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MISSION FOCUS

PRAYER DIARY – AUTUMN 2021

SUNDAY – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY

- Harry and Jane Searle are based at the Christian Medical College (CMC) in Vellore, one of India's largest hospitals. They ask for prayer to help the staff cope with the pandemic and especially they pray for the delivery of more supplies of oxygen. The demands are huge and the resources are very limited.
- Sudan's transitional government has just criminalised the practice of female genital mutilation – a landmark decision for a country with one of the highest FGM rates in Africa. Give thanks for the pioneering work of CMS anti-FGM campaigner, Ann-Marie Wilson.
- Give thanks for local mission partner Rachel Karanja who is helping communities in Kenya to embrace 'Farming in God's Way'. This is achieving bigger harvests using sustainable farming techniques including no ploughing, heavy mulching and minimal wastage.

MONDAY – CATHERINE LEE

- Give thanks that the May Covid surge in Taiwan has now been contained and infection rates are now very low. Masks are still compulsory **everywhere** outside the home but most other restrictions have now been lifted.
- Please pray for the start of the new academic year at St John's University in Taipei and especially for the new intake of first-year students who are beginning their studies against the uncertain background of the pandemic. Pray also for the governing body of the university as student numbers continue to fall.

- The Taiwan Episcopal Church runs 8 kindergartens across the country with a total of about 1000 children and staff. Catherine asks us to pray for these kindergartens which are also day-care centres for children aged two-and-a half to six years old.

TUESDAY – THE CHILDREN’S SOCIETY

- When she was 11 Taylor’s mum was admitted permanently to a mental health unit and then her grandfather carer died. Alone and then in an abusive relationship, she began to take drugs. Finally, in desperation, she contacted the Children’s Society on-line. With the help of her counsellor Gemma she has turned her life around and is now studying to go to university. Give thanks for Taylor’s new life
- In 2020 the Children’s Society worked directly with over 11,500 young people –“we walk towards the young people that society crosses the road to avoid”. Please pray and give generously to support this incredibly important work.
- Give thanks for the permanent staff and the volunteers working in the Children’s Society shop in Beccles. Please support their work by making donations and buying books, clothes, Christmas cards etc. from the shop. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY – CHRISTIAN AID

- There are currently over 850,000 Rohingya refugees from Myanmar living on the Bangladesh border. Christian Aid and many other organisations are working to reduce the spread of the coronavirus and also to improve the appalling living conditions in these camps. Please pray for them.
- Please pray for Christian Aid’s long-standing partner, the World Food Programme (WFP) which is the world’s leading humanitarian agency for improving food security. They are currently working together to tackle the needs of displaced people in three countries.
- On 14th August a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti followed by tropical storms and flooding -130,000 homes have been destroyed. Please pray for all the organisations working to rebuild this shattered country.

THURSDAY – KAGERA

- Give thanks that a Covid vaccine rollout has now started in Tanzania. Bishop Darlington and other diocesan staff have taken a lead in getting their jabs but people are nervous of it.
- Give thanks that donations for the Bishops' Lent Appeal now total over £40,000!
- Give thanks for the work of Thomas Shavu and the Church Community Mobilisation Project, now securely funded for the next 18 months thanks to the Lent Appeal.
- Dr Christian Ruziga is now in his third year of specialist training in surgery funded by the Lent Appeal. Pray that the hospital will acquire the specialist equipment needed when Dr Christian and fellow doctors return from training.
- Pray for the 18 new priests being ordained. Six motor bikes have been provided for them. Pray that funds will be available to buy more.
- Please pray for pupils at the diocesan primary school NAPS especially those moving onto secondary education and for their parents struggling to find funds for their education.

FRIDAY – RUKUNGIRI

The situation in Rukungiri is serious. The following points are taken from a recent email to all sponsors. Please pray:

- For more vaccines and oxygen supplies for Ugandan hospitals and that the spread of the Delta variant will be contained.
- For our Harvest Appeal and that more funds will become available to pay teachers whilst the school is closed.
- For the emergency repairs that need to be done to the school before the children return.
- That the school staff will continue to be able to take food parcels to families.
- For John and Alice isolated on the Farmland.

SATURDAY – THE BIBLE SOCIETY

- **Albania** has a Bible in its own language for the first time. The project has taken 20 years. The team of 4, each from a different Christian denomination and all first-generation believers, have worked from the original Greek and Hebrew. “We are a small country with not a large population. We came out of communism in 1990 with no scholars, no tools and a persecuted church. But, by a miracle, we have produced a Bible. Praise God for this miracle and the team who achieved this work.”
- **Translation** is going on into many other languages. The Turkish Bible is being revised. In Burkina Faso, the Old Testament is being translated and the New Testament revised in the Bissa and Lyele languages. The effort to translate scripture into local languages not only allows people to hear and read it easily, but it is also a sign to these people that their tribes and cultures are truly valued and loved by God. Please support this work in your prayers and giving.
- **Open the Book** storytelling training has gone online for teams from Albania and Kenya. Do pray for the safe launch of Open the Book in these countries as Covid restrictions continue. Please pray for our own team as we hope to restart taking part in assemblies this term in some of our schools.

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