

**Tues 25: Derek & Jacki French – Radio, Abingdon, UK:** Join the believers in Zimbabwe in giving thanks to the Lord that the rains have come, and in some places a really good amount has fallen. Planting can now go ahead. Pray the rain will continue so that they can avoid another failed harvest as faced in recent years.

**Wed 26: Theo & Sonja Donner – Medellin, Colombia:** Classes start again at the Seminary today. Pray that these can be in person as planned. Theo will be teaching Pentateuch, Logic and Philosophy during this first semester. Pray that he and the students will be encouraged together.

**Thur 27: Brian & Neco Ellis – Metro Manila, Philippines:** Give thanks that Brian and Neco have remained safe and well through the last difficult year. Pray that they would continue in the hope and joy of Christ, and that the witness of their lives will glorify God and encourage others.

**Fri 28: Finance:** Praise God that he has provided for all our financial commitments in 2020. We are very grateful to all who have given so generously. As we begin a new year, please pray for wisdom in the use of the financial resources we have for supporting our missionaries and all the other aspects of the work of the Mission.

**Sat 29: Sarah Clay – Huaraz, Peru:** Give thanks that these months of sabbatical have been so refreshing. Pray for wisdom as Sarah, her church, Latin Link and GBM begin planning for a possible return to Peru.

**Sun 30: Church Planting, UK – Didcot:** Give thanks that Grace Church Didcot has survived the pandemic so far. We are busy online and meeting on Sunday mornings. Pray for progress in setting up a church membership and identifying future leaders. Pray that we will connect this year with as many unsaved people as we can handle. Pray that our long-term venue – a new community centre – will open soon.

**Mon 31: South India:** The restrictions on sending money into India remain – please continue to pray for the Lord to open a way for us to get funds into the country. Pray that the Tamil Baptist churches will continue looking to the Lord for the wisdom and help they need. *(PB-Melbourne Hall EFC, Leicester; IF-The Kings Church, Malmesbury)*

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# Partnership in prayer



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If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

**Fri 1: The New Year:** As we enter a new year, please give thanks that the Lord Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever. Pray that we as a Mission, and the churches and each of us as individuals will faithfully serve Christ through this year, and have the joy of seeing disciples made, baptised and taught – locally and across the nations.

**Sat 2: Chris & Helen Hawthorne – Zambia:** Praise God that we arrived safely in Zambia a month ago. Give thanks for progress at PIZ during 2020. Pray that incoming students would arrive on time, settle quickly and have an excellent year learning how to handle the Bible. Pray the children would grow in their faith and mature through 2021.

**Sun 3: Support Ministries – Abingdon, UK:** Give thanks that Daryl Jones has been able to start a phased return to work. His pain has eased but some treatment will probably be needed. Pray for the staff team to wisely plan the year's events, ministry and visits during this time of ongoing uncertainty. *(DJ-Abbey Baptist Church Abingdon am)*

**Mon 4: Malcolm & Ruth Firth – Riga, Latvia:** Please pray for our students who have final exams at the beginning of January, after six years of studying medicine. It's a very stressful time for them!

**Tues 5: Graham & Sally Jones – Kisumu, Kenya:** Give thanks that we returned safely to Kisumu in mid-December. Pray for us as we catch up on things from the past nine months in the UK, such as contacting people and marking correspondence courses. Pray for wisdom as we set up teaching programmes and plan our ministry in a Covid-safe way.

**Wed 6: Phil & Lydia Evans – home from Riga:** Pray for Phil and Lydia as they await the arrival of their baby this month. Pray for them as they settle back in the UK and as Phil looks for suitable work. *(JM-Pershore Evangelical Church on Zoom)*

**Thur 7: S & A – Serbia:** Today is Christmas day in Serbia! Today also marks ten years since we came to Serbia as a family. Thank God for his faithfulness and mercy to us. Pray that we will stay faithful to him and persevere in the years to come.

**Fri 8: Jean Ellis – Klagenfurt, Austria:** In December the Deaf decided to continue meeting on Zoom and review the situation in January - the first Bible study being planned for today. The November Service in Sign Language was 'attended' by Deaf from other parts of Austria, who were very appreciative. Please pray for wisdom regarding future meetings.

**Sat 9: Keith & Sarah Charlton – OneHundredFold:** Please pray for the planned distribution in January of 1000 chips going to pastors in East Africa. On the chip is material to support them running evangelistic courses. Pray God would work – not because of the chips or media on the chips – but because of his word being used to explain the way of salvation.

**Sun 10: P & S – Central Asia:** From 11-14 January we gather as a staff team to think about (and practice) prayer; pray this is a time of growth. P plans to form a group of young men to participate in preaching training; pray good people commit to this. Pray that our family holiday is refreshing. *(PB-Hope Church, Gravesend am)*

**Mon 11: Ronny & Rocio Tipismana – Arequipa, Peru:** Pray for our face-to-face meetings now that they have restarted. Give thanks for the baptism that took place on 20 December. Pray for Arequipa where the number of people infected by the virus is growing. Pray for the people who are hearing the gospel during the pandemic.

**Tues 12: Andrew & Marea Cook – Radio, Abingdon, UK:** Give thanks that Pastor K (Malawi) got in touch to say how encouraging *Serving Today* resources are to him and his church. He asks us to pray about the building work on their meeting place which is being hampered by the rainy season, in addition to other problems caused by the current pandemic.

**Wed 13: Andrzej & Monika Kempczyński – Legionowo, Poland:** Please pray that our regular guest would come to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and that we have many more evangelistic opportunities in Legionowo and in our country. *(AC-Grace Baptist Church Ulverston pm on Zoom; JJ-Flourish Course London Seminary until 14)*

**Thur 14: Aries & Jodith Liboro – Metro Manila, Philippines:** We continue to give out relief goods and preach a short gospel message before doing so. Pray for conversions. Pray also for the salvation of the dozen teenagers who come to our youth ministry, and their parents.

**Fri 15: East Asia:** Please pray for a former member who has expressed an interest in returning, that she might be willing to repent of sin and to follow Christ again. Pray that the Lord will encourage the church leader and give him wisdom as he helps her.

**Sat 16: James Hammond – Bordeaux, France:** Please pray for our new sermon series in the first chapters of Proverbs. Pray that God would give us wisdom to live for Christ our King in all areas of our life, wisdom to navigate through the fog and frustrations of Covid restrictions, and to put his word and his ways before our own.

**Sun 17: N & U – Bradford, UK:** Thank God for the many opportunities to sow seed in the past year. Continue praying for the fruit to appear in God's timing. Pray for God's love to be shared among many around Yorkshire. Pray for strength to take the many opportunities in this new year. *(JM-Haven Church Gorran Haven)*

**Mon 18: Ian & Hélène Flanders – Radio, Abingdon, UK:** Pascale, in the north of Cameroon, has asked for all of our radio programmes to be put on a dozen micro SD cards to give to pastors so that they can have the teaching on their phones. Pray the SD cards would arrive safely and that these men and their ministries will benefit from them.

**Tues 19: Envision:** Pray for Sam Rees as he flies today to Medellín, Colombia. Pray that he would settle well at the Seminary and adjust to this new setting amidst the Covid restrictions. Pray that classes can start on campus as planned on 26 January.

**Wed 20: Anthony & Roxanna Green – Arequipa, Peru:** We can now accommodate forty at church (with Covid protocols in place). Praise God for the eagerness to gather for worship. Pray for those who have requested baptism; ask the Lord to increase the blessing this year; pray that he will grant us the desire of our hearts as we move forward as a fellowship.

**Thur 21: P & C – West Africa:** Give thanks that the elections in the country passed relatively peacefully. Pray for our translation team as we concentrate on Ezekiel and 2 Chronicles. A new print run of New Testaments is underway, which should arrive in May – pray for the practicalities of transport and customs, so that they arrive safely.

**Fri 22: Jason & Andrea Murfitt – Preparing for Madeira:** Please pray as we prepare to resettle on Madeira in the coming months. There is much still to organise, not least our newly-adopted children's passports. Give thanks that there is a publisher 'assessing' my evangelistic book. Pray that in time the Lord will transform many lives through it.

**Sat 23: Daniel & Ellie Caballero – Cork, Ireland (and Lima, Peru):** Daniel continues preaching a series on current ethical topics (homosexuality, transgenderism, abortion, euthanasia, etc.). Please pray for him as he prepares and preaches God's Word. Pray for Ellie also as she is in charge of teaching the children.

**Sun 24: New missionaries:** Isaiah writes, 'I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."' (Isaiah 6:8). Pray that this year men and women will hear God's call and respond, offering themselves for his service. *(PB-Stowmarket Baptist Church; JM-Grace Reformed BC Hilperton)*