

Wed 24: Finance: Give thanks with us for the ongoing giving of God's people. Continue to pray for the financial provision of the Mission. Pray for accuracy and wisdom as we finish preparing the 2020 financial accounts, which are due for auditing during April.

Thur 25: Myanmar: A contact in Mandalay writes about widespread hopelessness and fear as people see their future being stolen by the military coup. Protests, strikes and police crackdowns are increasing. Pray that the Lord will protect his people, keep their eyes on him, and lead many hopeless and fearful people to seek life and peace in Christ.

Fri 26: Sarah Clay – Huaraz, Peru: Peruvian lockdown has been extended; the situation is desperate with shortage of beds and oxygen the biggest problems, as well as only one million doses of Chinese vaccine available. Please pray that people will hold on to the Lord for hope and hold out his hope to others.

Sat 27: Saved2Serve: The *Saved2Serve* youth conference takes place online today. Pray that it will encourage many of our young people in their walk with God. Pray that he will be raising up a new generation of faithful servants, missionaries and pastors.

Sun 28: New missionaries: The Lord says of Israel, 'All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people' (Romans 10:21 / Isaiah 65:2). Pray that he would raise up more from among our churches to take the message of this patient, reconciling God to both Jews and Gentiles.

Mon 29: Malcolm & Ruth Firth – Riga, Latvia: As a church, we are currently looking for a new place to meet together. Please pray for somewhere suitable to be found, perhaps closer to the city centre.

Tues 30: N & U – Bradford, UK: Give thanks that some from the Asian communities are asking for bilingual meetings to continue, and pray for more spiritual benefits. Pray that my planned trip to my home country would be possible in August, and pray for wisdom to respond to other invitations from around the world.

Wed 31: South India: Pray that the Lord will preserve the Tamil churches from outbreaks of coronavirus. Pray that the believers will be able to work safely and provide for their families. Pray for the leaders at Kilpauk amidst the challenges of these days, that God would give them his wisdom and grace to shepherd the flock.

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Now, my God, may your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.
2 Chronicles 6:40

Mon 1: Andrew & Marea Cook – Radio, Abingdon, UK: Give thanks that *Serving Today* has reached its 900th edition! This is a team effort involving GBM staff, other contributors and volunteers. Your prayers are a continued source of encouragement to us, and to the many pastors and church leaders who benefit from your support over the airwaves.

Tues 2: Envision: Give thanks that, after delays due to visa issues, Sam Rees was able to fly to Colombia. Pray for him as he settles into life at the Seminary in Medellin. Pray for his English teaching to help the students and staff. Pray that he will be able to connect with a church despite the ongoing restrictions.

Wed 3: Jean Ellis – Klagenfurt, Austria: The Deaf are considering looking at Ezra and/or Nehemiah from March onwards, having finished Daniel in February. Pray that God's word will help and encourage them. Michaela will be at rehab for most of March and will have her 50th birthday while she is there. (*JJ-Flourish One & Two London Seminary until 4*)

Thur 4: Aries & Judith Liboro – Metro Manila, Philippines: We have two new regular attendees: a young woman (Joan) and her boyfriend. Joan also invited her brother and dad to attend the service. She is a professing Christian but we are not sure about the rest. Pray that they will continue to attend and respond in faith to the preaching of God's word.

Fri 5: P & S – Central Asia: Pray for our staff retreat on 6-9 March; for much-needed refreshment as we study Isaiah. Pray for our health; for S especially it has been poor all winter. Pray for those continuing the online preaching course. Continue to pray for students to come to faith and grow spiritually through the organisation's work.

Sat 6: East Asia: Please pray for two new contacts who want to come along to church on Sunday. One is here for a 2-3-year work placement; we have met with her already and she seems to understand. The other is at university, but we have not yet met face to face.

Sun 7: Church Planting, UK – Rushden: Grace Baptist Partnership are holding Zoom prayer meetings through March to pray about a possible church plant in Rushden, Northants. Pray that this new work will start later in the year. Pray that the Lord will have many people in the town who will turn to him. *(JM-Haven Church Gorran Haven pm on Zoom)*

Mon 8: S & A – Serbia: S is due to teach a module this week on Spiritual Disciplines at the Baptist college in another local city. Pray that it will be useful for the students. Please pray that as a church we will be allowed to meet again soon – we are still on Zoom. *(AW,DJ,PB-Mission Council on Zoom)*

Tues 9: Keith & Sarah Charlton – OneHundredFold: Thank God for the interest during a recent outreach campaign to one of the most hostile, poor, and war-torn countries. Praise God for follow-up ‘chats’ and some professions of faith. Pray for those who are being disciplined to grow in faith. Though just a few, they represent a real harvest in that country.

Wed 10: Ronny & Rocio Tipismana – Arequipa, Peru: Pray for our gospel preaching on Zoom, since the country is still in quarantine. Two of our sisters have gone to be with the Lord; pray for the Lord to open the hearts of their families. Pray for the church to remain united in love and continue to spread the gospel.

Thur 11: Andrzej & Monika Kempczyński – Legionowo, Poland: There are more than 100,000 people living in our county, but there are no evangelical churches apart from us. Please pray that the Lord would open the doors to the Word; pray that we could reach all these people with the gospel; pray that new churches would be planted here.

Fri 12: Daniel & Ellie Caballero – Cork, Ireland (and Lima, Peru): We have been one year in lockdown and unable to meet in person. Pray for Daniel as he preaches every other Sunday online, and for Ellie doing the children’s talk. Pray that we may be able to meet again soon. Pray also for Daniel as he spends time editing books in Spanish for Latin America.

Sat 13: Chris & Helen Hawthorne – Zambia: Give thanks that home school seems to be going well. Continue praying for Joshua who is doing a little better, but needs to make more steps forward. Praise God for the students and for an encouraging start to the term. Pray for growing spiritual maturity, biblical accuracy and preaching clarity for them (and us!).

Sun 14: James Hammond – Bordeaux, France: Please pray for me as I preach today; that God would give me power and confidence to proclaim his Word clearly in French. Pray that God would guide me to know where he wants me to serve Christ and his people. *(PB Grace Church Didcot am on Zoom; DJ-Yateley on Zoom)*

Mon 15: Anthony & Roxanna Green – Arequipa, Peru: Praise God that ‘Saul’, the husband of one of our members recently recovered from Covid-19, has professed faith. He has been attending Zoom Bible studies. Pray the Spirit will assure him of salvation. Pray for wisdom in pastoral counselling, and that the Lord will grow our fellowship in Christ-likeness.

Tues 16: Brian & Neco Ellis – Metro Manila, Philippines: By God’s grace Brian and Neco are doing well, despite the challenges of aging and the lockdown. Pray that the Lord will increasingly enable them to ‘set their hearts on things above, where Christ is seated.’ Give thanks that the online GMA pastors’ conference was an encouragement to many.

Wed 17: Ian & Hélène Flanders – Radio, Abingdon, UK: The director of a radio station in Mali, S, lost his brother in a jihadist attack last autumn. He now wants to make radio programmes for communities that are suffering from such tribal and religious conflict. Pray for wisdom and courage as he points people to the gospel of peace and hope.

Thur 18: Theo & Sonja Donner – Medellín, Colombia: Please pray for our son-in-law, Luis Eduardo Ramírez, as today, God willing, he is installed as the new principal of the Seminary. Pray that God will give him wisdom, grace and integrity. Pray for Theo as he continues teaching. Pray that God would raise up new missionary professors to join the work.

Fri 19: P & C – West Africa: Please pray for encouragement for our main translator, who’s life struggles are making it hard to concentrate – and Ezekiel is hard! Pray also for my Australian colleague R, who’s been stuck in the UK since last summer, unable to return to Australia.

Sat 20: Support Ministries – Abingdon, UK: Pray for Daryl Jones and Paul Brunning as they host the online Wiltshire Mission Day this afternoon. Pray that the missionary reports, prayer times and ministry will encourage the churches in their love for gospel mission.

Sun 21: Jason & Andrea Murfitt – Preparing for Madeira: Give thanks that we have the full support of Haven (our sending church), the GBM Council and so many of you. Once non-nationals are allowed to visit the island, and our children’s passports arrive, we will embark for Madeira. Pray that God’s will be done. *(DJ,JJ-Bradford on Avon BC am; PB-Clink EC Frome am; IF-Grace Reformed BC Hilperton am; DJ,JM-Wiltshire churches joint pm Zoom service)*

Mon 22: Graham & Sally Jones – Kisumu, Kenya: We have started a new Bible reading and study scheme, taking participants through Acts. Everyone who completes their workbook can then purchase a new Luo Bible at a substantial discount. Pray that this scheme will help more people get their own Bible and develop the habit of reading it regularly.

Tues 23: Derek & Jacki French – Radio, Abingdon, UK: Our friends in Zimbabwe have been extremely grateful for the rains this year, but in parts there is now flooding with crops and soil washed away and even some loss of life. Pray for the sorely-tried people of that land; pray that the difficulties will turn out for the furtherance of the gospel.