



MISSIONS PRAYER DIARY JUNE 2019

MOZAMBIQUE - EXCERPT FROM EUGENE AND DAWN'S EMAIL

The reality is that food will need to be distributed until early next year when they can harvest their crops, which will be planted towards the end of the year. We will also be helping folks (including Matteus, Joachim & Albino) with the building of their homes and touching up of others. Many of the destroyed homes are rural and it is going to be a challenge to get materials there.

To date there is still no electricity and we have been informed that it could be up to 5 months now before we are connected again. The country's electricity department has a huge task to repair the damage caused by Cyclones Idai and Kenneth.

We (our team & on behalf of the Mozambican folks) would like to thank each of you again for your partnership, compassion and generosity in food, clothes, shoes, finance, support and prayers. God bless you all. Please continue to pray for our brothers & sisters in the north of Mozambique.

Eugene & Dawn Reyneke (AIM – Esbungabera, Mozambique, leaders' training & evangelism)**

1. In these past few weeks we have worked nonstop to get food, blankets and clothes out to the folks who have been greatly affected by the cyclone. We have distributed around 17.5 tonnes of food and numerous bags of clothing/blankets. We would not have been able to do this if it weren't for you, Mercy Air & the World Food Program. We thank the Lord for your compassionate and giving hearts. Some deliveries were made by canoes and others by travelling 8-9 hours one way. We thank the Lord for Matteus, Joachim, Izak, and their commitment in the distributing of the items, keeping detailed records, sending photos, leaving their families and the rebuilding of their own homes to help.

2. May was our annual leave month and it was a tough decision to go but it was made easier by the fact that we have two excellent team mates Cecilia & Jennifer who stood in for us. We had all been working together but last month they have had a double load. As we return please pray we will be effective in continuing to distribute supplies and assistance where necessary.

Rod & Glenda Thomas – OMF (church leaders in Sendei, Japan)**

3. Rod and Glenda returned from UK after 3 months away to find 6 new people in church, one man wants to be baptized (husband of church member), one church member has stopped coming, one member died. So it is quite a lot of pastoral work to catch up on. We are grateful for the Kims who served in our absence. Please pray for us to be controlled by the Holy Spirit at all times. Thank you for your prayers.

Tim and Therese Galange (MTW Missionaries at Bible Institute, Kalk Bay)

4. The students at the Bible Institute have had a stressful semester and many are battling illness. Pray for them as they finish their projects and prepare for exams first week of June. We appreciate prayer for Tim as he travels to Cote d'Ivoire and later in June, to Pretoria. He will be gaining background, insights and networking in some areas he has been asked to develop.

5. Praise God the first meeting of the Pastors' Reading Group was a big success! Pray that those God wants in the group will be able to come each month, and the reading materials will be helpful in developing these township pastors. Pray for Therese as she completes the details for a visiting team arriving in July.

Cricket Meyer – Children's Ministry at Uyesu Unathi in Khayelitsha and with Ana A Yesu in Malawi**

6. Pray please that, as I become a regular in Khayelitsha, I will make my way into the hearts of the people at Uyesu Unathi, and have opportunities to speak into their lives educationally and spiritually. Also that the Lord will help me see where He most wants to use me in this ministry.

7. Also please pray that the Lord will provide the funds for me to go to Malawi in September which is the beginning of their academic year so that I can continue with training of the teachers at Samuti. Although the Grade R teacher has been doing his best to get through the curriculum, he has not been able to do so, and needs help in using the resources effectively.

Bheki and family: Outreach from St Peters to Masiphumelele

8. Please pray for the success of: A. the Men's Ministry which happens once a month - it is very necessary as we seek to raise leaders. B. the new Friday meeting for kids which is called Kids For Christ (KFC). This is one of our contact points with their parents as it happens inside Masi in the park.

9. We thank God for the Craft Workshop which plays such a great role in the ministry here of the Masi Church Plant. One more prayer request – we are having our first Holiday Club on 17-21 June. Please pray for the success and for safety for all the children.

Greg & Carol Phillips (Mukhanyo Theological College, KwaMhlanga and Pretoria)**

10. We are praising the Lord and thankful for so many things:

- Carol was able to attend an AEE/ACE Christian home school conference early in May and found it extremely beneficial and informative about the situation in South Africa.
- Greg has managed his workload much better and found completing all his lectures for this semester very satisfying. The students have been a blessing. Greg is also learning so much about Student Information Systems (SIS) and Learning Management Systems (LMS) in his job as Registrar.
- Ruth did her first horse-riding show/competition in May, as well as job-shadowing her trainer, so we are thankful for her opportunities and that she is doing so well.

11. Also -

- Hannah was home for Easter, which was wonderful and while here she was able to see an excellent doctor and get blood tests. She is now back at BI and we are thankful that she is persevering and really growing as a student of God's word. It has been wonderful to read some of her assignments.
- At Calvary Baptist we really feel that we are being fed and challenged by God's word preached, and we are getting to know more and more of the people even better. Carol has also started playing the piano sometimes for the worship service. Ruth and Greg also went to a camp out with a few of the church members at Christian child care centre where the church helps.

12. Please bring before the Lord:

- Mukhanyo's application to the Council for Higher Education to offer two Higher Certificates in Theology. They did a site visit of the KwaMhlanga campus on 13th May asking lots of difficult questions of us and now we will probably have a wait a few months for their decision. It has already been a long process (years). Pray that the Lord will grant favour for the sake of the work of His kingdom.
- Mukhanyo's annual Bible Schools Consultation from 11 to 13 June. This will be attended by representatives of many theological colleges from all over South Africa and southern Africa. The theme will be Promoting quality of Bible education in Africa.
- Hannah's health problem of low iron. Please pray for her as she writes exams at BI in the first week of June. Then our plan is to have her come home and stay for the second half of this year and continue her studies by distance while we can better manage her health with the doctor here.

13. Also -

- Our travels in June as we fetch Hannah's things in Cape Town and visit Carol's mom on the East London coast. We look forward to the break. Please pray for safety and refreshing times.
- All the usual needs of provision, health, homeschooling for Carol and Ruth, and for Greg as he will be preparing for his lectures in the second semester.

- Our need always to seek to keep in step with the Spirit and be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

Uyesu Unathi (Khayelitsha ministries assisted by Cricket Meyer)**

14. Please continue to pray for Phumezo who is the Rector of the Reach SA church in Khayelitsha. and is helping out in various ways for a time. Please ask the Lord to raise up an African person who is qualified to be able to take over this work, and also for a Minister for the church. Pray for protection over all the staff and children as well as the buildings and vehicles and that Cricket's involvement will be a great blessing to them all.

Ana A Yesu (Children's Ministries in Malawi) **– Brian and Angela McClarty and Cricket Meyer

15. Praise for safety for me (Angela) during the two weeks I was in Malawi and for being able to do the assessments of the Grade R children. Praise for the progress of the children, particularly in the preschool at Ebcom and for the teachers' faithfulness.

16. Please pray for Herbert, who wants to start a Bible Study with some of the older boys at the primary school. I managed to get some material for him to use so please pray for God's choice of boys to attend and that the Lord will open hearts and minds to His Word. Their first series of study will be on the life of King David.

17. Please pray that, together with the Principal of the Primary School, we will be able to find ways of encouraging the children to read books. Malawi has a very strong oral tradition of story-telling, but would benefit from developing a culture of reading.

Peter Laubscher – The Leprosy Mission

18. Please join us in giving thanks for the very fast delivery of our leprosy medication from Switzerland. The World Health Organisation sends us tablets each year for free distribution to leprosy patients, and this year the medication came through to us in record time. The medication is very effective in preventing disabilities in leprosy if patients receive it at an early stage. We depend on the eyes and ears of health workers around the country to alert us to patients who are in need of medication – most leprosy patients live in deep rural areas and access to clinics and hospitals is always an issue for them. We need to appoint someone to monitor whether the medication is being used according to World Health guidelines. Please pray that we will find the right person. They need to have an eye for detail and be willing to do lots of detective work.

19. The Leprosy Mission has formed a partnership with other leprosy organisations to apply for a grant for 100 million US dollars from an American foundation. There are lots of steps to be followed – please pray that our team which is working on this grant will be able to present an inspiring case to the head of the foundation. The deadline for our submission to the foundation is 6th August 2019.

Kevin and Sybil Kevin Cole - Awaiting re-assignment in Somerset West area

20. Please pray for Kevin and Sybil to find a new ministry near their new home in Gordon's Bay. Pray they will be encouraged by the progress of the prisoners still studying the Explore course whom they will travel to meet in the prisons every three months. Please pray for strength for them both and particularly pray for Sybil's health.

Explore Course in Africa (Nevil Carrington) **

21. A. Thank you to the Lord for the successful bone marrow transplant and thank you to all those who prayed for us during this ordeal; B. Thank the Lord for the new Explore students in The Gambia in West Africa; C. Please pray for the successful implementation of the new Explore plan in Sierra Leone;

22. D. Please pray for Explore training taking place in Kwa-Zulu Natal this month in three different locations; E. Please pray for the development of sound Explore translations into eight languages and thank the Lord for Marcus Collins who manages this entire process.

Beau-Gavin Durr (YWAM)

Once again thank you for your covering prayers. I can feel them time and time again when situations could have flared into something nasty, but are diffused by the prayers of the faithful.

23. We have been mentoring a group of youngsters, from ages 8 – 19, from Vrygrond. They mostly only know about violence and so this is what they give out in return. We are starting to see some fruits of the labours of our team, as these tough youngsters learn more about Jesus and his love, and are growing in understanding. It's a long, hard path ahead, "but nothing is impossible with God."

24. I would value your prayers for the following:-

A. For me to speak nothing but that which I receive from God through His Holy Spirit.

B. For the watering of the seeds planted, and that there may be a harvest of salvation of souls, both here in South Africa and in the Balkans .

C. For continued wisdom for our team as they mentor the teenage boys while I am away

25. D. For God's wisdom, guidance and protection as I travel all over Eastern Europe, staffing a Christ-centred reconciliation and forgiveness programme, and speaking at various churches and youth groups.

E. For successful applications for Schengen and Moldova visas, and God's gracious provision for these and flights. Thank you all and God bless you.

Heather Simpkin & Jeanette Lelliott – AIM, (Mayotte)

26. We are glad to announce that we can see a definite end to the renovation work at our future accommodation. The noise level is much less and some companies have finished their part of the job, just in time, as this is moving week for us. Stress levels are somewhat high as we try to keep some of our activities going. Sunday afternoon will be the final move when we bring the last of our furniture. We praise the Lord for all of those who have been so willing to give us a helping hand. They are many.

27. In the meantime the Bible School students have now written their final exam for the academic year 2018/19 and they have done well on the questions on the doctrines. Our Shimaore students also wrote an exam. Most have made an effort to grasp the intricacies of the language but some will need to do much more if they ever want to be able to communicate, let alone share the Gospel in Shimaore. We do thank you for your prayers for us as we move into a new stage of our ministry here on Mayotte.

Katleho & Delight Meslane (Youth Pastor, Heideveld)**

28. Thanksgiving: A. Thank God for the stability we still have in our church. B. Our various ministries (especially kid and youth ministry) are still receiving good numbers in attendance.

29. Requests: A. Rev. Alun Burt (rector at St. Thomas) is going for home assignment this June holiday, for five weeks. Please pray for him and family as they travel to and around the UK.

B. St. Thomas kids' ministry will be hosting some REACH SA churches for Big Night Out (it's a cutting-edge for kids). Pray for us as we host and gather under God's word. C. Continue to pray for Dee's health as we expecting a second child to be born around September-October.

Grant and Loutjie Swanepoel – Student Work at Nelson Mandela University, P.E.

30. Please continue to pray for the weekly Bible study and a Bible teaching/preaching class that meet in their home on Monday and Tuesday evenings . Pray that their ministries will grow and they will see fruit for their labours. Pray that the students they do have will grow in depth and in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

**These missionaries receive financial as well as prayer support.