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# TBC Global



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TBC Global is the monthly prayer news sheet from the Beyond TN10 Group.

Look inside for news and prayer points from our Mission Partners, overseas and in the UK, including their Christmas outreach events, sharing God's love and truth.



## **AFRICA**

## Fulani Ministries, Burkina Faso: Boureima & Susanna Diallo and their family

Based at the Jam Tan Centre, they train Fulani Christians in discipleship, church planting and practical skills and provide education and healthcare for the local community.

Jam Tan has recently sent three church planters to a Bible school in Senegal. They will follow a six-month training in Fulfulde, which will deepen their Bible knowledge. Pray that they may have a good uptake of their studies, and that they will continue to bear fruit as church planters

We are planning to open the Jam Tan Medical centre on 9 December during the Community Health Day. The renovations of the building are underway, and we will soon be recruiting staff. We would like to thank TBC for their partnership in prayer and generous gift through this year's harvest appeal for the start up of the Jam Tan medical centre. Pray for the ongoing needs of running the medical centre as we meet health needs of the community. Pray for the service of the medical centre which will start from Sunday the 10 December.

Pray for The Community Health Day scheduled for the 9 December. We are grateful that doctors are willing to come to the event, the police to establish IDs and the local government to establish birth certificates. Some local government officials have promised to come. Pray that all may run smoothly to the glory of God.

Many people turn up to join in our Christmas celebrations. Pray for open hearts and that we may have the opportunity to share the good news of Christ's birth with all who attend.

We are running our annual end of year seminar for Jam Tan churches from the 28 December to the 1 January. This year our theme is drawn from Revelations 3:2. Pray for safe travels for those attending and for God's protection and provision during the camp. Pray that God may inspire the teachers during this event, and for greater uptake of this message.

Pray for the start of our annual church planting and discipleship training course, Jan to June that God would provide for all the needs of the course and would bring the emerging leaders who He has chosen for this work, that we may be able to train them effectively, and that they may be fruitful during their training.

Boureima's right knee has been hurting for several weeks. Please pray for healing.

We thank you for your prayers for security in Burkina Faso. Government forces' reports give hope for more security, as the military have been able to destroy many terrorist bases. Keep praying for a return to peace and security in Burkina Faso.



www.fulaniministries.org

## **AFRICA**

## Mission Rwentobo, Uganda: Hope Community Clinic

TBC teams have built, established and support Hope Community Healthcare Clinic in Rwentobo.

#### Give thanks:

Thanks to generous donations, funds have been sent over to enable a highly respected building engineer to supervise the clinic wall repairs, which should be completed by the end of the year. Any further funds received for repairs will be allocated to the building of the rain shelter over the front entrance.

We have been able to share presentations with three churches since Debbie and Mick Burke returned from Uganda. These have encouraged current supporters and others have also felt prompted to support the project into the next season.

We have been able to update the Mission Rwentobo website with recent photos and news.

## Please pray:

Midwife, Brenda, will be sitting final exams in December in order to become a Registered Comprehensive Midwife. Please pray for good results and for opportunities for her to gain more experience in delivering babies at Kisiizi, before she returns to the clinic to lead the extended midwifery care.

For the enrolled midwife who will join the team in Brenda's absence and who will remain as a second midwife when Brenda returns. Please pray she settles well.

For Dr Ian and Hanna Spillman who have returned to Uganda to spend 3 months supporting the teams both at Kisiizi hospital and at the clinic. They ask for prayer that they will be good ambassadors for Kisiizi Friends and Mission Rwentobo.

Please pray that God enables Kisiizi, World Shine Ministries and Mission Rwentobo to develop an effective strategy for funding and implementing the extension of maternity services (to include the delivery of babies) in 2024.

www.missionrwentobo.org



## Date for Your Diary

a Musical Fundraising Evening for Hope Clinic Rwentobo

on Saturday 16 March. 2024

Details from Mick Burke

## **AFRICA**

## **EUROPE**

# Wycliffe Bible Translators, Nigeria: Philip and Suzie Burgess

Philip and Suzie are serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Nigeria, involved in Bible translation work.

Our focus this past month has been meetings, setting up house and learning how day-to-day life works in Nigeria. We now focus on exploring the practicalities of working with the Yive e.g. what would be required to make that happen.

## Give thanks:

That we received our residence permits!

That we have housing in Jos with indoor plumbing and are settled in!

That the Mbudum community have a Bible app in their language, and that Philip is able to continue assisting them with translation part-time from Nigeria.

For good strategy, orientation and spiritual retreat meetings.

That the survey team were able to meet some of the Yive refugees and gather more information about their situation.

## Please pray:

For guidance as we plan a visit to the Yive community.

For us to progress well with our Hausa language learning.

For continued health and safety.



www.wycliffe.org.uk

## Oasis Belgium: Phil and Rachel Lane and their family

Enabling women from Thailand to escape exploitation and find employment; they also help isolated elderly people find community.

## Give thanks:

That the Buurtbar project is going well and that the laptop library is so popular that there is a waiting list now.

That our discussion groups and psychological support sessions for the women we help are well attended and helpful for women.

That our relationship with the regional government is growing, which will open up new opportunities to help people and also hopefully lead to some funding.

## Please pray:

For a Palestinian woman whom we have helped to leave extreme abuse. She is in a safehouse now but is finding it difficult because they don't speak English and she doesn't speak French. Pray she stays there long enough to sort out social housing and doesn't go back to the abusive man.

For our 5 staff, who have such a high number of people to care for (we support around 180 women facing violence and abuse). Burn-out is a constant problem.

For our office situation, we have no heating or running water and it isn't in a safe place. We are looking for a new office and the money to pay for a better situation.



www.oasisbe.org

## **EUROPE**

# Tek Ura, Albania: Dan & Annie Dupree and their family

Annie and Dan lead 'Tek Ura' working with the poor and marginalised in Tirana and Dures. Their community centres provides healthcare, education, welfare support and Christian faith communities.

#### Give Thanks:

Last night was such a joy. Big thanks for all your prayers. We baptised a Roma married couple last night L and A. It was a bit chaotic with physio patients coming in, a homework club in progress and two iron stoves being loaned, but it's how we roll.

A, the wife has a remarkable story - an exconvict who recently came to faith. She's now living with quite severe physical disabilities and Parkinson- like symptoms. Just a few months ago doctors didn't feel that she had a good chance of survival from illness. We were so blessed to have two physios on hand for the baptism!

L, her husband responded to an invitation to be baptised on the evening and others came forward to express a desire to know more about Jesus. It was a great day. Please keep them in your prayers.

Another unexpected blessing was one of the men who brought some food and was serving listened to the service and asked Juri for a Bible. Praise God.



www.tekura.org





## Give Warmth this Christmas...

Every year, Tek Ura lends wood burners to members of the community in Tirana who don't have heating through the cold winter months.

The burners cost £26 and are renovated each year so that they can be leant again the following year.

Please give what you can towards TBC's Christmas Card Appeal in the TBC Reception area.







# Prison Fellowship: Chris Coverly

Chris leads a team from TBC, who support Prison Chaplains in three local prisons, also helping to deliver the PF victim awareness course, "Sycamore Tree", in those prisons.

#### Give thanks:

For another excellent Sycamore Tree course (Restorative Justice) completed in Thameside prison . All the learners stood up and shared, during a time of Symbolic act of Restitution, that the course had impacted them positively, and that they are looking to change their life choices, and behaviour, to stop reoffending and become acceptable within society.

We give thanks for the volunteers who help run these courses, particularly those victims of crime who come into prisons to share their stories and how they have dealt with the consequences of crime, how it has affected their lives and how many have chosen to forgive their offenders.

## Please Pray:

For those volunteers who are involved in preparing for Angel Tree, where presents are sent to offenders children, together with Christian books telling the story of Christmas. Pray for the volunteers as they raise money for the gifts and their distribution, together with all the wrapping and organisation required to allow this to work well.

For those volunteers who are letter writers, that their correspondence with offenders will prove to have a positive effect on the recipients of the letters, giving them hope, and the assurance that there are people who care for them.

Pray for the 53% of women in prison who have experienced emotional, physical, or sexual abuse. May they find restoration.

For Prison Fellowship, who are the charity who coordinates the work of Sycamore Tree, Angel Tree, Prayer Line for offenders, and Letter Writing to offenders. Pray for their staff as they look prayerfully not only to sustain their present work, but also how they can grow their ministry within the prison system in the future.



www.prisonfellowship.org



# Ebbsfleet Baptist Church: Penny Marsh

Penny leads the recently founded Ebbsfleet Baptist Church; building relationships and sharing faith in innovative and ways, including 'Sunday Active' and coffee mornings.

We are very encouraged with the recent growth of the church here in Ebbsfleet. We are now averaging 50-60 on a Sunday morning and space is now a challenge.

Many are drawing closer to a faith in God. We long to see people committed to Him. We have a core team of eight and some others are actively enquiring about Church Membership.

The Friday Coffee morning, held in the local coffee shop, is reaching about 40 adults and 40 children. All of this increase is due to word of mouth.

54 children attended the half term craft session in the coffee shop and between 50 and 60 children came to the Light Party.

Our annual Pop-Up Carol Service on Sunday 10 December, will visit four areas of Ebbsfleet, and will include a filmed children's nativity, choirs from the three primary schools and an adult community choir. The evening will conclude with mulled wine and mince pies at the coffee shop.



On Christmas Eve there will be a Christingle Service in the afternoon and there will be a craft session on 2 January.

Next year we hope to expand into a possible evening service with more time for worship.

#### Give thanks:

That more families are coming on Sunday mornings and coming to the coffee mornings on Fridays.

For those who came to the half-term craft session and the Light Party.

## Please pray:

For those that are actively seeking faith and those enquiring about church membership.

For more people to join the team.

For the pop up carol service and the opportunity for conversations in afterwards.

For the Christingle Service and the craft session in January.

For a solution to the need for more space on a Sunday mornings.

For guidance about possibly starting evening services next year.

www.ebbsfleetbaptistchurch.org.uk

## **ASIA & CAMBRIDGE**

# Central Asia & Cambridge: David & Ruth Lewis

David teaches on cross-cultural evangelism to Christians in Central Asia and other countries, and researches on mission movements. Ruth teaches English to Asian students in the UK.

#### Give thanks:

For the various opportunities we are given to share truths from God's Word with people from a different cultural background and mindsets. May God open their minds to the spiritual dimension of life with Him.

## Please pray:

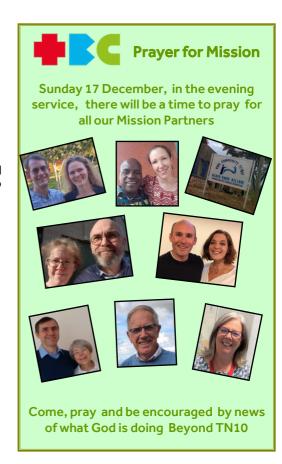
For wisdom to know which new future opportunities we should take, as a variety of different paths are being offered to us at present.

Here in Cambridge we will be sharing Christmas presentations and hospitality in the weeks before and over Christmas with people from abroad. Please pray for God's blessing on these different forms of reaching out to those who have never before heard of the good news of Jesus coming to be with us.

David' book "Silk Road Pilgrimage" is currently being translated into Ukrainian, partly a training tool for Ukrainian Christians to find ways of relating the gospel to Muslims and partly as an evangelistic tool among Muslims living in Ukraine. Please pray for God to bless this translation and publication and use it for his



## **Dates for Your Diary:**





Women's World Day of Prayer
Praying for Palestine
Friday 1 March
at St Mary's Church Hadlow