



ST ANDREW'S WAHROONGA

Mission Partner Prayer Diary

MAY 2018

Prayer points from our mission
partners



2018 Prayer Diary

Let Grace Flow



The Archbishop of Sydney's

Anglican Aid

The Archbishop and the work of the diocese

Continue to uphold our Archbishop, Dr Glenn Davies in his leadership of the Sydney Diocese.

- May he be wise as a serpent and innocent as a dove, as he directs and represents the activities of the diocese.
- Give thanks for the varied work of the diocese in so many areas of church and community life.
- Pray that as the diocese works in areas such as care for the poor, women's ministry, theological training, education, developing new churches, youth work, and so many more, that we would show the love of Christ in all that we do and that we would share the unity of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for his family life, his wife Dianne, and for God to bless and protect them.



♡ South Sudanese refugees

South Sudan has been wracked by violence for many years. South Sudanese who have fled in the past have gone to camps such as Adjumani, which is now an established village, rather than a makeshift refugee camp. In January 2017 violence reached the far south of the country, forcing almost the entire population of Kajo-keji county to flee in a very short time.



South Sudanese
refugees at school

Diocese of Kajo-keji, South Sudan and Uganda

- Pray for our partner, the Diocese of Kajo-keji as they provide care for the refugees – give them wisdom in the allocation of resources and as they care for deeply traumatised people, both in northern Uganda and those who remain in South Sudan in IDP camps.
- Pray for Bishop Emmanuel in his leadership of the diocese.
- Pray for the unaccompanied children in refugee camps in Northern Uganda that they will be kept safe from forced marriage, forced labour, physical and sexual abuse. Pray that they will be reunited with their parents or other immediate family carer.
- Pray for those refugees who have experienced deep trauma, that they will receive support to be healed.
- Give thanks for former refugees, such as Elizabeth Lual and Priscilla Bul, as they raise funds and awareness in Australia about the plight of South Sudanese refugees caught in long-term camps, such as Adjumani.
- Pray for peace, that people will be able to return home and re-establish lives and livelihoods.

✚ Theological education

Through the Overseas Ministry Fund, Anglican Aid supports theological education in many different parts of the world—usually in the home country or region. In some cases, Anglican Aid contributes funding to enable students to study in Sydney.

Alexandria School of Theology, Egypt

- Pray for students at AST supported by Anglican Aid.
- Pray for the Principal, Dr Samy Shehata, as he leads a college training people for ministry as well as lay workers.
- Pray for the church in Egypt which is constantly under attack.
- Pray for Tawanda, his wife Shupi, and their daughter Unathi, as they conclude their studies and return to Zimbabwe at the end of 2018.
- Pray that Tawanda can put the theory into practice as a student minister.

Albert Lamoureux, Mauritius

Albert completed his studies at Youthworks College at the end of 2017. He returns to Mauritius in 2018 to train youth leaders.

- Pray that Albert will remain faithful

Tawanda Masango, Zimbabwe

Tawanda is studying at Moore College in preparation for returning to Zimbabwe as a leader in student ministry.



and truthful to the Word of God as he starts to teach in his home church, St Paul's Pleine Verte.

- That he will remain thankful, and persevere in the face of the challenges and trials of adapting back to the life and ministry context of Mauritius.



Orphans & abandoned children



Today we pray for partners who care for orphaned and abandoned children. Many of the children at SOAR have been abandoned because of their physical and intellectual disabilities. Many of the children who live at Lily of the Valley have lost parents to the AIDS epidemic. In southern India, Child Transformation works in communities where some parents cannot afford to care for their children.

SOAR, China

- Pray for the establishment of the new Family Support Services Centre, that it would effectively support families in keeping their children and break the abandonment cycle.
- Give thanks for the children who have been adopted into forever families. Pray for the 7 children waiting for adoption, that the right families will step forward to welcome them into loving homes.

Lily of the Valley, South Africa

- For the children, that they grow in knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that they have love and compassion for one another.

- Give thanks to God for his provision and ask that he continues to provide for all their needs, spiritually and financially.
- For encouragement and strength for the staff and volunteers.

Child Transformation (Parivarthana), India

- Pray for the children in the orphanages that through access to education, the cycle of poverty will be broken in their lives.
- Praise God for the sewing and computer training activities and pray that they will result in secure livelihoods for the young people and adults who take part.

General health

Many people in the developing world suffer from conditions that are readily treatable in the developed world. Today we pray for some of our partners who alleviate suffering by providing good quality healthcare.

Othandweni Respite Centre, South Africa

- Pray for patients, who often arrive very weak and run down, and who often experience side-effects as they start on HIV and tuberculosis medication. Pray that they will persevere with the medication, and not give up because of the side-effects. Pray for their condition to stabilise sufficiently to return home.

- Pray for the staff, who are especially prone to fatigue from the physical and mental strain of caring for people at the end of their life.

Victoria Memorial Hospital, Pakistan

There are many hospitals in Multan but very few that help the poorest families. Many of these poor families have to take loans in order to pay hospital fees.

- Give thanks for the completion of the hospital building, and residences for doctors and other staff.
- Pray for the team as they equip the hospital with medical supplies and commence operations.



Eye Openers, India

- Give thanks for those lives that have been transformed by having their sight restored by the Eye Openers team. Please pray for the patients to understand the love of Christ for them through Eye Openers' work.
- Pray for the team as they seek to reach people living in very remote villages and tribal areas, and for safety in the high summer temperatures.
- Pray that helpers can be trained up to assist with village camps in the remote areas.

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For more information please call (02) 9284 1406 or email enquiries@anglicanaid.org.au.



Photo above: Women queuing for emergency food distribution in drought-affected northern Kenya

GAFCON

Prayer support



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'Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.' (Psalm 127:1)

We are acutely conscious of the need to depend upon our Almighty Father in every aspect of the conference. So, our number one prayer request is that those responsible for setting up and running the conference would humbly submit all our endeavours before Him. We particularly ask that we would never think we are too busy to pray. Specific prayer requests currently are:

Thanksgiving

- For a very useful two week trip to Jerusalem by the Conference Director, Canon Daniel Willis, just after Easter.
- Wonderful support and advice from the rector of Christ Church Jerusalem, Rev David Pileggi
- Encouraging numbers of delegates expected at the conference - there could be as many as 2,000 from 45+ countries
- For those who have contributed to bursary appeals so far enabling those who cannot afford full conference fees or flights to attend
- The privilege of those attending to join with so many bible-based Anglicans from all over the world and the joy of hearing His gospel proclaimed

The Program

- The Gafcon General Secretary, Dr Peter Jensen, is in overall charge of the conference but his main responsibility is the program of events. An outline program is shortly to be published through Facebook and Twitter; please pray as Dr Jensen makes his finishing touches
- Please pray that the conference theme 'Proclaiming Christ Faithfully to the nations' would be clearly evident from the content of the plenary sessions and the many break-out groups
- Please pray for speakers at the plenary sessions as they prepare what to say to the assembly. That those giving bible readings will be directed by the Holy Spirit to open God's word clearly. That those giving presentations on topical subjects would be both informative and engaging.
- Please pray for the staff at the International Conference Centre; that our witness to Christ would be exemplary.
- Please pray for local tours that are planned into the walled city and elsewhere.

Registration & Logistics

- It is a mammoth task to get up to 2,000 souls to Jerusalem from the four corners of the world. Most of the key administrative roles are being undertaken by volunteers. Please pray for the men and women in key positions. As well as those mentioned above please pray for those in charge of: Invitations, Bursaries, Visas, Communications, Exhibitors, Conference Production, The Worship Team, The Final Statement Team, Accommodation.
- Please pray for Vered, the travel agent in Israel, who are managing most of the liaison with the Israeli authorities and on-going logistical support.
- Please pray especially for the visa application process which is currently in full swing.
- Please pray for journeying mercies for all those making flights to Israel, especially those with several connections en-route.
- Please pray for transport from and to the airport; as well as the shuttle bus service from some hotels to the conference centre each day.

Bursaries & Finances

- Funding is in place for several hundred delegates to attend who cannot afford to pay full conference fees and flights. (See praise above - please keep giving thanks!)
- There is still around \$190K still required to ensure that all those who have been invited and want to come can. Please pray that the outstanding funds would be forthcoming. (If you'd like to contribute after you have prayed please see the note below.)

Miscellaneous

- Please pray for good health of presenters and delegates
- Please pray for security and safety at all times
- Please pray for those left behind who cannot come for whatever reason, perhaps ill health or other commitments. We hope to live-stream important sessions for them and a wider audience. Please pray that the technology would work well.



Prayer Notes

Reaching Australia for Christ since 1919

The Bush Church Aid Society

The Bush Church Aid Society has a heart for people living in remote and regional Australia.

We are committed to going the distance to reach Australia for Christ.

Under God, we do this by

- **proclaiming** Christ so that people may respond to Him;
- **nurturing** Christians in their faith and ministry;
- **strengthening** local Christian communities in their mission;
- **providing** services of Christian care and advocacy;
- **developing** an understanding of Christ's mission and
- **promoting** active partnership throughout the church.

Our core commitments are

- **relying** on prayer for God's help and the Holy Spirit's guidance;
- **trusting** in the vision, authority and encouragement of Scripture;
- **working** in humility, servanthood and fellowship with the church in mission;
- **developing** interdependent relationships with Diocesan Bishops;
- **providing** pastoral care and professional development for staff and
- **responsibly** managing our resources.

Front cover: Taken by Launceston Field Staff Liz Goodacre in Lilydale, Tasmania

We are Going the Distance by

- **bringing the gospel of Christ to the outermost parts of Australia** – We are committed to sending messengers so that all Australians, no matter where they live and work, are able to hear the life-changing message of Christ.
- **developing a new generation of culturally diverse Christian leaders** – We are committed to engaging young people, discipling them in the faith and encouraging them in ministry so they can lead others to Christ.
- **supporting ministry by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people** – We are committed to working with our first peoples so they can serve Christ in ways that are Biblically faithful and culturally appropriate.
- **planting and renewing sustainable churches** – We are committed to establishing vibrant and outward-looking gatherings of Christ's people.
- **equipping local leaders for fruitful ministry** – We are committed to supporting Christians 'on the ground' so they can be salt and light for Christ.
- **providing care in Christ's Name** – We are committed to serving hurting people in times of crisis and through ongoing Christ-centred pastoral care.



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Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

Psalms 127:1

March

Give thanks for the work of BCA Mission Contacts in churches across Australia. Pray that we will be effective in supporting them in their vital ministry and that God would use their efforts to further our mission to reach Australia for Christ.

April

We are just over a year away from celebrating 100 years since BCA was established. Pray for those involved in planning and preparing events and resources for our centenary. May God be glorified.

May

The BCA Annual General Meeting and Annual Council Meeting will be held in Sydney on 16 and 17 May. Please pray that both occasions will be marked by thanksgiving to God with wise and godly discussions and decisions.

Profile

The National Office reaches Australia for Christ by stewarding the resources God gives BCA so they are used effectively and efficiently to sustain existing and emerging ministries. We do this alongside Regional Offices, honorary officers and a team of generous volunteers.

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God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. *2 Corinthians 5:21*

March

What a joy it is to celebrate Easter. Please pray that God will raise up people to help Frank with the logistics for our Easter events. Pray for a wonderful time of unity around the cross with all Christians in Exmouth.

April

Tourists numbers are well and truly starting to swell by this time of year. Pray that we will have great times of fellowship with visiting Christians and encourage them to live for Jesus' glory on their travels.

May

Please keep praying that we can have a heart to reach the lost in our town. Pray that we as a church will commit ourselves to praying for the lost all around us. Pray that God can give us boldness to speak of Jesus when possible.

Profile

April is the best month to holiday just about anywhere in WA. Exmouth is no exception and so during this period of the year our tourist numbers grow and town gets busier. As a church we enjoy the increased fellowship this brings with Christians from all over the country and the world.

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Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one He has sent."

John 6:29

March

Pray for those elected to positions of leadership at the St Peter's Nightcliff AGM (4 March). Give thanks for Easter. Pray for service preparations and for God to prepare those who are invited to come.

April

Give thanks for BCA supporters around the country. Pray for Bruce as he addresses the BCA SA/NT Annual General Meeting in Adelaide. Give thanks for the opportunity for our youth to attend the KYCK youth conference in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney.

May

Give thanks for the small team who support and encourage our Aboriginal leaders and churches. Praise God for the Pearson family, supported by CMS, who are moving to Gunbalanya this month. Pray that we can all work well together.

Profile

In June we celebrate 10 years of ministry in the NT. Thank God for the partnership we share with BCA churches and supporters that makes this possible. Give thanks for all the people that Bruce and Jodi have partnered with in ministry and gained mutual encouragement sharing the great news of Jesus.

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So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. *1 Corinthians 3:7*

March

Thank God for the opportunity of speaking in schools about Easter. Pray that as the message of the cross is explained, many kids may see their need for repentance. Ask that God will provide volunteers for programs in new schools.

April

Thank God for all that was done during Term 1. Pray for a week of rest for our family, and for all the RE volunteers. Ask that God will refresh all of us to persevere in loving our neighbours and doing good works.

May

Thank God for the kids' program run by Scripture Union NT at the Katherine Christian Convention and for all the remote communities that were represented. Pray that God's message will remain in the kids' hearts as they return home.

Profile

Topher and Chica have been in Darwin for a year. Topher works as the schools ministry coordinator at Scripture Union Northern Territory. There he equips, encourages and trains RE volunteers who teach in Darwin and Palmerston.

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Phil, Heather and Ted

Your love, Lord reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

Psalm 36:5

March

As Ted settles into his role as Regional Officer, pray that God's Spirit will establish supportive and productive relationships amongst the NSW/ACT office team. Pray also that Ted will have God's wisdom in building connections with Field Staff and supporters.

April

Give thanks for supporters who attended yesterday's NSW/ACT Annual General Meeting which included a presentation by Neville Naden. Pray that many will have been inspired to continue or begin sharing in BCA's mission of reaching Australia for Christ.

May

Pray for godly discernment as Ted builds relationships with Dioceses and other ministry partners so that together they might identify new opportunities for ministry and mission in the bush.

Profile

Ted Brush was commissioned as the new NSW/ACT Regional Officer in early February. The NSW/ACT region for BCA incorporates five Dioceses: Sydney (circa 400 parishes), Canberra & Goulburn (62 parishes), Newcastle (63 parishes), Bathurst (33 parishes) and Riverina (21 parishes). May God pour out His Spirit on all who call on the name of Jesus in our region.

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This is He who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.'"

Matthew 3:3

March

Pray for revival in our nation – that God will move with power and might setting captives free from sin. Pray that God will stir up our hearts so that we do more for Him and that He will send out more labourers into the harvest field.

April

Pray that all students and staff have a safe and refreshing holiday. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in our lives every day so that we can minister to the unsaved and show God's love to them.

May

Pray for miracles in our churches – that people will be healed and delivered from their sickness and set free. Pray for God's hand to move upon all churches so we see salvation and restoration in people's lives.

Profile

Gulargambone is a small town of 500 people located 50 kilometres from Gilgandra. It is home to many farming families and has a large local Indigenous population. The town has one school which means that many young adults leave town to go to university. Alfrene is employed as Gulargambone Central School's Chaplain.

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Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" *Matthew 4:4*

March

We give thanks for the new Scripture teachers in Dubbo, Wellington, Finley, Yass, Bathurst and Bega. Thank God for the support and welcome of school principals and staff and the support of local churches.

April

Pray for the growth of lunchtime groups and student leaders. We give thanks for the opportunity for school students and Christian teachers to spend time together in fellowship, study and prayer.

May

Pray for growth of volunteers willing to support distance Bush Scripture in small towns. Give thanks for those who answer the call to continue teaching Scripture (SRE) into the high school years of questioning and decision.

Profile

Cheryl, supported by husband Michael, works with BCA and Generate Ministries to support local churches to grow paid and volunteer secondary Scripture teachers across rural New South Wales and the south coast. She mentors and trains teachers, supports school implementation and board governance.

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But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. *2 Timothy 4:5*

March

Pray for *mainly music* as we recommence for 2018. Pray that we would be able to connect with existing families on a social level. Pray for preparation for Easter services and activities. Pray that some of the *mainly music* families will come to visit us at Easter and that Luke will present the gospel clearly.

April

Pray for us as we go on our first holiday away from Moranbah. We ask for safety for the family and that we will come home refreshed.

May

Pray for the Family Op Shop and the volunteers who staff it from week to week and for people who come to the shop in crisis. Pray that we can minister to them effectively and that they will know the love of Jesus.

Profile

Moranbah is like a large suburb dropped into the middle of nowhere. We have all the infrastructure and activities that we could possibly want, and in many cases better accessibility to sports than back home. The kids are taking full advantage of this by getting involved in everything. It's a wonderful way to make local connections.

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So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. *1 Corinthians 4:1-2*

March

Please pray for the Bishop Appointment Board of the Grafton Diocese as they go about their deliberations. Pray that they may appoint a godly Bishop who loves Jesus and His Word, and has the skills to care for and lead this Diocese.

April

Please pray for the Easter services at Woolgoolga and across the Diocese. Pray that the services aimed at youth and young families may be engaging, effective and faithful to God and His Word.

May

As Term 2 gets underway please pray that initial contacts we have with people in the Parish and Diocese may be strengthened. Also pray that growth will occur in the lives of all those involved in our young families' programs.

Profile

Simon has been involved in young families' ministry at the Anglican Cathedral in Armidale for the past six years. His new role with families will be both as an Associate in the Parish of Woolgoolga and as a Resource Officer across the Diocese of Grafton.

Diocese of Grafton

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**Gus & Sarah
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Fairfield Ministry News



Dear St Andrew's,

We've been reminded recently how important your prayers are. We have lots to be thankful for, as well as a number of things to keep bringing before God. Thank you for continuing to pray for us and our ministry in Fairfield.



Photos: Easter Thursday dinner and Lord's Supper with all our Fairfield congregations.

Church

Give thanks for:

- Evening Church had its largest regular church attendance ever on Sunday - 76 people. A number of new Christians are coming as a result of

the January SYC Camp.

- We have had a constant stream of non-Christian visitors over the last couple of months at Morning Church, a number of whom have come back each week.

Pray for:

- Morning Church (which I've been pastoring since February) has been through many changes over the last 2 years and some people are finding that hard. Pray for wisdom for me as I pastor them, and that God would grow them in godliness and trust in himself and his plans.
- Morning Church is also very diverse, with Vietnamese, Chinese, Fijian Indian, African, English and Anglo Aussie people all coming together. This is a wonderful result of the Gospel going to all nations, but also challenging as the cultural differences mean that friendships take longer and more effort to develop.



Photos: Left: I conducted my first wedding in April for a couple from Evening Church. Right: Hannah on the right was a flower girl.

Family

- Give thanks for our upcoming holiday and pray that God would help us rest.
- Give thanks that Hannah is generally healthy, but pray that God would heal all the kids from the tail end of lingering colds.
- Pray for Sarah as she helps organise the upcoming EQUIP Women's conference, particularly for wisdom as she oversees the conference's social media.



Photos: Left: Hannah, Tally and Jed enjoy playing together in a tent. Right: Hannah visited a friend and took to riding her bike very quickly, so she got her very own first bike for her birthday in April and loves riding around on it.

Financial Update

Sustainable ministry in South West Sydney continues to rely on external financial support. As our church grows and as our staff team grows we still have constant financial pressure in the less resourced South West. We've been given a fundraising target for the year of \$25,000 which will go towards relieving pressure on our church budget.

Please prayfully consider if you are able to financially partner with us in the ministry in Fairfield, and please let me know if you would like more specific details about the financial situation at St Barnabas.

Details and pledge form online at:

www.guscameron.com/pledge (password: partnership)

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Love(Us) from Bolivia

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April 2018



Dear friends,

We regularly share about our involvement teaching intensives with ECAMM, a missionary training school. Over the last few months, two of the ECAMM students (Noemy and Nataly) have been doing their practical training in a church in Cochabamba. One goal they set was to use what they have learnt from MOCLAM to teach a Bible overview course to the young people at church.

It has been exciting to see those whom we have taught, take what they have learnt and share it with others... a second generation! Noemy and Nataly did a great job. Adrian went along to the final night to share more about MOCLAM, and three people have now expressed interest in studying... including the pastor!



Nataly sitting her Ephesians exam last December



Nataly teaching the Bible Overview

In 2015, Juanjo, Pablo, Andrés and Sergio started studying the MOCLAM courses together in La Paz. They had finished another training course called ESI, and heard about MOCLAM through a mutual friend. MOCLAM has provided a way for them to be biblically equipped for ministry in their respective churches. Last month they finished their sixth subject, which means they now receive their Preliminary Theological Certificate. They plan to keep studying until they finish the full 18 subjects.

Earlier this year, a group from Andrés' church started studying with MOCLAM... Andrés is their exam supervisor! Another second generation of students.

God has orchestrated all these relationships. He has put a desire to know Him in their hearts. He has enabled them to be disciplined in their study. He has opened doors for them to share with others. Please keep praying that God uses the MOCLAM courses to grow His church, transforming lives by His Spirit and Word!

With love in Christ,
Adrian and Anita, with Matias

Please pray...

- Give thanks for Noemy and Nataly, and for those who studied with them over the last couple of months. Pray that the three people who expressed interest, would actually start studying when Adrian begins teaching *Creation to New Creation* in July.
- Give thanks for those studying *Christian Worship* with Adrian in Cochabamba. Pray that it would shape their service of God.
- Give thanks for those studying in groups or on their own in La Paz and Santa Cruz. Pray they would be motivated and encouraged to persevere. Pray we'd know how best to support them in their studies.
- Give thanks for the chance to meet with a growing MOCLAM team, as CMS missionaries Peter Sholl, John Lovell, Nick Davies and us meet in Cochabamba from 13-17th April. Pray for a fruitful time together.



Your partnership through the Church Missionary Society enables us to serve with MOCLAM. ¡Muchas gracias!

Newsletter of Noxolo Khanyile

April Term 2

Dear Friend,

It is so great again to finally have another chance to write to you. So much is happening but I will give you the highlights.

This term my husband and I just finished our fourth month anniversary!!😊 So everything is still new, we trying new routines that will help us both being students with hubby and both girls learners too. It is not easy but God has been so gracious and strengthening. Being a married Christian is so reforming and shaping me in my walk with the Lord



Parenting Conference in Khayelitsha and I was asked to share my testimony on how God has been helping me with my parenting to my girls.



Weekend away with Astrid Hopkins(college part-time lecture) family and few friends.

Academic Feedback:

It has been a good start, the first term was not so much busy. This term is the opposite, but I have learnt something I have been struggling with the past two years: prioritizing and keeping a godly balance with all my vocation (mother, wife, student and children's worker) I have been called to. Its still a new thing, but so far it's working well, since I do not feel like I have neglected or not enjoying any of my callings.

Ministry Feedback:

This year I'm enjoying children's ministry even way better than the past two years. I have grown, not only spiritually but with also knowing how to work with people. That is obviously from being humbled by my mistakes, then learning to be gracious with others too.



Christ Church Khayelitsha children's ministry, Easter weekend service soccer theme. Kids had a surprise soccer match that the team organized.

Ministry Placement:

I am still at Khayelitsha this year too, one will think I have learnt enough with ministry in the Townships, but nope! This year is more on handling issues that arise among the church, they very hard but I have learnt a lot and hopefully it will help me now and in the future.

The blessing of having my husband and kids with me at Khayelitsha; is helping us as a family to grow in ministry and being able to know how to help each other in improving, more especially my husband and I.

Prayer Requests & Thanksgiving:

As a family we thank God for his faithful provision through you, thank you and may He meet all your needs too. We so thankful of the privilege of being able to take years in our lives and dedicate them in our Theological studies. We praise God for the prayers, one can tell when there are people praying for them. We also pray that as this is my husband's last year, that may God help him complete and for him(family) to be placed to serve where God really wants and has planned for us to be according to his will.

Yours sincerely,

Noxolo Khanyile

"...God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Phil 2:13)

Newsletter of Nkululeko Khanyile

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Dear Friend,

Happy New Year! It my pleasure and a privilege to be able to write to you this year. I want to thank you for your continues prayer of which I believe that its changes things and also your constant financial support for furthering the gospel of Jesus. This is what has been happening on my first term of third year.



Academic Feedback:

The first term has been great so far; we started with summer school where we dealt with textual criticism, which was one of the modules I was looking forward too. The reason being is that the translations of the Scripture has been under a lot of criticism and I had questions on why translations differ from others and why other verses and portion of Scriptures are

omitted. Most of my questions were answered during Summer school, I really learned a lot. As the term began modules like Philosophy, African Church History, Deuteronomy and Preaching became a highlight for me; especially Philosophy, I have learned how philosophers have shaped our world today and how early Theologians like Aquinas gleaned terminology and some thinking of the Greeks in his systematic theology. This has enabled me to understand my Systematic Theology better which resulted to understand the Scriptures well and to be able to reflect and ask hard questions.

Ministry Feedback:

I am currently serving at Christ Church Khayelitsha, it been awesome so far it predominantly Xhosa, which I was worried a bit about since I am Zulu but it has been fine. I have been given opportunities to preach at the main church, once on main Sunday service and a prayer meeting; I have led a main Sunday service once this time. I am learning a lot from the pastors there, which is what I seek at the moment to learn.

Ministry Placement:

I have moved from the Message, which I have learned a lot, now I am serving at Christ Church Khayelitsha that is based at the township called Khayelitsha. I made this move because I see my family serving at the township one day. Therefore, I think that this move will help us a lot to learn how the pastors deal with the contemporary issues in their congregation and to learn leadership skills in general.

Prayer Requests & Thanksgiving:

- . Thank God, for his faithfulness*
- . Thank God, for a gift of marriage and pray to be able to use my time wisely.*
- . Thank God, for growth in his Word*
- . Praise God for how He has used marriage life for me to be consistent in my devotional times.*

Yours sincerely,

Nkululeko Khanyile

Deut. 6:4-5 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

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Why study (at our age), what do you possibly need to learn after seventeen years of missionary service in Cambodia? If I had a dollar for every time this question has been asked or implied!

Leoni and I are continuing our service with CMS, but we have been granted 17 months in full-time study before returning to Cambodia in mid-2019. We are studying at Moore Theological College, where I first studied in the 1990's. Leoni has joined the first year Bachelor of Theology class, while I am undertaking a research masters, looking at "the relationship between the living and the dead". This also means that Joshua can be with us as he settles into university and Australian life.

Yes! But why? We are studying to better equip ourselves for the tasks before us. It has been almost 20 years since we last engaged in formal study. Leoni has been more and more involved in Bible teaching, teaching small groups on a university campus, and in our home, as well as teaching classes at the Bible School in Phnom Penh.

For my position at the Bible School, I too need an upgrade, especially now as several other teachers hold research degrees. But more importantly, I have found a topic of great interest and importance to Asian peoples, especially concerning gospel issues. This course of study gives me an opportunity to reflect on many of the issues we have encountered while seeking to serve in Cambodia.



Cambodian Buddhists are very concerned for the state of well being of their dead ancestors. The most important religious and social ceremony is the funeral. They want very much to follow the correct procedure so that the dead be sent off "well" into their next life. They fear that otherwise, the dead will return as a haunting spirit, thereby cursing them and their living relatives. Typically, the essential roles in these ceremonies are carried out by the oldest son. The most significant religious festival on their busy calendar is Pcheum Ben. This festival requires Buddhist Cambodians to go to seven wats (temples) to feed the spirits of their dead relatives. At that time of year rotting food piles up waiting for the hungry dead. They believe that failure to do this will also result in continued haunting by unhappy spirits over the next year.



Many older Cambodians fear what may occur to their spirit if there is nobody to undertake these religious ceremonies/tasks. They believe that their spirit may be left to roam aimlessly, never finding peace and rest. This fear was magnified in the Killing Fields, after the

attempted genocide by the Khmer Rouge, when often thousands were buried together in mass graves that are all over the countryside.



Buddhist funeral procession in Phnom Penh

When a Cambodian receives the gospel of Jesus, their worldview is being turned upside down. Instead of trusting in themselves and their good works for merit to restore their relationship with the universe and the spiritual realm, they are now believing in Jesus and his death on the cross to restore their relationship with the Maker of the universe. Before their primary loyalty was to themselves, then their family. Now their first loyalty is to Jesus Christ, and they can best express this by serving others, particularly, by sharing the good news so others too can experience freedom found only in Christ – the assurance of salvation and freedom from the oppression of merit making, when you never know “what” or “when” is enough.



The body is being taken on the back of a truck to a pagoda for cremation.

But loyalty to Christ brings a dilemma, for this loyalty prohibits idol worship, divination, and necromancy. Christians are to stop all attempts at communication with the dead. Some of the problems new Christians face include:

- How do I continue to serve my dead relatives? Or, what sort of relationship should I now have with them?
- How do I show my family and community that I continue to respect the dead?

In the “spirit” of good research (pardon the pun), I do not yet have the answers to these questions. But after sharing with many Asian friends, it is abundantly clear that these are vital questions well worth engaging with.

I am taking a “multi-disciplinary” approach – beginning with the OT – first focusing on 1 Samuel 28, with Saul attempting to speak with the dead Samuel at Endor. I need to pass this first section (10,000 words) before proceeding.

While some people graciously say they would like to read the end result, like most research, the one who stands to gain the most is me, but I hope that it will help to sharpen my understanding and skills, to best equip me for the challenges that lie ahead... to know how best to prepare and give the words of hope that is only found in Jesus, in a world that does not know him or acknowledge him as Lord and Savior.



Please Pray

Giving thanks for:

- The partnership we have enjoyed with our seven link churches.
- The printing and sale of the 2nd volume of the Bible dictionary in time for Christmas.
- Joshua's successful enrolment and commencement of engineering studies at NSW University.
- A scholarship so that Grace can now study Year 10 at St. Andrew's Cathedral School.
- The opportunity to be involved and serve in a local church while we are here. Dave is enjoying leading a youth leaders group on Wednesday evenings.

Please pray for:

- Buddhist people around the world, that they would come to know Jesus and the freedom found in Him from the burden of endlessly making merit.
- The PTC class, as it continues to be taught by other missionaries in our absence.
- Phnom Penh Bible School, and the Principal, Son Vuthy.
- For missionaries in Cambodia, as they are finding it increasingly difficult to get visas to stay in the country long-term.

- Our various studies, that we will be humble and conscientious as we seek to better understand God's word and its implication for the world.
- Dave, as he preaches and gives talks on the challenge of taking the gospel to the world, and as he faces the rigour of academic writing (in English).
- The country of Cambodia as it prepares for national elections in the middle of the year, in an increasingly difficult political climate.

Thank you for your role in supporting us prayerfully, and financially through CMS, so that we have been able to serve the Lord in Cambodia since 2001.

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Dave & Leoni

