

Notes on Prayer Meeting for our mission partners on Sunday 3rd October 2021

As explained in the Notices last month, a digest of the Sunday Mission Prayer meetings will in future be prepared for the following week. This is the second one. It is intended to be a guide for individual prayer. If you require further information on any particular partner please get in touch with Roger Wells: it may be possible to include you in the updates that some of them send to us. **Please make a note of the next date for Mission Partner Prayer Meeting: Sunday 7th November 5.30, for 6.00. We would love to see more joining us for this important ministry.**

We spent the first part of the meeting on this occasion focusing on the Afghan refugees, and other refugees coming to the UK. We prayed in particular for those destined for Norwich and North Norfolk as the respective Councils had agreed to receive them. We prayed that they would be well treated and that the churches involved in assisting this effort would provide a powerful witness.

We then divided into two groups to pray for:

R and J in Canada, serving Central Asia:

In addition to praying for R and J's ongoing work helping to share the Gospel by digital means, we prayed for their children Elodie and Ethan as they take up places in Canadian universities. We thanked God for the respite that R and J enjoyed in Georgian Bay, Canada, and the following Conference in the USA.

We prayed for the new head of their organization in Canada, as he takes up his new duties at a very difficult time.

For R and S in the Far East.

The couple provided very clear prayer requests, which we used, and which we list here:

For wisdom and balance in the lives of R, S, and young Josiah.

For R's health: she has been suffering from low grade fever, lack of energy and anaemia. (Thankfully she has continued with online teaching, which has allowed her unexpected rest. Face to face classes will resume on 18th October).

For S's continuing problem with vertigo (This has improved generally).

For Simon's regular contacts with those struggling with SSA issues.

For Simon as he sorts out problems with the Tax Bureau and the Bank.

For Josiah as he faces more difficult homework this semester.

For Andrew and Caroline in YWAM Oregon.

We praised God for the blessings of the courses run by Andrew: for the Next Steps course in particular which starts in October. Previous courses had great feedback and encouraging testimonies.

We prayed for one couple from the last Next Steps course who found themselves in Haiti helping with the earthquake catastrophe; and for Andrew and Caroline as they decide how to get more involved with the refugees that have come to Oregon.

For Julia in South Africa

We **praised** God for the way the children at the Khaya Cheshire Centre, despite their difficulties, are learning and behaving so well, and that encouraging feedback has been possible for the parents. Julia has been praised by visitors from the Social Development Dept and the Dept of Education.

We gave thanks that Julia at long last has been granted a visa until 2023.

Julia will be house sitting for a friend for three months, with garden, swimming pool and opportunity to entertain friends, enabling her to relax and unwind after an exhausting few weeks.

We **prayed** for Julia's health, for wisdom, energy and for ongoing support for the Khaya Cheshire Centre.

Also for the future premises for the Centre – the current lease has one year to run.

We need to pray that the dams in the Eastern Cape will fill up, alleviating ongoing water rationing.

For Ventzi and Jenya in Aksakovo, Bulgaria

We prayed specifically for two new activities that the church is introducing:

The first is called 'Surprise the Pastor' involving Ventzi being presented just before the children's talk with a large bag in which a mystery item has been placed by the children of the church. Ventzi then proceeds to give a talk related to the surprise item.

The second, called "the Cherry on the Cake", requires those who wish to participate to divide into groups of eight adults (four families), and every week one of the families prepares dinner and others visit them. The host prepares a short Bible study and a time of prayer. The hosts tell more about themselves, their walk with God and their needs for prayer. Throughout the next week, guests pray for their hosts and call at least once to hear them. (The goal being to bring the fellowship more together).

We prayed for encouragement and fruitfulness for Stacey's ministry with Agape at the University in Sofia.

For E and B and family, now in UK, formerly in Middle East

We **praised** God for the work Ben and Emma have been able to do since their return, and that the children are settling well into schools, also for the opportunity for Amira (eldest girl) to develop her love for music. They are thankful for the use of a bungalow while they await returning to their own home.

We **prayed** for Emma and Amira as they are finding it particularly difficult to readjust; for Ben as he seeks a permanent job; and for the tenants in their home to find somewhere else to live. Emma is working for their sending agency proofreading and writing projects. We also prayed that this will be a year of healing for the school community (Maadi Community School) in Ben and Emma's former place of service.