

Mission Prayer News

July 2023

We aim to share the Good News and love of Jesus locally, nationally and internationally, through gifts and prayer. Here is the latest news from our Mission partners. Please join in praying for....



At St Nicolas, we had the privilege of praying for Siân, Quentin and Elizma before their visit to **Biojemss in Uganda** in April. This was a significant time - the first opportunity to go to Uganda after covid, and the first time that Quentin and Elizma had joined Siân there. We give thanks for this visit.

Prayer requests include:



Quentin & Siân Ball on one of several school visits to children being supported by our family-strengthening programme, April 2023

- a) Biojemss owns a 6.9 acre piece of land in the Rukungiri District for the development of a permanent base for the Biojemss family. This will include community facilities, and room for more children to benefit from their support. Project plans are complete (stage 1).

Please pray for God's guidance and the funds to build the comprehensive water system (stage 2) in preparation for installing sanitation facilities (stage 3) and starting building (stage 4).

- b) Biojemss supports 60 families in rural Uganda, helping to release children from situations of abuse and exploitation. Training is given to help some of the families start small livestock businesses. Some children are offered foster placements, child-headed households are supported, and training is provided for those giving care to children.

- c) Approx 100 people attend the monthly workshops for families and carers. Some walk miles in the sun to get there. Please pray for blessing on this initiative and for funds for a marquee to provide much-needed shade during the workshops.

Please pray that the Biojemss ministry would continue to point people towards Jesus, for lives to be restored, and for the finances needed to sustain the work.

To find out more, visit www.biojemss.com or email info@biojemss.com



We praise God that the Staunton family were able to visit the **Hope for Africa church in Lesotho** in October 2022 for an update on the work.



Thankfully, through the pandemic, the church in Butha Buthe has continued to grow. The church has a strong leadership, they are seeing growth in the Sunday School, the youth work has a new leader, and the women's conference in April was described as 'wonderful'!

The fencing around the church compound has recently been

completed to provide security.

At Christmas, the congregation at St Nicolas generously responded to the request for funds to build a pre-school for children under 5 years old. Please pray as the church look to begin this project.

It is winter in Lesotho now. The congregation still walk the journey to church, despite the cold!

The opportunities and needs in the community are great! Please pray for wisdom for Pastor Edward and his wife Mpho, as they discern how to support those who are setting up livestock and agriculture initiatives for sustainability.





Miriam Dean Fund

On 1st June, Andy and Sheila Moore reported to supporters at St Nicolas and locally about their visit to the partners supported by the **Miriam Dean Fund, in India**. They were able to strengthen relationships and see the impact made by the funds since the last visit in 2018.

We **give thanks** that Andy and Sheila remained well through the visit, and for:

- The equipment provided to Leonard Hospital through the generous donations from the St Nicolas congregation during the Covid pandemic. The equipment is still in use at the hospital; and thankfully, the numbers of Covid patients has decreased.
- The visit to Jeevan Jyothi Hospice which supports those affected by HIV / AIDS in Tamil Nadu. The Fund recently helped with redecoration and refurbishment.
- The visit to Holy Cross Special School for the Mentally Handicapped in Mannackanad in Kerala. The Fund helped to provide a new playground that is enjoyed by young and older students alike!
- 25 years of cooperation with Rural Area Development Trust providing care for young people with mental or physical disability in Tamil Nadu. The latest contribution from the Fund had helped to provide new security fencing.
- The visit to the AHM medical clinic, hostels and training centre in Tamil Nadu.
- The visit to DEEPAM in and around Vathalgundu in Tamil Nadu, where they provide after-school classes and social care.



Sheila & Andy with Sisters Prema & Anastasia at Jeevan Jyothi

Support continues for CODI in Nairobi as they help set up and train youth from the slums as barbers or doing laundry, and for the Loaves and Fishes Network in East London (SA) which supports pre-schools in the area.

Please pray for:

- All the inspiring partners who run the organisations supported by the Fund - that they are given the physical and emotional energy to continue their amazing work;
- The Trustees of the Fund - for inspiration, for wisdom to manage the fluctuations in income year on year, and for their search for new Trustees to join;
- Sister Rani at Mannackanad as she completes work on the playground and that she finds the funds necessary to run the school.
- Wisdom for the team at Jeevan Jyothi Hospice as they consider expanding their services to provide palliative care beyond HIV/AIDS patients.

For more information visit www.miriamdeanfund.org.uk



---- From: Kate Adlam, Schools Team Leader, and Sian Lupton, Trustee/Chair ----

Thank you, St Nicolas, for the exciting opportunity to share about the work of COINS in Church on Sunday morning 11th June.

We really appreciated your prayers for the Easter Eggsplored programme. This was rolled out to 12 schools in the Newbury area and it was a great success!

As the summer term is well underway, we are preparing our 'It's Your Move' programme, a fun and interactive session for Year 6 pupils to support them with their move to Secondary School in September. Ten schools have booked with a total of eleven sessions (extra sessions for larger schools). All the children will receive a copy of the Scripture Union booklet 'It's Your Move'.

Please pray for:

- Year 6 pupils, Kate, teaching staff and our volunteers who are involved with delivering the 'It's Your Move' programme.
- Recruitment of the right person/people to join COINS to work alongside Kate Adlam, so that COINS will continue to flourish.
- More volunteers to allow COINS to have the capacity to provide programmes in the schools in the villages around Newbury.
- The numbers and interest at our Friday lunch club at St Barts' school are growing. Please pray that there will be a St Bart's staff member in September available to supervise and support the club continuing.
- Wisdom in preparing for the Christmas Gift programme in the Autumn term, and hopefully new staff will be in place by then to ensure that there are sufficient people available to resource the programme.

For more information, see video and activity resources at coinsnewbury.org. Follow [COINS Trust - Newbury](#) on Facebook, or email kate@coinsnewbury.org



From Peter and Christine Winmill:

Thank you, dear church family, for your support, care and prayer, for us and for **Count Everyone In (in UK & beyond)**. Here are some points to guide your prayers:

Give thanks for:

- *Seeing fruit* – there was great enthusiasm from the Know & Grow Makaton workshop in Blackburn, and we pray that this will lead to effective ministry. We were thrilled to hear that a friend with learning disabilities was recently baptised.
- *Opportunities* - we are preparing to run parallel accessible programmes over the summer at Spring Harvest France, Keswick in July, and Connect and Awaken festivals in August.
- *Team* - our trustees, Rick, Keith, Janet, Jonathan, Maryanne and Val, soon to be joined by a new treasurer (tbc); and the volunteers who join teams.

Prayer Requests:

- *Support* – pray for more workers around the country, in particular we need more volunteer musicians to join our teams.
- *Makaton* – pray that Know & Grow Makaton workshop will be signed off by the Makaton Charity so we can remove the word 'pilot' from the workshop title.
- *Wisdom* – pray for churches and groups as they share the good news of Jesus with adults with learning disabilities, supporting them in their faith journey. Please pray for us as we prepare for a busy summer programme, and for the Holy Spirit to minister to each person who attends.



Work is restarting at **YMCA in Newbury**.

Please pray for everyone to have a great time at the YMCA Family Football Fun Day in July, and for wisdom for the Trustees as they seek to take the work forward.





Newbury Street Pastors

Street Pastors is a Christian outreach ministry involving volunteers who go out on the streets in Newbury on Saturday nights between 10:30pm - 03:30am to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus - to offer unconditional love and support to those they find who could be lonely, depressed, lost, homeless, intoxicated, vulnerable... The Street Pastors offer a supportive conversation and practical assistance including bottles of water, flip-flops, lollipops, First Aid. They work closely with pubs and venues in Newbury and with Thames Valley Police who value their work. Prayer Pastors keep in phone contact with the Street Pastors and provide essential prayer cover.

- Praise God for the work of Newbury Street Pastors over 10 years and for the support from several churches.
- Give thanks for the volunteers and committed Board of Trustees, and for the church representatives who meet with the Street Pastors at 10pm to lead a devotional time before each shift.
- Please pray that God will call more volunteer Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors.

Bus of Hope

Please pray for God's guidance and direction as the **Bus of Hope team in Newbury** grapple with what to do next.

We pray for the Youth Club for 11-18s, for continuation of relationships at St George's Avenue, and for wisdom for the future. For more information, contact: aga@busofhope.com



Shoemakers is entering into a new season after 20 years in Newbury. Please join the Trustees in giving thanks for God's generous provision of the resources to stay in the current shop until the end of September 2023. At this time, please pray for:

- The next phase of Shoemaker's journey as we look to share the vision;
- Provision of new premises for us to be able to expand. We would like to include a dedicated prayer space and other activities to resource the local church and further the gospel in Newbury.
- More Trustees and future finances as we trust God for his ongoing provision.

Please pray for all our Mission Partners.... Thank you...