



## CHRIST CHURCH PARBOLD OCTOBER 2025 PRAYER NEWSLETTER



### HARVEST

***"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."***  
**2 Corinthians ch 9 v 8**



Last week we had our harvest service in church and everywhere looked colourful and beautiful as we gave thanks to God for His provision to all of us over the past year. We also started our annual Harvest appeal which this year will be divided between IRIS Fortaleza in Brazil and Stable Lives here in Parbold.

Andrew Fanstone and his team at IRIS ministries have been working in the most dangerous areas in Sao Paulo for many years, changing the lives of street children and drug users as they share their lives and the love of God with them. It has been a joy to read over those years of the many answers to prayer have happened and it has also been our privilege to contribute a small way by prayer and giving to their ministry.

Stable Lives, whose vision says "To provide a calm, supportive, natural environment where individuals can feel safe when life's challenges overwhelm" with Carrie Byrom and Chris Lawson are here on our doorstep bringing light and hope to many people affected by mental health difficulties and also bringing joy and laughter to children, especially with their parties at Christmastime.

There is still time to contribute to our Harvest Appeal either by bank transfer (to Cop-op Bank 08-92-99 account Parbold Christ Church number 65994889) or cash (put in an envelope marked Harvest) at our services or direct to me, or rev. Sue.

Now, in thinking about this, I thought of the miracle Jesus did when He received 5 loaves and 2 fishes from a small boy, then thanked His Father and then fed 5000 men, also their families, and there was more than enough to go around. So don't think that our small gifts will not be effective, let's pray for all those we support throughout the world will enable them to continue their special work for God who has promised to supply our needs.

God Bless,

Lin



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please continue to pray for Barbara at Mercy Rescue Trust, Jedidah and all the staff there.
- Pray for Stable Lives and IRIS Fortaleza as they receive our Harvest gifts.
- Remember also our other links throughout the world, Embrace the Middle East, EducAid, The Message Trust and Judith, Skem Foodbank that all their needs may be met.
- Pray for our new Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah, as she prepares to take on such an important role, that God's Holy Spirit may inspire and direct her in all she does.



## **PARISH TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN.**

If you would like special prayer, the first point of contact is **Lin 01257463523** or **John Mountain 01257 463919**. The requests go out at 6.30pm but in emergencies will be sent out as soon as the request is received.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October.** Encounter service in church 7.30p.m.

**On the 26th October 2025 Our church's 150th Anniversary.**

We would like to make a photo collage to commemorate the changing times of our church and memories of the clergy at different times.

If you have any pictures of the church building, clergy or congregation of a Sunday or at a special event/service, or can recall any memories of anything in particular, we would be grateful if you could either email these to me or put them in one of the two marked trays at the back of church. I will then scan these and return them, so please make sure they have your names on.

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## **MERCY RESCUE TRUST NEWS FROM BARBARA**

Hi Everyone,

After two U-turns for Emma, I arrived in Kenya safely.

I've now been at Mercy Rescue for 2 weeks, following a couple of nights in Nairobi with Sally's daughter Carlyn. Who just like her mum looked after me well.

The journey by coach from Nairobi to Kitale seemed never ending, (578km). lots of heavy traffic and heavy rain slowed us down. Instead of the normal 7-8 hours it should have taken it was almost ten hours. Very affordable at 17.000 Ksh (£9.87), comfortable, spacious and reclining seats.

I was met in Kitale by Aggrey, Sally's husband who took to their home where I received a great welcome and a lovely meal.

What a delight it was to be able to have a shower and then snuggle down into a cozy bed and have a good sleep. The delights of having running water didn't last long maybe 2-3 days before the water tank ran dry, waiting for the water authorities to pump the water through. I can count on one hand the number of showers I've had in the past two weeks, but don't worry I have a hot bucket shower every morning except one day when we were without electricity for over 24 hours and the portable gas ran out. That morning it was cold bucket showers all around, for me it was a very quick one at that. The men collect water each day in Jerry Can's from one of the local neighbours who have their own borehole.

Thank God for water it's a very important commodity we don't miss it until we haven't got it. Not sure when we'll get running water as there is now a burst pipe further down the road and as of, yet I haven't seen any signs of work men.

Over the past weeks Mercy Rescue has been busy doing what it does best, rescuing babies. Five precious babies have been rescued in the past few weeks. Three girls and two boys. Each of the babies has their own story of struggle and hope. and now a safe place to heal, to be loved and begin again. The babies are all stable and healthy and will soon be placed with one of our foster mums, as Mercy Rescue search for their birth family or an alternative family.



Dennis health wise is still fragile, but the difference in him since I last saw him two years ago is amazing. He has gained weight, and he hasn't got that drawn sad look on his face anymore. His condition is now under control with regular medication to keep him stable. He has recently started physio. He can now turn his head from side to side and has started to take an interest in his surroundings. He still has a long way to go, but I know that Mercy Rescue will never give up on him.

These three toddlers I have named the three musketeers. Always together.

Peter, Elijah and Asaf. Many of you will remember Peter from the past, the little boy with a hairlip, now it is hardly noticeable. He is such a lively little boy now. Especially since he had his hernia operation some time ago.

Elijah is a very lively little boy two and a half years. He has difficulties with his swallowing and speech. He must take his food liquidised. Both Peter and Elijah go to a special class twice a



week to help them with their dexterity and speech.

Asaf is a lively two years old and likes to be involved everything, very inquisitive. Hopefully he will be found a permanent family soon.



Mick arrived a very poorly baby, and it soon became clear he faced some long-term health challenges, including cerebral palsy. But Micky is a true fighter. Over the years, he has grown into an incredibly kind, clever, and resilient young man.

Micky our miracle baby turned 13. We are so proud of him and so grateful to have you in our lives. Happy 13th birthday!!!

Jeremiah arrived late afternoon today. I don't know his story yet. He looks between 6-9 months and healthy, tomorrow he will be taken to clinic to be checked over.

*Thank you all for your love and prayers. God Bless. Barbara*



### A POEM FROM MARJ DIXON.

The hush of dawn is a time to pray  
To thank God for the bright new day.  
And little children open their eyes  
And say, "Let's pray".



We should all seize the moment to pass on God's word  
To help other people who have not heard.  
That God's love is for everyone,  
And it will never fail  
So rest in His love,  
and peace will prevail.



### NEWS FROM ANDREW FANSTONE



Back in Fortaleza it is always good to see God continuing to bless the boys we helped leave the life on the streets and gangs over the years.

On the left you can see Francisco with his wife. I shared about him in a previous letter a couple of years ago. We helped him start a small business which started with him finding used coca cola bottles, cleaning them and filling them with cleaning products and then selling them door to door. He started with two 100 litre barrels where he

would make his own detergent product. Now he has a building with thirty 1000 litre containers and has machines to make and mix the cleaning products, fill automatically and put labels on the containers. He now supports some of the missionaries financially from his profits.

The other photo is of Davi speaking to a group of people. Davi used to be involved in drugs and gangs; I have known him for a long time now and seen him go through so much. I remember one day he was so badly beaten up by the police and his face so swollen and disfigured it was difficult to even recognize him. Now he is married, has built his own house, has won many people to Jesus and comes with me to share and talk about the Jesus who changed his life







October, 2025 - Update for Christ Church, Parbold  
Greetings to everyone at Christ Church, Parbold  
from us all here at EducAid in Sierra Leone.

*Greetings to everyone at Christ Church, Parbold from all the EducAidians !*

It's Autumn !! The leaves are falling. The Harvest is gathered in. It may be the end of the growing season. BUT it is also the start of the Academic Year both here in the UK and in Sierra Leone. Miriam, the Country Director of EducAid I Sierra Leone has sent us a few notes at the pupils and students start their next year of studies.

Miriam writes "Last week a new school year began, and educated schools are filled once again with the energy and excitement of learning. From the morning lineup to the first lessons, it is inspiring to see our pupils returning with focus and enthusiasm spent space-space despite the heavy rains in Freetown and the grey skies in Port Loko.



The headteacher of the Maronka primary school said, "The first week back has been great. We had a great turnout of attendance, teachers engage students throughout the day on activity based learning and pupils were excited to be back in school safe and learning.

Over the summer educate schools were a little quieter with fewer pupils, but the educate team were hard at work preparing for the new school year. Summertime is a busy time as teams develop and test data collection and instructional tools, hold training sessions, facilitate collaboration meetings with education stakeholders, organise departmental learning workshops and create new templates for the upcoming year. We also carried out essential bike vehicle and ICT maintenance to ensure our staff can reach and connect with remote partner schools.



My favourite thing about working in educate is that you are always exposed to new initiatives and skills. Educate is a learning ground and is always giving staff members the opportunity to improve themselves. This comment was from Hassan the site coordinator at educate Rolal secondary school



*News of EducAid's alumni - EducAid's first female doctor Qualifies !*

*We are proud to celebrate EducAid past student Fatmata B Kamara who recently graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Medicine and Surgery and completed her training as a military officer in the Naval Medical University in Shanghai China*

*From EducAid student to our first female doctor – Dr Fatmata Kamara is paving the way for future generation*

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