

Mon 25: The Mission of Jesus. Give thanks that our Lord was willing to lay aside the glory of heaven, and take a human nature to come and be our Redeemer. Give thanks for the mission of Jesus, and pray that this Christmas Day it may be the model for our mission to a lost world.

Tues 26: Malcolm & Ruth Firth – Riga, Latvia: Pray for those international students who are unable to return home for the Christmas holidays. We will host a number; and we trust that the hope and joy of the Christmas message will bring light and peace to their hearts.

Wed 27: P & M - Africa. Pray for P, M and their family as they spent their first Christmas in a new country. Pray for progress in language study, for growth in Christ and in personal friendships that give gospel opportunities, and for progress in language study.

Thur 28: Sarah Clay - Huaraz, Peru. Give thanks for the time Sarah has been able to spend on deputation with churches and supporters. Pray for a restful Christmas, and for her final weeks before she returns to Peru later next month.

Fri 29: Kester Putman – Literature, Abingdon, UK: A man visiting churches in Nigeria has asked for some books to distribute; we have provided him with pamphlets and paperbacks, and all are aimed at helping with teaching and preaching. Please pray that the books would go to those who would be most helped, and that they would bear fruit.

Sat 30: Theo & Sonja Donner, Medellin, Colombia: Pray for the continued progress of the peace process, that the peace deal will hold and be carried out with fairness and justice. Pray that in a time of reconciliation, many will also know what it means to be reconciled to God in Christ.

Sun 31: Chris & Helen Hawthorne: Give thanks for an excellent conference in Zambia last month. I saw the foundations for our house - pray that it will be finished by November 2018! Pray for us as a family as we begin to plan for our move to Zambia in November, DV. Pray that all our support will be raised.

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Partnership in prayer



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The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. Isaiah 9:2

Fri 1: Brian & Necy Ellis – Metro Manila, Philippines: We have a month of parties where the gospel is preached: 2nd - CCM EAP Community Party; 7th - Party for Street People; 12th - CCM Children's Homes Party. Pray for Joe Grimwood who is currently here as a missionary intern. Give thanks with us for another year of the Lord's goodness and faithfulness.

Sat 2: P & S – Central Asia: Praise God for a good number of student Bible studies. Today we will hold a student day seminar; on 15-18th students & staff will rehearse and perform Mark's gospel (themarkdrama.com). Pray in all these things for God's word to bring new birth and spiritual growth.

Sun 3: Adam & Julia Laughton – (AGBC SE) Gateway Project, UK: Please pray for follow up with neighbours, following a humanist funeral we attended. Pray for spiritual fruit from this contact. More generally, we have a number of Christmas opportunities both in Gravesend and Ebbsfleet. Pray for many good contacts, and gospel fruit.
(DJ, JJ-Leytonstone; KP-Potton am)

Mon 4: Derek & Jacki French – Radio, Abingdon, UK: Please pray for the listeners to our programmes who live in the UK and listen through the TWR airings. Pray also for those listeners in Africa who cannot afford to write to us but who listen faithfully each week.

Tues 5: Jonathan & Cathy Bayes – Ministerial Training, UK: Please give thanks that I completed the revision of Part Two of the Systematic Theology during November, and pray that it will be useful to church leaders around the world.

Wed 6: Ronny & Rocio Tipismana – Arequipa, Peru: The Lord is sending new families and it fills us with joy to see people with a desire for the Word of God. Pray that the witness of one man's baptism will touch the hearts of others to follow this ordinance.

(PE&LE-Beacon Park B C Plymouth)

Thur 7: S & A – Serbia: Today we finish our first series (1 John) with the new ladies Bible study. Thank God for great discussions together since we started in September. Pray especially for the three non-Christian ladies who have been attending. *(JJ-Flourish, London Seminary)*

Fri 8: Andrew & Marea Cook – Radio, Abingdon, UK: Andrew is due to be on sabbatical for a few months. Please pray that this will be a time of spiritual refreshment and for the ongoing airings of the *Serving Today* radio programme during this period

Sat 9: James Hammond – Bordeaux, France: Please pray for Bordeaux Church's carol service and for the GBU students *Soirée de Noël* - that new people would attend and hear the gospel presented clearly and powerfully.

Sun 10: D & I – SE Asia: We give thanks that the major obstacles of 2017 are behind us. The school is back up and running; due to personal issues the third elder had to leave the ministry but is attending another fellowship. We are gearing up for our annual Christmas event. Pray that people will hear the gospel and respond. *(JDS-Gravesend am; JB-Chesham; PE&LE-Truro E C)*

Mon 11: Support Ministries. Pray for Mission Council as they meet today, with important decisions to make regarding the Mission's finances and cuts to expenditure. Give thanks for generous gifts in October, but pray that regular giving will rise to meet the needs of our ongoing work. *(DJ,JDS,AW,JW-Council, Highbury)*

Tues 12: Aries & Jodith Liboro – Metro Manila, Philippines: We hope to give out tracts and also encourage members to make the most of this Christmas season by inviting unbelieving friends and loved ones to the church services. Please pray that we will be able to reach out to more people with the gospel this season.

Wed 13: Graham & Sally Jones – Kisumu, Kenya: The churches in Bondo are planning a women's conference from 13th – 16th. Sally has been asked to speak at some of the sessions. Please pray for those organising the event and that it would be a spiritually encouraging time for all who attend.

Thur 14: N – Southport, UK: Please pray as we share the Christmas message with those who come to the English Bible classes, and more specifically that the Lord will impress upon their hearts the wonderful saving truth of grace. Pray for a breakthrough.

Fri 15: Jean Ellis – Klagenfurt, Austria: The Christmas service for the Deaf on 17th December brings the regular meetings with the Deaf to a close this year. The men will meet today to arrange further meetings. Please pray that I will be able to use the extra time well, especially providing the whole church with a new address list.

Sat 16: N & U – Bradford, UK: The month of December is busy with many opportunities for the gospel: speaking on the radio (24th and 25th); attending various activities in different places of Yorkshire, and especially a large gathering of Asians today.

Sun 17: Andrzej & Monika Kempczyński – Legionowo, Poland: Today we are having Christmas carol singing. Please pray that the Lord would give us a lot of opportunities to witness about Christ during this time. *(JB-Langley Park Durham)*

Mon 18: P & C – Western Africa: Pray for our consultant checking our Leviticus translation this week. Pray for the consultant who is making a long road trip here, for good use of limited time, the protection of our computers, and for a faithful, clear translation.

Tues 19: Phil & Lydia Evans – Preparing for Latvia: We returned from our deputation tour on 1st December. Pray for continued provision as we organise all the practicalities for leaving and for a good and blessed time spent with family over Christmas before the big move in January.

Wed 20: Ian & Hélène Flanders – Radio, Abingdon, UK: Pray that all our booklets recently sent to the Central African Republic will arrive safely and pray especially that the booklets about forgiveness will prove highly influential, bringing gospel hope, healing and reconciliation to lives and communities shattered by years of civil strife and poverty.

Thur 21: Keith & Sarah Charlton – OneHundredFold: One of our team was recently diagnosed with Colon cancer. Give thanks that this was caught early. Praise God that recent health concerns for team members and their families have much improved. Pray for wisdom in how to move forward on certain projects.

Fri 22: Daniel Caballero – Lima, Peru: We have started a new book published in Peru *Theology for Living*. We will publish our first book in December: *John Owen and English Puritanism*, which I am editing. Please pray for me as I finish the edition of the book.

Sat 23: Tom & Lucy Forryan – Preparing for France: Pray for us as we continue to make plans about where to serve in Paris, for our whole family to adjust well to the prospect of us going to live in France. One thing we do know for sure: God will be with us! Heb. 13.5-6

Sun 24: Jason & Andrea Murfitt – Manacapuru, Brazil: Please pray for some of our youth group in the creek who have begun coming to church with us each week, along with one of their mums. Please remember to pray for the two girls who caused us so much trouble a while back, and their Mum: Elizamara, Eliziane and Elizete.