

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 provide healthcare, education, welfare support and Christian faith communities.

Give thanks:

Roxhers has been helping local people into employment who would otherwise be begging or working illegally. Four men were helped out of sustained unemployment into one year employment contracts in a single day! We love it when we are able to make big inroads in partnership with the State services and local partners.

Please pray:

For 'E' in Durres. One of a number of women who was recently paid by a man to get 'married' so that he could take her surname. He (like many others) have been refused asylum and changing a name/passport is one way of getting back in the system. E in return gets a very small payment in cash and a divorce. She's done it a few times and is now a figure of shame, and is struggling with identity and acceptance by the wider community. Revi is working with her and the family to support them, helping with social and financial assistance. E has also started coming to our church group.

For the completion of the purchase of the land adjacent to the Durres Centre.

For the our new Neighbourhood Advisory Councils which will increase local participation in decision making.



www.tekura.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



Evening of Musical Entertainment with refreshments

**on Saturday 16 March
at 7pm at TBC**

**Suggested Donation £5
in aid of maternity services at
Hope Community Clinic Rwentobo**

Prayer for Mission

**Every 3rd Sunday of each month,
during the evening service, there is a
time to pray for our Mission Partners.**



**On Sunday 17 March
Dr Ian Spillman will share items for
prayer for Hope Community Clinic,
Rwentobo, Uganda.**

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TBC Global

Pastoral Care @

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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, including our newest Mission Partner, working both overseas and in the UK, sharing God's love and truth.



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.

Give thanks:

We thank God that we have recently been able to begin a new children's club at Jam Tan, called Jam Naati, receiving 500 children ages 3 to 18 each Saturday.

We praise God for the young people in the church who have been enthusiastic in taking part in the leadership of this new outreach.

Please pray:

That through this children's club many hearts will be reached with the Gospel and the children may grow up with Christ.

Ramadan begins on 11 March. Pray that the Fulani people may seek and find Christ during this time.

That people would listen to the radio and TV broadcasts produced by Jam Tan with hearts open to receive Christ.

The start of the discipleship and church planting training has been delayed this year because there is not enough accommodation. Pray that we may be able to resolve this problem soon.

Booureima will be in the UK for most of the month of March. Pray that he would be able to get his visa for the USA, and that his calliper would be refurbished before he needs to return.



www.fulaniministries.org

Ebbsfleet Baptist Church: Penny Marsh

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

This year has been encouraging in terms of attendance on Sunday mornings .

On Sunday 4 February we celebrated our 6th Sunday Active anniversary (and one year as a church) – with cake of course!

The couch to 5km run course has 22 participants and is now embarking on week 6. Some of the families of those taking part have come along to the children's activities on Sunday too which has been great!

In the February half term, we led another Coffee Shop Craft Day. It was a great way to connect with families who don't usually come to anything else we do.

We are now looking forward to Easter. This year we plan to have a quiet reflective service on Maundy Thursday which will be held in the studio. On Good Friday we will hold our Easter Egg trail event for the community. After the Sunday morning service, we plan to head down to the park for egg rolling, and egg

and spoon races as this was very popular last year!

After Easter we will be having a dedication and thanksgiving service for 2 children who have started attending with us. It has been a few years since we included such a service in the Sunday morning, so it will be good to hear their testimonies and share in this as a church family.

Give thanks:

For the encouraging attendance on Sunday mornings.

For the Christians who have expressed an interest in becoming church members.

Please pray:

For the preparations for the Easter events.

For those attending who don't yet know Jesus – that some will attend the enquirer's course after Easter.

For new leaders to emerge so that we can strengthen the leadership / trustee team with the right skills (in particular, admin and finance)

Many thanks for your ongoing prayers and support – it really is making a difference!



www.ebbsfleetbaptistchurch.org.uk

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 the blessing the Sycamore Tree course (Restorative Justice) has been in Thameside prison. The offenders are keen to learn, many expressing a desire to change their behaviour. They were particularly challenged by hearing a victim of crime story on week three, and how the victims have coped and moved on, meeting their offenders and choosing to forgive them.

For the start of a Sycamore Tree course in Rochester prison, and the completion of a Sycamore Tree course in Belmarsh prison.

Please pray:

Ask God to bless those who are letter writers to offenders. Pray that positive relationships will be built through their future letters.

The week starting the 5th February was Children's Mental Health Week. Remember all the children with a parent in prison and young people who are in prison themselves.



www.prisonfellowship.org

Mission Rwentobo, Uganda: Hope Community Clinic

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

Give thanks:

For positive feedback from Dr Ian Spillman and Hanna who have been in Uganda for the last 3 months. They have been very encouraged to see the work at the clinic which is increasingly busy with some overnight admissions to manage the seriously ill.

They return to UK in time to share their news at the Musical Fundraising Evening on 16 March at TBC.

The clinic team took part in a medical camp in an adjacent village on 25 January where they screened 108 people for various diseases and found 12 with hypertension, 2 with diabetes, 1 with HIV and 3 with signs of possible cervical cancer or pre-cancerous changes.

Follow up was organised for all of these. Midwife Brenda has now returned to the clinic, having been trained to use the ultrasound scanner which was donated for use in the clinic and the community.



Please pray:

For the team who are preparing for the musical fundraiser. Please pray for an enjoyable evening with good attendance and no technical issues.

For Kisiizi hospital as they cope with staff shortages in the finance department due to maternity leave for the finance officer and sick leave for her replacement following a road traffic accident. Hanna Spillman was able to give support and now Malcolm from the UK but more local staff are required in this area. Kisiizi also look after the finances and salaries for the clinic.

For the building engineer who is expected to do the work to repair the clinic walls and enhance the building to extend maternity services. He has been busy on another project which is nearly completed. Please pray that he or an alternative trustworthy engineer will soon be available to oversee the required work.

We will be applying to the Jephcott Charitable Trust in March for funding towards full maternity care. Please pray that all the required costings will be received from Kisiizi and the application will get a favourable response when considered in early April.

www.missionrwentobo.org

AFRICA

Wycliffe Bible Translators, Nigeria : Philip and Suzie Burgess

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

Give thanks:

That we continue to have good relationships with both the Yive community, our hosts, and the local community in Ikyogen.

That we are making progress learning the Yive language.

That the Yive are excited to begin reading their language, even though the writing system is still being worked out.

That the Mbudum translation team continue on faithfully.

Please pray:

That the work will continue well.

That people will stay motivated to do the work. There are a lot of tedious parts to linguistics – pray for stickability even when the work seems slow.

For us as we travel back to Jos in early March (where the office HQ is located). We'll be there for annual meetings and will stay for about 3 weeks.

For the annual meetings to go well and for us to learn from our colleagues.

For continued health and safety.



www.wycliffe.org.uk

EUROPE

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 grant we were waiting on for four months has finally arrived. A massive answer to prayer!

That a Palestinian woman who has been struggling to stay in the safe house, and was even found by her husband walking in the street, has been able to stay safe.

That we are now in a new office that has heating and a toilet!

Please pray:

For M, a Thai woman whose child was kept from her. We helped her and she is now safe in Thailand with her child. There are, however, court proceedings to try to get the child back to her partner in Belgium. Please pray for justice and safety for M and her daughter.

For the team working with isolated elderly people in Beringen, that they would have the energy and encouragement to help a growing number of people.

Please pray for our involvement in the Oasis global meetings this month, that we would find ways of helping each other to bring in more stable finances, to continue the work, to the glory of God.



www.oasisbe.org

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.

David is expecting to return to teach in Asia in the near future but the dates are not yet clarified. While there, he also wants to follow up people he met towards the end of last year who were asking spiritual questions or wanted to talk about issues that they had been facing in their lives.

Please pray for God to open the door again at the right time and for David to have wisdom, protection and opportunities to talk more deeply about Jesus with these people.

Ruth will be continuing to teach three classes a week on 'Questions of Life' based on passages from the Bible. Those attending her classes are Asian people, some of whom are asking searching questions about the meaning of life, God and the Bible. As Easter approaches two weeks will be spent looking at the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

Please pray for the Holy Spirit to open their understanding and to lead them to a living faith in Jesus.

For both of us, the more formal classes lead to opportunities to build friendships outside the classes with individuals who want to know more. When they have the opportunity to talk on a one to one basis it is easier for them to open up about personal issues in their lives.

Thank you for praying for these encounters.

