ogilvi



NEWS FROM ANDREW FANSTONE - BRAZIL



Thanks for your email. As always it is so encouraging to know you remember us in your prayers.

We are doing well. Claudia however is still suffering a bit with this ringing in her ears, neck and TMJ problems which is a bit frustrating for her and saps a bit of her energy and affects her sleeping at night. So if you can continue to up hold her in your prayers.

We are still praying about what God wants for our future but at the moment I think we will be staying here for a while.

God continues to do much here and we have managed to get a bigger house/property in the slum this week which means we can do more activities and we may start a church as part of it as before we just encouraged people to join other local churches but many people keep asking us to have one as it is us they have the strong relationships with.

So prayer for wisdom in all this would as ever be much appreciated.

Also would appreciate prayer for Davi. He is one of the boys we used to work with when he was involved in drugs and gang he has become a Christian and is now doing a missions school and heading off this week for 2 months outreach with the tribes in the Amazon. This will be his first trip out of Fortaleza.

At the end of September we have our iris global family gathering in USA, where all our missionaries come together for a week and teaching and encouragement. At the end all the base leaders will stay on for 3 days where we will work with just the leaders and help bring vision to them for the future. I am helping organize and lead this time and so would really appreciate pray that God will help and anoint me to do this well.

Thank you so much!! Many blessings from Brazil.

Love

Andrew and Claudia

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please continue to pray for a peaceful end to the war in Ukraine and for all those who have fled as refugees, that they will be safe and protected.
- Please pray for the work of Mercy Rescue Trust that they would get the financial support they need.
- Pray for all our children and teachers at the start of a new school year. May they be able to have a more normal time at school after the disruption of Covid restrictions.
- Please pray for those who are stressed and worried about the latest news regarding Energy prices and increasing cost of living. May those agencies like CAP (Christians against Poverty) be able to help and provide the reassurance to those in need.
- Please continue to pray for those of our church family who are not able to attend church because of health issues. May they know the Lord's presence and may we keep in touch and share His love with them.



EDUCAID - LEARNING FOR LIFE - SEPTEMBER, 2022 -

Please see the update below sent directly to Christ Church, Christ Church, Douglas-in-Parbold, from Miriam. I am constantly amazed by the work of EducAid.

EducAid started with the teaching of a small groups of children on the veranda of a private house, then schools were established providing education and care for very many children, and EducAid is now a respected part of the education system in Sierra Leone, and Dr. Miriam, as the Country Director, is becoming even more influential in the provision of education in Sierra Leone. Amazing !

Sincere congratulations to everyone involve from the United Kingdom based Trustees who meet all the administration costs, to all those who support EducAid through regular donations which enable some degree of forward planning

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Updates from Miriam

- EducAid will be starting a new strategic school improvement programme next month working with 65 new schools. The work will be based on work to improve respectful relationships, including no cane, attendance, together with literacy and numeracy teaching.
- We will open schools for the new term on 5th September; this after a whole staff meeting for one week from 28th August.
- We have just been awarded a place with 3 EducAidians (Kabiru, Foday C and me) working with some of the District Education Authorities to complete an online course in Problem Driven Interactive Adaptation (PDIA) with Harvard University from September to December. We will be working together to put in place solutions to the problems of under-performing schools across the district.
- We will be doing a launch, on the International Day of the Girl - 11th October - of a girl power song entitled 'We are like Diamonds'. The song has been written for our girls and will highlight both the plight and the potential of girls here in Sierra Leone. We look forward to sharing the song and the video as soon as possible.
- We are contributing to the development of a Course, and Qualification, for School Leaders and aspiring School Leaders, working with the Education Commission and the Teaching Service Commission. This is a very exciting development and is a good example of the growing influence of EducAid in Sierra Leone.
- We have team members who are contributing to research around Teachers' Professional Development and have just publicised our first paper on the subject.
- We are creating new Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics teaching videos, to be distributed by WhatsApp that can help pupils and students to keep learning during school closures.
- We are partnering with the Freetown City Council and Rising Academies to train all the school leaders in Freetown in three main areas - General leadership, Faster Mathematics, (accelerated, catch up, mathematics teaching and learning), and Gender Responsive School Leadership.

APPEAL - If anyone has spare laptops, tablets or phones that are In good working order, and are unlocked, that they could ship to us though Manor River, that would be fantastic.

Further details of the work of EducAid and ways in which you could help are available from Pat Horn - 07941 577 436, 01257 462008, patval@sky.com..

NEWS FROM THE MESSAGE TRUST

Thanks so much for getting in touch! I'm doing well thank you – just back from quite a few days off over August and some much needed rest after a very busy season!

I'd love some prayer...I'm a little swamped at the minute so they're just brief points, but I would love people's prayer for the following:

26th September – we have a mission week in Teesside visiting some schools and then a gospel gig on the Friday evening. Please pray for salvation amongst the young people!

10th October – we have a mission week in Derby with another opportunity to share the gospel to young people at an evening gig following on from visits to numerous schools.

Please pray for mission weeks happening in Scotland and Wales too in November, along with mission in Blackburn in December and Lincoln in January.

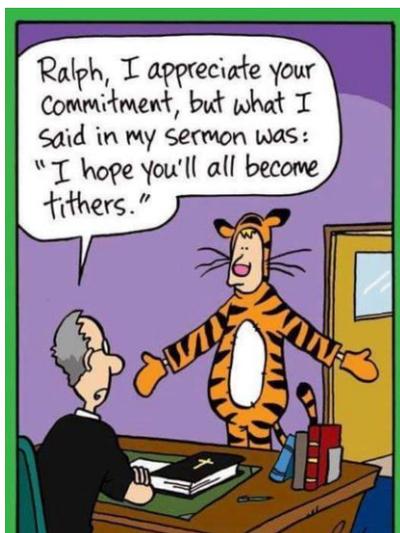
Please pray for the mission teams – it takes a lot of energy and effort to travel to different parts of the country and to deliver schools days and events to thousands of young people. Please pray for strength and energy and for a continued passion to share the good news of Jesus!

I'd really appreciate your prayers too as I organise mission across the nation and liaise with churches and schools to make everything happen.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Judith

A BIT OF FUN



Reverend Billy Graham tells of a time early in his ministry when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to mail a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was. When the boy had told him, Dr. Graham thanked him and said, "If you'll come to the Baptist Church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven."

The boy replied, "I don't think I'll be there... You don't even know your way to the post office."