

**Prison Fellowship:**

*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 Sycamore Tree courses that ran in Rochester, Thameside, and Belmarsh prisons.

For the Angel Tree projects that sent cards to offenders' mothers on Mother's day and for all the organisers of this initiative.

**Please pray:**

For those who were on recent courses. One told that coming into prison was the best thing that happened in his life, because in prison he became a Christian, completely transforming his life, making him stronger, renouncing his life as a drug dealer.

Another, whose imprisonment devastated him, so he tried to commit suicide, has, through the course, realised that he is of worth, and he wants to turn his life around.

Another who was trafficked from Albania, then forced to work as a drug dealer has received help while in prison, and the course helped to turn his life around.

Please remember the victims, whose lives have been devastated by the crimes against them, that they will know God's healing love, peace and restoration, even having their questions answered, and possibly forgiving their offenders.



[www.prisonfellowship.org.uk](http://www.prisonfellowship.org.uk)

**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 opportunities for both of us to share about Jesus with people from countries where evangelism is restricted or followers may be persecuted for their faith.

For the interest in the Bible shown by several of those who were studying it with Ruth, asking many questions and thinking deeply about the implications for their lives. A few are already followers of Jesus and others seem to be seriously interested.

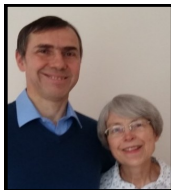
**Please pray :**

For courage and wisdom for those returning to their home country in the near future and who are discussing how to take the Bible back with them.

For the Holy Spirit to lead them into truth - that they would learn to listen to God.

For the new course Ruth will be teaching after Easter - that she will be able to teach clearly and that new and old students would come and open their hearts to Jesus.

For wisdom and protection for David as he returns to Asia from 17April to 28June; that he would be able to follow up people who have been asking questions and that he would have further opportunities to share about Jesus with others.



# 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, 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:

Our church planting and discipleship training started at the end of March. We had not had enough accommodation for all the trainees, but we thank God that now this has now been resolved.

### Please pray:

Pray for God's blessing on this training, that the trainees will learn well both in disciple-making and in the vocational skills they are learning.

This month Boureima will be travelling to Senegal to meet with regional Fulani Christian leaders. Pray that this meeting would have a great impact on the growth of the Fulani church in our region of West Africa and beyond.



[www.fulaniministries.org](http://www.fulaniministries.org)

We will be holding a Community Health Day on 20 April. Pray that all the planning and running of this day would go well, that many in the community will benefit from the consultations, and that people's eyes would be turned to Christ.

Pray that we will soon obtain all the papers for the running of the Jam Tan Medical Centre, so that it can be fully functional.

Pray for Belko and Kolaado who are finding it hard to revise in the heat!

Susanna and the children will be coming to the UK at the end of April for exams in May and June. Pray that God would watch over them as they travel and bless their time in the UK.

## 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.*

At the moment we are gearing up for a busy Easter – making most of the opportunities to celebrate with the community.

On Maundy Thursday we will have a quiet reflective service in the studio – this is the first time we have offered this, and we hope that it will give those who want it, space together to consider the events of the first Easter.

On Good Friday we will be holding our Easter Trail – last year we had over 300 people attend, so we anticipate a good crowd again. Our Easter Sunday celebration will be followed by a meet up in the park for egg rolling and egg and spoon races.

We are pleased to hear that we have been given permission to use the community centre once a month for an afternoon/evening service – this will give us space for more sung worship, teaching and prayer. So, beginning on 7 April, this will take place on the first Sunday of the month.

We are also excited about the new community choir that came together for Christmas. We are now calling ourselves



'Ebbsfleet Voices' and will be performing in the park at a community picnic on 25 May. This is a community initiative; however, we and the Salvation Army team have been working hard to support this and quite a few of the choir members are from church.

### Give thanks:

For the Christians who have expressed an interest in becoming church members, we have a meeting for those interested on Friday 22 March.

For the permission to use the community centre for the new evening service.

### Please pray:

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](http://www.ebbsfleetbaptistchurch.org.uk)

### Prayer for Mission

The next Prayer for our Mission Partners is on Sunday 21 April at 6.30pm

Penny will join us and share news and prayer requests from Ebbsfleet Baptist Church.

Come, pray and be encouraged!

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

*Enabling women from Thailand to escape exploitation and domestic violence and find employment; providing community and offering digital skills training to isolated elderly people.*

### Give thanks:

We thank God that Paul and Claire were able to come and visit us and we were all encouraged!

We thank God that in Beringen, we have been asked to participate in a new city-wide scheme helping elderly people use their talents to help the community.

Give thanks for the monthly Digi-bubble meetings for elderly people in a local community centre, in Beringen which provides friendship and community and discussion on spiritual topics.

We thank God that S, one of our Thai beneficiaries (one of many) has been working in a Thai restaurant, and so is able to be independent and free from abuse.



[www.oasisbe.org](http://www.oasisbe.org)



## Mission Rwentobo, Uganda: Hope Community Clinic

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

### Give thanks:

For the musical fundraising concert at TBC on 16 March went well, thanks to wonderful contributions from a variety of talented musicians. Dr Ian Spillman also shared an inspiring update about the work of Kisiizi Hospital and Hope Community Clinic and thanked everyone for the much-valued prayer and financial support. We recorded all the musicians and Dr Spillman's presentation, so please contact [admin@missionrwentobo.org](mailto:admin@missionrwentobo.org) if you would like to be sent links to any of the videos.

More mothers are now attending the clinic for antenatal screening, now that Midwife Brenda is able to use the ultrasound scanner to check that all is well, see photo below.

Work on the clinic walls has commenced this week, under the supervision of a highly respected engineer. The old cement is being hacked away so that better quality cement and stone cladding can be applied with plaster capping to prevent rising damp. Interior walls will



also be repaired, plumbing will be fixed to prevent any further leaks and new tiles will be fitted. This will result in a sound structure, enabling future modifications for extended maternity services to take place.

### Please pray:

Our application to The Jephcott Charitable Trust will be considered by their trustees in April. Please pray that the funds requested for external and internal alterations and for the clinical equipment required to provide full maternity care, will be granted.

Further funds are needed to purchase a motorbike. This would enable the team to carry out family planning, antenatal care and childhood immunisations for people who are currently unable to access these services due to their remote setting. Please pray for guidance regarding applications for funding for this.

[www.missionrwentobo.org](http://www.missionrwentobo.org)



## Wycliffe Bible Translators, Nigeria: Philip and Suzie Burgess

*Philip and Suzie are serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Nigeria, involved in enabling the local language to be written for the first time and Bible translation work.*

### Give Thanks

That the Iyive language workers have continued to be faithful to meet with us. One of the goals of the Iyive language committee for our first couple of months working with the Iyive community was to take next steps towards reading in Iyive. As part of that we had a community meeting where people came together and practiced reading. It went well, people are encouraged and excited to be developing their language. We have been back in Jos, where our office is located, for annual meetings over the last couple of weeks. These meetings were helpful and informative and while we are here we are also meeting with more experienced colleagues to talk about the work we are doing and gain wisdom, insight, and advice as they help us think about next steps in the linguistic process. Give thanks that Suzie's health has been better in Jos, she had a few minor issues in Ikyogen.



[www.wycliffe.org.uk](http://www.wycliffe.org.uk)

### Please Pray:

Philip has finished making comments on the Gospel of Mark and the Mbudum team are now working through the Book of Hebrews. Please continue to pray for this faithful team of Bible translators. For a safe journey back to Ikyogen and that the work with the Iyive will continue well as we enter rainy season - people will be busier farming and we will have to work around the rains in our traveling to the settlement. For Nigeria as a country, for peace and lessening of terrorist activity. One of the things we will be working on for a long time is language analysis - so the pictures of the work will look very similar from month to month, but hopefully we'll be progressing in our understanding. It is important for us and those working with us to understand more about the rules in the Iyive language as this will help them as they make spelling and other writing decisions later on. It will also help a future translation team as they think through how to make a text sound natural in their language when translating from the Bible or other material. Please pray for this process.



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

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

As many of you know, the desire to leave Albania is pervasive within both the communities in Durrës and Tirana. What we see in our communities is young people looking to their future with limited hope, and feeling that somewhere, anywhere else is better.

### Give thanks:

Our work starts when children are young and looking towards what they might want to do. And so, in 2023, we set up 'Positive Choices' - a working group for teenagers to learn practical skills such as CV writing, interview technique and personalised career planning. It has been so encouraging to see these teenagers learning how to work together and to see that their future doesn't have to be leaving Albania and to see them to start to be excited about what chances they may have. Secondly, Roxhers has been working with individuals to identify training or employment options with them. This is time-consuming, difficult work.

But, it has been showing results! - from enrolling young men on a mechanics course, through to finding a café for a waiter. Our recovery work is now all linked

to skills and so this partnership has meant that Roxhers can meet with all those asking for crisis support, to identify the reasons for the crisis and then provide a tailored plan, linked to skills and employment.

This year already, Roxhers has been able to support 18 people into training or employment. That's 2 a week! Each person has a family and so not only does it enable the one individual to stay, it also impacts a whole extended family. So, eighteen families are now seeing their immediate future in Albania.

### Please pray:

That our efforts with 'Positive Choices' guide Albanian youth towards fulfilling futures, equipping them with skills and hope to build meaningful careers within their homeland.

For Roxhers' tireless efforts in guiding individuals towards training and employment opportunities. May God bless this work with success and impact, uplifting families across Albania with hope and stability.



[www.tekura.org](http://www.tekura.org)