

Wed 23: Support Ministries – Abingdon, UK: Planning for the summer camps and Annual Mission Day (on 30 October) is now in full-swing. Pray for the Lord’s guidance and help so that these events will be engaging, enjoyable and encouraging times of fellowship.

Thur 24: Brian & Neco Ellis – Metro Manila, Philippines: Pray for Brian and Neco to remain strong in the Lord. Pray that their ongoing ministry of prayer will be powerful and effective.

Fri 25: Church planting, UK – Grace Plant Brighton: Give thanks that the Skull family have found a house in Brighton. Give thanks that Julian Ribera will be joining the team. Pray for the Plant Team as they begin meeting for prayer, training and planning.

Sat 26: P & C – West Africa: Please pray for energy and inspiration for our team as we continue through Ezekiel. Pray also that we’ll be able to make progress through 2 Chronicles this summer. *(DJ, JJ-London Seminary thanksgiving service)*

Sun 27: Jean Ellis – Klagenfurt, Austria: The Deaf believers planned the first Service in Sign Language in the church building (relayed on Zoom as well) at the end of May. They hope to use this format again today. Friday evening Bible studies may also be moved to the church. Pray for wisdom for all involved. *(DJ, JJ-Pemberton Free Grace Church, Wigan)*

Mon 28: Derek & Jacki French – Radio, Abingdon, UK: A long-time listener to our programmes in Zambia has been studying for his MDiv and is now working on Biblical Hebrew. Pray that he will know the Lord’s help so that his studies will enrich his ministry. About the pandemic he writes, ‘God is faithful and is in control even in these hard times.’

Tues 29: South India: India continues to struggle with huge numbers of Covid cases. Pray for Hanson Manova and the church at Namakkal, asking the Lord to keep them safe and give them strength to share the gospel and practical Christian love.

Wed 30: Finance: We are very thankful that Diana and Andy have caught up on finance workloads following the disruptions of the last fifteen months. Give thanks that the audit of the 2020 accounts has gone very smoothly. Please continue to pray for us as we undertake the daily administration of the finances.

| Abbreviations | | | |
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| AW | Andrew Woods | JJ | Julia Jones |
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Partnership in prayer



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I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.
1 Corinthians 3:6-7

Our annual Week of Prayer takes place this month, 13-20 June.

In addition to the usual prayer guide here and in the *Herald*, and the daily videos, we will also hold a prayer meeting on Zoom each day. On most days missionaries will join these to give an update on their ministry.

If you would like to join one or more of these Zoom prayer meetings then please register [by 10 June](https://www.gbm.org.uk/prayer2021) at: [gbm.org.uk/prayer2021](https://www.gbm.org.uk/prayer2021)



Tues 1: Daniel & Ellie Caballero – Cork, Ireland (and Lima, Peru): Praise the Lord! We have been able to meet in person since the third week of May! We still need to follow certain restrictions, but we are glad to be back together. We hope to open our house again for hospitality. Please pray for renewed opportunities for fellowship and outreach.

Wed 2: Sarah Clay – Huaraz, Peru: Praise God that all over 70s should have had a dose of vaccine in Huaraz now. Please pray for the second round of ultra-polarised presidential elections on 6th. Continue to pray for staff and children in the Rainbow Association home, praising God for his faithfulness so far and for his ongoing work in all their lives.

Thur 3: P & S – Central Asia: Please pray for a restful and refreshing month as we quarantine and catch up with family in the UK. Please remember the organisation’s need for new interns for next year: that God would raise up workers for the harvest. Pray for wisdom for P as he works on resources for the organisation for the coming year.

Fri 4: Theo & Sonja Donner – Medellin, Colombia: The first semester finishes today. At the time of writing we are in the middle of a third wave of the virus and a lot of social unrest.

Sat 5: Jason & Andrea Murfitt – Preparing for Madeira: We fly to Madeira today—praise God! Pray for us as we travel and settle. Pray for Lucy, who remains in the UK at college.

Sun 6: Andrzej & Monika Kempczyński – Legionowo, Poland: Please pray for our county that the Lord would open the doors for the Word in various places and that the gospel would be proclaimed in boldness and in the power of the Holy Spirit. *(DJ, JJ-Spring Meadow Baptist Church, Cradley Heath)*

Mon 7: Keith & Sarah Charlton – OneHundredFold: Give thanks to God for the volunteers making an Easy-English audio Bible using text-to-speech. Pray that this would be completed accurately and quickly. The Gospels require checking before their release. Give thanks for new texts we have. They will be helpful for Pastors who understand spoken English. Pray for those who will eventually use them.

Tues 8: Malcolm & Ruth Firth – Riga, Latvia: We are still unable to physically meet together. Pray for the Latvian government as they seek to manage the situation in Latvia. Pray for the provision of a suitable building to rent for when we can meet together as a church. Now that the weather is warmer and we can meet some people outside, pray that we would make the most of the opportunities to share the gospel and encourage God's people.

Wed 9: N & U – Bradford, UK: The Wednesday book table has been very encouraging with many asking for Bibles in recent weeks. Plenty of other literature has been distributed by the team. Pray for this vital work and the many discussions that we have with those who stop. Give thanks for the two churches that support this outreach.

Thur 10: Ronny & Rocio Tipismana – Arequipa, Peru: We are meeting on Zoom again because of Covid. Pray that the Lord would encourage his people to remain united in love. Pray that we will continue sharing the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for our baptism classes for two new sisters who want to take this step of obedience.

Fri 11: Ian & Hélène Flanders – Radio, Abingdon, UK: Please pray for a station director in the D.R.Congo who is facing severe intimidation from a politician who wishes to take over the radio station for his own political ends. Pray for his personal safety, for wisdom and courage and that the role of gospel radio in that region would not be compromised.

Sat 12: Envision: Give thanks that Sam Rees was able to return to teaching his English classes in person towards the end of term—a great help to him and the students. Pray for him to settle at a good church in Medellin (weekend curfews in recent months have made this difficult). Pray for safety as he travels to the coast for a short break between semesters.

~ ~ ~ **GBM Week of Prayer—GOD GIVES THE INCREASE, 13-20 June** ~ ~ ~

(Please also see the Week of Prayer guide in the Herald, and the daily videos)

Sun 13: Jason & Andrea Murfitt – Madeira: Give thanks for a blessed valedictory service at our sending church (Haven, Cornwall) in May. Pray for us as we begin church planting

alongside a Madeiran family. Praise God for our Sunday services (5:00pm on Zoom), which we hope will soon become in-person meetings on the island. *(PB-Grace Church Guildford)*

Mon 14: Anthony & Roxanna Green – Arequipa, Peru: Praise God for unity and growth as a church, and for good progress towards church independence. Pray for conversions and the provision of funds for the proposed new church building this year. Pray for the run-off national election this month. *(AW, DJ, PB-Mission Council on Zoom)*

Tues 15: James Hammond – Bordeaux, France: Pray for France concerning the new law to reinforce republican principles. It is designed to combat radical Islam but would restrict the Church's freedom. Please pray for a church in Bordeaux that is considering calling me as their pastor. They will vote on 20 June. It will be a church revitalisation project. *(DJ-PTI)*

Wed 16: Aries & Jodith Liboro – Metro Manila, Philippines: We are still under the strictest level of quarantine. Covid cases are falling but are still high. Pray that the government will be able to control the virus, so more people can get back to work and also that we will be allowed more people at our physical services. *(JJ-Flourish 1 & 2 at London Seminary until 17)*

Thur 17: Chris & Helen Hawthorne – Zambia: Thank God with us for getting us through a slightly crazy April and May, with various medical and other issues. Give thanks for the students and pray with us for them—for humility, wisdom and integrity, and that they would continue to grow significantly in their ability to understand and teach the Scriptures.

Fri 18: S & A – Serbia: Praise God for a wonderful outdoor Easter service in May. We hope by June to have resumed regular church services. Please pray as we move ahead with plans for a church plant in another town in the north of Serbia with no evangelical witness.

Sat 19: East Asia: The school was raided in May and the principal was taken, along with three teachers, for questioning. Give thanks that they were released later that day. Further action is likely—pray that it will not be severe. Pray that God will keep them all in his perfect peace.

Sun 20: Unreached People Groups: The northern Yemeni Sanaani Arabs, like many Muslim people groups, have no known gospel witness among them. War has also brought terrible suffering. Pray for the Bible to be translated into Sanaani. Pray for some Sanaani to hear of Christ, turn to him and become a light to their families. *(DJ, JJ-Hainault Road BC, Leyton)*

Mon 21: Graham & Sally Jones – Kisumu, Kenya: We are due to have our second vaccine dose today. Please pray that this will happen—there is a supply issue at present. The Explore course for pastors can now restart and they will sit their exam on 26 June. Please pray that they will apply themselves well and benefit from this opportunity.

Tues 22: Andrew & Marea Cook – Radio, Abingdon, UK: We have received a number of emails from India, some quite distressing, about the dire situation with Covid. Please remember our brothers and sisters, that the Lord would protect and meet their needs.