

8 Junior Mission for All (JMA)

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

“The JMA Promise is to learn, pray and serve with the world-wide Church of Jesus Christ”. Pray that the children will increasingly discover this for themselves and share in the exciting role God has for them.

9 Phakamisa, S Africa

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

Thokozani Poswa has completed 2 years as director of Phakamisa. She produces three newsletters a year and has got herself more organised. Refurbishment of classrooms for crèches has gone ahead as planned.

Thokozani is arriving at Manchester Airport on Friday 28th April and staying in Birmingham. She will be in Nottingham on Sunday 30th at the Kingswood Methodist Church for the morning worship at 10 a.m. with a lunch afterwards. She will not be coming to Ashbourne on this visit to the UK but all are welcome at any related events.

- Pray for Thokozani as she prepares for her UK trip; that she has good health and a clear message of the Lord's work in Phakamisa.
- Prayer for the UK group planning her itinerary and that Thokozani will be strengthened and encouraged by the whole experience.

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, some key needs will continue for many years! You may also find the Spirit prompts you to pray for this partner in a way not mentioned here, do so!

Numbers help select an item to pray for, eg pray for “1” on 1st, 11th, 21st, 31st.

1 ACE Youth Trust

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

See article in March Connections. Please continue to pray for ACE and all of its young people, volunteers and staff and especially for:

- the young people attending the new Nurture Groups at QEGS and those who are giving up so much time to help make them a success;
- the young people of Wednesday Club, that further volunteers will come forward to enable us to accept more young people and reduce the waiting list of referrals;
- the young people attending the weekly Homework Club and the small group of committed volunteers who provide much needed support and mentoring services;
- the one-to-one mentoring scheme and, in particular, those experienced volunteers who are bearing the load of difficult situations; and
- the trustees as they continue to seek God’s will for the future direction of ACE, enabling them to embrace and respond to change, so that ACE continues to deliver services that are relevant and life-enhancing to those who are most in need.

2 Patna Partnership, N India

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

- Pray for Shubro and Elisabeth working at St. Luke's Hospital, Hiranpur and for another doctor to join them.
- Pray for the people in rural areas unable to get to banks easily who have lost money as a result of demonetisation.
- Pray for Benjamin Murmu who is training to become a presbyter.

3 Operation Christmas Child

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/look-where-your-shoebox-went/>

- Last year's consignment, for Lithuania, was very well supported, Many boxes are collected by schools as well as churches.
- Pray for the children who received them and the right choice of recipients for the 2017 boxes.
- Pray for Samaritan's Purse that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in need across the world.

4 Methodist Homes (MHA)

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

We ask for God's blessing on everyone involved in the below projects, particularly remembering those who are sick or troubled, and for the family and friends of those who have died.

God of love and hope, of encouragement and challenge,
we thank you for the work of MHA.

We ask you to bless those who live in our Homes, Schemes and Communities,
and those who care for them.

We thank you for those whose vision and research enable new ways of caring,
for those in the organisation who direct and manage and for those who support
this work with prayer and by raising funds.

We acknowledge our need of one another and ask for your gifts of wisdom and
understanding that the love of Christ may be shown in all we do.

5 Jonathan and Isabel Hill, Zimbabwe

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

- Both are well although much in demand in school, community and church.
- Government are imposing major changes in school curriculums that should have been taken over years, but within months.
- Problem with getting cash from the bank, long queues for small amounts.
- Stephen has just finished his bachelors course in electronic engineering and is waiting for his results before he decides what to do next – Masters maybe?

6 All We Can

<http://www.allwecan.org.uk/pray/prayers---february-2017>

Our good Father,
We come to you with thankful hearts,
for you are good and your steadfast love knows no bounds.
Thank you for giving us each other,
so that together we can do good in our world for the sake of those in
need.
Strengthen and refresh us by your Spirit as we face each day.
To you be the glory and honour,
in Jesus' name. Amen.

7 Open the Book

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

- There are now 14,000 storytellers going into 2,500 schools.
- Please pray for all those who are involved - pupils, staff and volunteers, and families. We know from experience that the stories get retold at home.
- For Schools who would love to have a team visiting them
- For those considering volunteering
- For the staff and children at Hilltop Ashbourne