

Notes following prayer for Mission Partners, 6th February 2022

Roger opened the Meeting reading 1 John vv 7-12, and led a set of prayers in connection with the Baptist Missionary Society Day of Prayer (These can be obtained from him). Roger also put to the group the possibility of including a BMS mission partner among those we pray for, and there was general assent to this. A list of those BMS partners seeking supporting churches would be sent for consideration by the group.

S and R (Far East)

Their overwhelming need for prayer, in the update we received from S and R, was the extreme application of the covid restrictions in their country. Even a small outbreak of infections in their locality resulted in severe lockdown measures, with consequent bans on travel and movement generally. S's mother was not able to join them for the special celebrations. There is also uncertainty about whether S and R would be able to return to UK for the summer, so we prayed for this specifically. Psalm 20 was read which is relevant to their situation, and v7 was quoted as this was the title of their update letter to us: "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God".

We prayed that they would be able to continue with their core objectives: S with his online contacting with people struggling with SSA, and particularly with 'Lester' who wants to stop leading a double life and mend his marriage; and R as she is trying to use the present non-teaching weeks to catch up with a backlog of other jobs. The family will not be able to get away for the Winter Holiday (4 weeks) and are tired, and we prayed that they will be able to have some good family times instead.

R and J (Central Asia)

Drawing on their recent Family Newsletter we praised God for the incredible output of resources developed for the target country (Supersticks incorporating the Bible apps and pdfs; radio and television programmes, testimonies, the Jesus film in the two main languages etc), also the Bibles and i-phone Bibles. We prayed that they will be wonderfully effective for the Lord.

We prayed again for believers in the country in time of extreme difficulty and for those dealing with enquiries about matters of faith, and asking for help.

We prayed for the gathering, which R and J were currently attending, of organisations serving the target country that much would be gained from sharing vision and resources.

We prayed for the ongoing Marriage course, which R and J are running in their church: that it would be very beneficial. Also for Elodie and Ethan in their respective universities.

Julia in South Africa

We gave thanks for the on-going work of the Khaya Cheshire Day Centre for children with disabilities and prayed for the successful integration of new children and for those with more severe disabilities. We prayed for those assisting Julia in this ministry.

We noted that Julia has the opportunity to move to a much safer flat (although more expensive). All her friends consider the move to be wise, given the existing problems of noise from dogs at night, water ingress through the door, theft of possessions when her flat was renovated etc. We prayed that all would go well with the move at end of February . We prayed that the operation on her trigger finger (17th Feb) would be successful, and that she would keep generally well.

Our link Church in Aksakovo in Bulgaria

A letter from Ventzi and Jenya reported that their family, and several other families in the church, had been mildly ill and quarantined because of Covid. Due to the illnesses two weeks services had been cancelled. We prayed for our dear friends that they would completely recover and that the church would be back to (near) normal soon.

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