

ST JUDES

PLYMOUTH



Mission Partners Update

Summer 2018

For many years St Jude's has raised disciples who have heard a call from God to move to foreign lands to help spread His Kingdom.

As a church, we also support the work of local ministries and other mission organisations. Within this update, you will find prayer requests and information from each of these mission organisations.

Please read and pray.



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Street Pastors

www.streetpastors.org



June saw the 10th anniversary of Plymouth Street Pastors and (obviously) a birthday party was held in the Pryzm night club in the Barbican Leisure Park – very strange to be the other side of the front door as it's a venue where we have been involved with many "incidents". A surprise guest was Dave Thorne, Plymouth's Chief of Police, who presented us with a Commander's Commendation; part of the citation states *"We consider the Pastors as part of the extended Police staff family"* and then *".....we wish to wholeheartedly thank you for all you have done and continue to do, along with the dedication and commitment you continually show to our city"*

"Co-incidences"? Yeah, right! J

A young lady asked for some bottled water, explaining that she had a rare specific heart condition. Once we gave her the water she opened up and explained it was POTS (postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome). We told her that one of us had a daughter with that condition and we were very familiar with it. She informed us of the name of her doctor who was known as the only POTS specialist in Devon, who was also the same doctor caring for the pastor's daughter – she was relieved to talk to someone who knew about her condition. This was the first of the "coincidences"

With that we noticed a solitary young lady who was intoxicated and extremely apologetic. She explained after many tears that she had a calling to become a nurse but had failed a recent maths

exam. We explained that one of us was a nurse who had also struggled with maths!

She then discussed in great detail her other concerns, one being waiting for the results of a recent skin biopsy on her foot, which may be cancerous. One of the other St Pastors there was a Podiatrist and the other a dermatology nurse! We provided her with reassurance and the telephone number of the clinic to ring for advice. We then managed to contact her father who came and took her safely home

Wow! We know from many years' experience of course that God puts us in the right place at the right time but that level of detail! I defy any statistician to calculate the odds of these "chance" encounters.

Sharing of Ministries Abroad

www.somauk.org



Once again thank you for your supportive fellowship, prayer and generosity.

- The SOMA Conference in May was enjoyed by many trustees, team members, clergy and intercessors all gathered at Hoddesdon Hall, Hertfordshire surrounded by beautiful gardens and blessed this year by lovely weather. We were blessed by a varied programme led by Stephen of prayer, worship, feedback from recent teams and opportunity to pray for teams also ready to leave this summer.

It is a valuable time of fellowship and meeting new people as we gather together.

Our guest speaker this year was Kevin Roberts, National Director of ReSource (SOMA'S sister organisation) who spoke powerfully and shared with us the vision for ReSource.

- Please continue to pray with us for the safety of team members going out on mission this summer. Do use the new prayer diary to help guide you with your prayers and also enjoy reading the updates and amazing testimonies of answered prayers so far this year.



Shekinah Mission

www.shekinahmission.co.uk

The drop-in centre is now open on Sunday mornings between 10.00 am and 12 noon for cooked breakfast for the homeless as well as Saturday morning. It is run by one member of staff and volunteers: up to 30 breakfasts can be cooked at every session. There will be more changes soon, as two members of staff are leaving.

Please pray for the staff who are very much in the front line as they reach out to those confronting abuse, addiction and marginalization. It takes a very special sort of person to commit themselves to this work, please pray that God will be present through His Spirit to strengthen and support them.

Transform Europe Now (TEN)

<https://www.ten-uk.org/>



WE ARE NOW 70 YEARS OLD!

Eurovangelism – now TEN – remembers, and celebrates, the simple beginning but amazing development of its work.

Founded by David Foster, then working in Europe as an evangelist and chalk artist for Youth For Christ, he witnessed the courage and commitment of Christians living under Communism. Back home as he told of what he had seen, people began giving him money to help and support their fellow Christians.

At that time there were strict regulations involved in sending money out of the UK. Discussing this problem with friends the answer was to do it through a legitimate organization – and so Eurovangelism was born!

During the intervening years a quiet miracle has taken place and a church, once hidden and oppressed – even banned – has emerged. Its leaders are men and women of courage and faith who have played, and are still playing, important roles in spreading the Gospel and establishing churches, driving out the fearful memories of the past. Think of Romania ruled for years by the evil Ceausescu. That country now has an important university and an expanding work of social and medical care – all funded and run by Christians and the churches who support them.

TEN's role has been to enable and support our partners in Eastern Europe. Men, women, skills, expertise, materials support and prayers are all of value to them which we continually supply.

And what of David Foster, the founder of this work? He is a *Plymothian* born and bred now retired and back living with his wife, Sue, in Devon. Artist, writer, speaker, organiser, David has many gifts but his greatest gift to the Christian world would be his vision and launching of Eurovangelism.

OMF in Japan

www.omf.org/asia/japan



The Nanae Church are looking for a Japanese pastor from March next year, when Pastor Kimura, with his wife Megumi, will be moving on to their next church after 9 years in Nanae: may God guide clearly in this. The teenage group there are busy planning and preparing for a short camp in early August, to which they'll be inviting their friends. The Nayoro Church has welcomed their first Japanese pastor and after a short "handover" time with him, Tim and Miho Walker return to UK this month with Kent (11), Naomi (8) and George (5). During the coming months they will be visiting churches and prayer groups who support them, including St Judes. They're looking forward to seeing us again. Meanwhile the Yamada Cafe and the Hope Church that meet there are very thankful that 26 year old Mr Inyaku (who has been working as a trainer in a gym but also has a burden to help weak and vulnerable people) joined them in April to meet their urgent need for a new staff member.

Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support

www.dcrsc1.cfsites.org



The work is as always stressful and busy, pray that the staff will be able to cope with all situations as they arise and continue to give support to all who need it. A new volunteer coordinator has recently been appointed which has speeded up the recruitment of volunteers who are essential to the services. The trustees are currently looking for a new treasurer and an IT specialist. The budget for purchase of food items has been reduced due to financial restrictions so our gifts in kind are greatly appreciated.

Mission Aviation Fellowship: The Rileys

www.ashfordvineyard.org/our-activities



Hi All,

I hope you're all well and enjoying the beautiful spring weather. We've just had a lovely bank holiday weekend and, being so close to Dover, we took the ferry across to France for the day to enjoy some mussels by the sea. I'm pleased to let you know that we're all doing well. News this time round is that Jo has just started a new job working for Nutricia as an Enteral Specialist Nurse. Whilst she really enjoyed her previous role as a clinical trainer the long car journeys over such a large patch and lack of patient contact finally took their toll. This job has a much smaller area in East Kent and a Jo spends most of her time working directly with patients and their families/carers.

It's exam season for Abs and she has almost finished her GCSEs. So far it seems to be going really well for her. Han has also been busy with school and Duke of Edinburgh. She has her final weekend expedition soon which will be the last part of her Bronze award.

Mike has had a busy few months as HR Manager for MAF's Africa Region dealing with the usual mix of people matters and the main theme in recent months has been the review and development of a lot of policies around topics like 'safeguarding'. Not quite so exciting but very necessary to make sure the organisation and the people we serve stay as safe as possible. He's also been undertaking some advanced study in Human Resource Management which is really helpful to his current role.

Please pray for people to come forward to serve with MAF in various parts of the world. At the moment we're doing really well with pilot numbers. The main area of need is with managers in different areas of specialism such as operations, finance and so on. If you know of anyone who is considering a role in overseas

mission and has experience in management please feel free to pass on Mike's details, email: mike.riley@mafint.org

Thanks again for your continued support of us and our on-going work with MAF. We couldn't do it without you and we look forward to catching up with you all soon. Date of next St. Jude's visit to be confirmed soon.

With lots of love from
Mike, Jo, Abs & Han

Youth with a Mission: The Colyers

www.thecolyers.net



In March the MPG notice-board was given over to the Colyers, and they reflected on their journey so far, and what lay ahead. St. Jude's has been part of that story for the past 15 years; they were members of the congregation here working with YWAM in Torquay and Plymouth; they went from here to YWAM in Brussels with 2 children (Sam and Ellie), and then had 2 more (Luc and Josh), and we shared in the amazing range of work and opportunities there. Then a move back to England and a placement in Reading, eventually being lead to come out of YWAM, and into a ministry as parish outreach workers and training with CMS/Ripon College. Again the diversity of their work has been amazing, and not without real difficulties. The journey has been hard at times, but they have stayed the course, and the next phase is just beginning. On 30th June, it was a privilege to be at Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford when Kevin was ordained as a Pioneer Curate for the Benefice of Furze Platt in Maidenhead. And 3 days later they moved house! We wish them every blessing in this next step and hope to keep in touch with them over the years ahead.

Pat Tremlett

Crossline

www.crossline.org.uk



Please continue to pray that Crossline will be able to find more people to train to be listeners for the listening line. Also, that they will know how to raise awareness of their services amongst those who may need them.

Church Mission Society: The Bennetts

www.churchmissionsociety.org



Steve and Catriona Bennett and Hannah, Church Mission Society at Gahini

Steve and Catriona are now back in Gahini after a short busy leave in UK. pray for them as they settle back into the routine and continue the work to build up the surgical services and especially for building up of relationships with the staff. Steve mentioned one young doctor who is keen to develop his surgical skills and Catriona is working closely with the nurse anaesthetists particularly to improve their skills for paediatric cases. Please pray for the appointment of a new medical director of the hospital as Dr Joseph is moving on to concentrate on clinical skills and training and for all the staff as they relate to a new lead.

They have also asked us to pray for the development of an English service on Sunday mornings which is attended by students from the local secondary school and how they can best help to meet the needs of these young people, many are from families with a Christian background but have little knowledge of a personal faith.

Hannah enjoys life in Gahini and is happy with he nanny in the morning. Pray that they may all get the right balance between work, family and church activities.

Letters received from our mission partners are available to read in the file at the back of church. If you would like further information, please speak to a member of the Mission Partners Group.

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