



MISSIONS PRAYER DIARY FEBRUARY 2019

“PRAYER IS THE MEASURE OF THE MAN”

J.I. Packer wrote, “I believe that prayer is the measure of the man, spiritually, in a way that nothing else is, so that how we pray is as important a question as we can ever face.”

And D A Carson concludes, “Can we profitably meet the other challenges that confront the church if prayer is ignored as much as it has been?”
(*A call to Spiritual Reformation* – D A Carson)

Thank you for praying for our Mission Partners.

Eugene & Dawn Reyneke (AIM – Espungabera, Mozambique, leaders’ training & evangelism)**

1. Praise: We had a wonderful Christmas with my brother (Dawn’s) in Namibia, and were able to ‘recharge’ ourselves, spiritually, physically and mentally, and once back in Espungabera, we were able to catch up with some much needed maintenance on the house. **Prayer:** This weekend (1st-3rd) ministry starts up again and we will be spending it at the church in Muchiyoyo. In the evenings we will be showing the *Jesus* film and do men/women ministry during the day. Pray for the Lord’s presence and for the folks that attend to have open hearts and ears.

2. Our dear friend Baba Waiross, from the Church in Siyabuzana, was beaten and died this past Saturday. He leaves behind 3 wives, children and several grandchildren. (The last wife is currently pregnant) He was very involved in the Church and Bible School. Please keep the family in prayer as they adjust to a life without him. He was also empathetic towards widows and had several living on his property. The widows are concerned as to what their future holds as the sons will be deciding what happens to his properties. Pray for the right decisions to be made.

3. The 14th-17th we will be travelling to Beira to attend the Executive Meeting. At these meetings some tough decisions need to be made and we pray that the person chairing the meeting will have wisdom/discernment and a heart for God. Our prayer is that they focus on God and that He is glorified.

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

4. We praise God for a good Home Ministry Assignment and are now looking forward to the beginning of the ministry year! Classes at the Bible Institute begin Monday, 4 Feb. following a week of registration and orientation. Tim is adding an Old Testament (Historical books) course to his regular New Testament teaching load, so he appreciates prayer for those preparations. Please pray for our students, that they would be eager to study, learn and grow in every way. That they would not only learn to handle the Word of Truth correctly, but that they would grow in godly character as they apply God's Word to every area of life.

Cricket Meyer (Pfunanane Ministries – children’s school in S. Africa & Ana A Yesu in Malawi)**

5. Praise: For a good start to the school year for the children. Everyone came back safe and sound, including all the new little guys. Please pray that the new little ones will find Pfunanane to be a place of love and safety, where they will learn much about Jesus.

6. Prayer requests: Please pray for me for wisdom as I lead the groundskeeping crew in the absence of a man. This is a challenge for me: it's a man's job, but since there is no man available, the task has fallen to me, because of my past experience in Rwanda. Pray for the safety of the 4 men that I'm working with. Please also pray for comfort for all who knew our building contractor, Barend Venter, from Venter Construction who passed away in a motorbike accident 2 weeks ago. It is a huge loss not only for our school but obviously for his wife and family as well. He was a lovely believer, for which we praise the Lord.

Greg & Carol Phillips (Dumisani Theological Institute, King's Williams Town)**

7. Thank you so much for praying for us and supporting us. We are so grateful for St. Peter's Church. As a family we are trying to get settled, but we are not really there, even after a month. Honestly, it has been harder than we thought to make this move and get adjusted. We have been visiting various churches in the area, and we have enjoyed the fellowship and preaching, but it is too early to commit. Financially January has been a hard month, but at least now I have received my first part-salary from Mukhanyo. (Please pray the family will be led to the church where the Lord wants them to have fellowship and serve.)

8. Commuting each weekday, 60+ kilometres to the KwaMhlanga campus and then 60 kilometres back, has made our days longer. I leave home at 06:15 and get home at about 17:30. Now that classes have started, I have two evenings of teaching each week at the Pretoria campus in Wonderboom South, which means being out again from 18:30 to 21:45. So we are having to adjust our routines quite radically. Positively, the house we are renting is really nice and the neighbourhood is beautiful. The shops are great. Financially, it is amazing how the Lord has provided and we are so grateful for all our supporters, and my part-salary. For the commute to KwaMhlanga, I am part of a lift club, which basically means it is costing me about a quarter what it would cost if I did it on my own. We have found an excellent Stables for Ruth to continue under very professional training with her horse-riding, and it is very close. It was very good that we had Hannah with us during this transition period, good for her and for us, and now we are so grateful that she can be back at BI for her third year. I am grateful for the privilege of teaching *Story of the Bible* both in KwaMhlanga and Pretoria, Gospel Literature in Pretoria, and Research Methodology in KwaMhlanga. I am very privileged to be working with the staff and lecturers at Mukhanyo, and have really been enjoying getting to know them all.

9. Please also pray for Carol and Ruth as they have started up the homeschooling. Please pray for Hannah too as she gets back into study mode. Please pray that the joy of knowing the Lord God of the universe would be our strength. Please pray for Carol as it is hard for her to have moved away from her mother and brother and nephews in the East London area. Please pray for me to be able to keep up with the teaching and slowly learning and taking on Academic registrar responsibilities.

Kevin and Sybil Kevin Cole - Prisons Ministry in Western Cape

10. **PRAISE ITEMS:** We continue to praise God for the opportunity to share His Word in the local correctional centres (prisons). Praise God that one offender who attended my CHATSEC course in December, 2018, wants to give his life to Jesus. We praise God that our house in Wolseley has been sold! Thank you for your prayers in this regard.

11. **PRAYER ITEMS:** Please pray for Douglas, the above-mentioned offender, that I may be able to do follow-up and assist him with his decision to serve the Lord. Please pray for my Monday Bible studies, as this year it has commenced with very few attendees. Please continue to pray for wisdom as I decide what to do until I leave Obiqua, as my current Bible study of the book of James, completes next week. Also pray for my Fridays, showing Christian DVDs. I have just finished a series by Louis Giglio, titled, "Hope, when we are hurting." This was a great blessing, both to our church fellowship, as well as the offenders at Obiqua Correctional Centre.

12. Please pray for Godly wisdom as we finalize our move to Gordon's Bay in April 2019, that God will open the right doors for ministry, as this door at Obiqua prison closes. Please pray for strength for Sybil and I as we pack up the house in preparation of our move. Continue to pray for the offenders who we are mentoring, as they study the "EXPLORE" course at George Whitefield College. God willing, we will continue to mentor these students until they complete all their subjects and graduate.

Bheki Dikeni and family: Outreach from St Peters to Masiphumelele

13. Please pray for Bheki's ongoing vision to build up good relationships with their neighbours, the parents of children at iThemba School, and other families in Masi, in order to start a church. Praise God for the people in Masi who are supporting him.

Explore Course in Africa (Nevil Carrington) **

14. As we start the year please give thanks to the Lord for all the opportunities He granted us in 2018 to share His word. Please pray for wisdom for alumnus Rev Grace Kavuma, as he facilitates *Explore the Life of Jesus* at Namugongo Seminary in Uganda. Pray for the right delegates to attend the *Explore* facilitation training which will take place in Ghana in March 2019;

15. Please pray for financial and prayer partners for *Explore* for this year. Pray for gap-year students at a school in Kwa-Zulu Natal, as they study *Explore the Bible*. Please also pray for Nevil's health and strength so that he will be able to travel to Ghana and head up the training there.

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

16. Pray for all the arrangements to be in place for when we are away February to May, that all members will work together for the Lord.

Pray for Craft & Bible at Gamo on the 6th, the Mini-concert at the temporary housing on the 15th, Sunday Chapel on the 16th, and Hallelujah Meeting on the 20th.

Thank you for your prayers

17.1. Please pray for Mrs Mountain Slope. Her baptism is due on the 23rd of December, but her physical strength seems to be fading. Pray for her to be a bright clear witness. It's a spiritual battle.

2. Pray for new conversions: many seem on the cusp of believing, but we have so often thought so, only to be disappointed.

3. Pray for the Lord to provide us with land and buildings. It is an important step to the church becoming autonomous. We have been renting for 40 years - such a waste.

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

18. Thanksgiving: 1. Thank God for people in our congregation who are taking positions of leadership in various ministries. 2. Thank God for His grace to me and Alun (with our families), as we lead his people.

19. Requests: 1. Pray for the church as we are led by the new Rector, the Rev. Alun Burt.

2. Pray for the Children's Ministry, as we grow in numbers. Pray that conversions do take place.

Uyesu Unathi (Khayelitsha ministries formerly under Laura Haas)**

20. In December we had a big shock when we heard that Siphon, who was heading up this work, had suddenly died. He had been suffering from kidney problems for a number of years, but was coping well until recently. His passing away leaves a huge gap. Please pray for his family and also for the Lord to raise up someone to take over heading up the various ministries Uyesu Unathi runs.

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

21. Praise for the increase in numbers at the pre-schools. Due to a health problem Angela, has had to postpone her proposed trip to Malawi in February to do assessments at the two pre-schools. Please pray that the teachers will continue to follow the curriculums, so that the children are prepared well for Grade 1. Please pray that the children will continue to use the library we established at Chamasowa Primary School, and will develop a love for reading and learning.

22. Please **pray** for James, the Head Teacher at Samuti Pre-school, who was supposed to have a hernia operation in January, but the date has now been pushed out to the 4th of March. He is in increasing pain, so please pray that his operation will be done on or before this date.

Heather Simpkin & Jeanette Lelliott – AIM, (Mayotte)

23. We are now back at the bookshop after our Christmas break, which was not a normal break for us, due to the fact that on the 4th of December Heather slipped on our driveway, fell and broke her ankle. Our lives turned into a whirlwind as her leg (the same one that had the ulcer) was now in plaster of Paris (or today's equivalent) up to the knee. She was not allowed to put her foot on the ground and found walking with crutches very difficult, so we had to hire a wheelchair for her. The six weeks have now passed, the cast is off, and Heather is now walking on crutches, and will soon start physiotherapy sessions. We praise the Lord that her leg is looking okay, despite its ordeal, and that the ulcer did not re-open. We would appreciate your prayers for us as she does all that is necessary to regain normal use of her leg, while getting back into our normal routine, as well as getting ready for our moving out of the house around the 20th of March.

Beau-Gavin Durr (YWAM)

24. Praise & Thanks for the opportunity: 1. of being a part of the Feeding Programme for street people in Cape Town central, seeing their spiritual growth and learning much from them;
2. to teach and mentor a new group of students at the Muizenberg YWAM base;
3. to be able to encourage and mentor a group of teenage boys from the Vrygrond Township.

25. I would value your prayers for the following:

1. For me to speak nothing but that which I receive from God through His Holy Spirit.
2. For faithful prayer warriors to persist with me in prayer, for the watering of the seeds planted, and that there may be a harvest of salvation.
3. Please also pray for wisdom for our team, as we mentor the teenage boys who come from very broken backgrounds. One of our teens starting the mentoring program in Vrygrond, was arrested as an accomplice in a robbery which happened a few weeks ago.

Peter Laubscher – The Leprosy Mission

26. A few young children have been recently diagnosed with leprosy in kwaZulu Natal. Please pray that they will respond well to treatment and that they will recover without disabilities, and without experiencing stigma. Pray for the Leprosy Mission's Lucky Kunene, who runs the KZN leprosy programme – he is working hard to try and identify the source of the infection.

27. Give thanks for the integration of the leprosy programme into South Africa's Neglected Tropical Diseases [NTD] plan. The NTD plan is being finalised and the incorporation of leprosy into this high profile document will help raise awareness of the needs of the many people affected by leprosy. Please join us in giving thanks for the amazingly generous financial support with which the Leprosy Mission has been blessed in recent weeks. The kindness of the Lord's people knows no limits!

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

28. There has been no recent news, but please pray that Grant will have a good start with student ministry, and will have good relationships with faculty and students. Pray for Loutjie as she continues to home school the children, that they will progress well and make friends.

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