

- Please continue to uphold our young people in your prayers and pray too for God's blessing upon the youth workers and volunteers who are engaged in this demanding work.

9 Mamba-bu, Kailahun District, Sierra Leone.

David Bale has asked for our prayers for this community who he and Judith visited recently. *See picture in November 2015 Connections*

- for the village people of Bendekor, Gbangbama and Gbandoma, that everyone may have enough to eat - at this time of year many do not have enough rice and have to rely on wild bush yams for their staple food
- for Matthew as he continues to juggle his responsibilities to work and family in Freetown with his commitment to the Mambabu villagers, who are some 200 miles away and virtually cut off during the rainy season
- for Thomas and his helpers as they provide extra classes in the community centre so that children can improve their standard of reading, particularly those who are unable to walk the 6 miles round trip to the local school every day
- for those working to equip the community centre with furniture and books for a new library
- for a cost-effective solution to be found for drilling boreholes for fresh water in all of the villages

10 Operation Christmas Child

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

We pray for:

- our Coffee Morning on 19 October and its outcomes
- All those planning where the boxes will be sent
- All those covering shoeboxes
- All those knitting items to go in the boxes
- All those who are buying items to fill the boxes
- All those volunteering to check boxes
- All those who will transport the boxes here and overseas
- All those children and communities who will receive shoeboxes.

Mission Matters for Prayer

"I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer" Ps. 17.

Please continue to pray for issues in past editions as God leads you. Numbers help select an item to pray for, eg pray for "1" on 1st, 11th, 21st, 31st.

1 Patna Partnership, N India

<http://www.ashbourne-churches-together.supanet.com/patna.html>

Please pray:

- Give thanks for the installation of solar panels to run a generator at St. Luke's Hospital, Hiranpur and the provision of a reliable water source. Please pray for Doctors Elizabeth and Shubro Malik as they work to establish the hospital again.
- for Bishop Philip Marandih and his wife, Lily
- for good, well trained teachers to be willing to come to teach in the rural areas of the diocese; and for the teachers and children in the schools as they start a new term
- for Pastors Manoj, Daniel and Francis and trainee Benjamin Murmu

2 Methodist Homes (MHA)

<http://www.mha.org.uk/about-mha/chaplaincy-and-spirituality/>

"God of all grace, every good and perfect gift comes from you
All good comes from you through your son Jesus.
Help us to see in those around us the lived parables of selfless
generosity that will inspire each of us to image you in our own lives
That all may flourish and be at peace. Amen"

3 Jonathan and Isabel Hill, Zimbabwe

<http://www.isabeljonathan.org/>

- Pray for them as they settle back after their UK holiday.
- Pray for the security situation in Zimbabwe. The FCO website reports the following, but Jonathan says most of the security risks apply to the capital Harare:

- “Demonstrations in towns and cities in recent months, some of which have been violent.
- The economic situation in Zimbabwe is increasingly fragile. A second year of drought has adversely affected harvests.”

4 All We Can

<http://www.allwecan.org.uk/pray/harvest-prayers---September->

- Thank God for his gift of water, pray for the work of our local partner in **Uganda** that is doing all it can to help people access clean water
- Pray as we continue to reach new communities and increase our impact. May God strengthen this vital work with local people to install new water sources.

“Loving God, pour out your living water on the areas in our lives that have become dry and barren. Forgive us for when we have chosen to do things our own way and in our own strength. May your love well up in us so that we may demonstrate it to our broken world. Amen.”

5 Open the Book

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/>

- Pray for Joy and Arthur, Helen, Sandra, Cherry, Margaret and David the presenters
- Pray for the children who have moved on from Hilltop that they may remember the stories they heard.
- Pray for the new children hearing the Bible stories, some for the first time.
- Pray that the children may share the stories with their families.
- Pray for the Hilltop team as they continue to learn and share God's goodness.

6 Junior Mission for All (JMA)

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/mission/junior-mission-for-all-%28jma%29>

- Thank God that the FairTrade breakfast was positive and that we learnt more about Food Poverty as well as enjoying our own special breakfast using FairTrade products.
- We have our annual JMA presentations in the morning service of 16th Oct at AMC and a JMA breakfast before this. May the young people be encouraged, understand more and continue their mission commitment to learn, pray and serve. May the connections they have with donors

strengthen. More links between JMA members and supporters would be great.

- Please pray for the growing church in **Cuba**.
- Pray for a pre-school in **Lesotho** in a very remote area that JMA is assisting in supporting. Drought is a big problem in this area.
- Pray for the Casa Delle Culture (House of Culture) in Scicli in southern **Sicily** – a guest centre for refugees and migrants.
- Sea levels are rising in the **Solomon Islands** and so communities have to locate to new areas inland or on other islands. Please pray for the families that have to move that they will receive a warm welcome and settle in well and for wisdom for the governments responding to these needs.

7 Phakamisa, S Africa

<http://www.phakamisa.org/>

- Praise God that the recent gift of £3,000 to Phakamisa, especially to renovate an old shack and build a new classroom as well as purchase tables and chairs and other essential equipment has progressed well.
- Continue to pray that Thokozani, encouraged by the generous and prayerful support, will continue to give leadership to the ministry of Phakamisa and the children they seek to serve.
- Remember the pre-school teacher training courses, the economic empowerment classes for the Caregivers and the HIV/AIDS support group; all making such a difference to the lives of thousands of people within their communities.

8 ACE Youth Trust

<http://www.aceyouth.org.uk/>

- We thank God for the work of ACE Youth Trust among vulnerable young people in our community. Now celebrating its 10th year, ACE is helping more local young people than ever before. We are greatly encouraged that, in 2016, BBC Children in Need and the Big Lottery Awards for All have become new ACE funding partners, helping us to sustain and develop our services. We thank God for the work of our youth workers and volunteers who by their skill and dedication provide much needed support and guidance. In particular, we thank God for Natasha and for her work with ACE over many years. We wish her well as she moves on from her role in Club 16+ and are delighted that she will continue her association with ACE as a volunteer.