

Notes following prayer for our Mission Partners, 3rd April 2022

Roger opened with reading 2 Timothy 2.2, stressing the importance of discipling new Christians for themselves to become disciplers of others. The group then considered a list of possible BMS mission partners that could be added to those for whom we regularly pray. The decision will be announced soon.

R and S in the Far East

We prayed first for the disappointment the family will feel about the reintroduction of severe covid restrictions in their city, limiting S's work, and for R and Josiah now reverting to online working for the University and school. We prayed that as much of their work and activity as possible would remain.

We prayed about the family's planned return to UK in the summer, which is so important in view of R's Dad's illness and the long time since they were home last. There are issues to pray through: the timing of the plans; the need for a visa for R to return for the next academic year and the co-operation from the University authorities to apply for this early; there are also fewer flights to UK, which are now much more expensive; and the application for a UK visa for S.

R and J serving Central Asia

Despite all the difficulties in their target country, many earnest calls are being received by the team. We prayed for wisdom for those involved in responding. Meetings in Dubai were very profitable for team members normally dispersed geographically. We praised God for this and the new programmes emerging, particularly the *audio based social media "funnel"*. Jason will have prime responsibility for this and we prayed for God's help in getting that right. We prayed for future co-operation within the team, and for the October meetings in Ontario in particular.

We thanked God for the growing co-operation with radio services aimed at the target country. One radio service is hoping to provide broadcasting to an additional language group, which is exciting.

Our link church in Aksakovo, Bulgaria

Pastor Ventzi is so grateful for the strong link with DBC and the kind gift of our Church to his fund to help Ukranian refugees arriving in their region.

The influx of refugees continues every day, some transit through Bulgaria, others remain. So far they have not been in great need, but this is likely to change as poorer folk find their way to the region. We thanked God that the church is so motivated to do all they can to help: they ask for open and compassionate hearts. We prayed too for wisdom in this commendable effort.

Financing will be difficult for the Church and individuals with rising energy prices.

Andrew and Caroline in YWAM, Salem, USA

Andrew reported on good results from those who have attended the School of Apostolic Mission. Students have committed long term to Haiti, South Africa and Jordan.

He has now leading the Frontier Missions global communications team geared to disciple-making among unreached peoples. We prayed for Andrew as he recruits and leads the team to facilitate social media growth, e-mail and website communication. He has a vision to mobilize and equip young people from the global south.

We prayed for Andrew and Caroline's desire to work more with refugees. He is already coaching some for employment in USA, and wants to involve his whole family in the process of welcoming them.

We thanked God that Samuel's epilepsy is under better control with medication, and prayed that the root causes can be discovered, and that he would be healed. The family are doing well.

Julia

We did not have time to pray this time for Julia in South Africa, but I am happy to forward preparatory notes to anyone interested. (roger.wells@talktalk.net). The prayer group were able to see photos of Julia's 60th birthday celebrations.

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