

## Allen Edward's Diary

Jean's and my involvement with outreach, café Church and as members of the Myriad team on North Stoneham Park.

21/4 Street Association Meeting

26/4 Myriad meeting

7/5 Street Association BBQ and Café Church

10/5 Café Church planning meeting

17/5 Leading and preaching at St Martin's in the Wood

4/6 Leading and preaching at St Francis and Café Church

7/6 Café Church planning meeting

11/6 Preaching at St Francis at 08.30 & 10.00

15/6 Talk to Ordinands on Science and Faith

1-2/7 Myriad Weekend Away

My continued involvement as Foundation Director (representing Salisbury Diocese) for the Acorn Multi-Academy Trust during these challenging times for schools.

My continued involvement as a visiting Professor at Cardiff University.



## News from Odel

During the Easter break, I travelled to Rwanda for my final research project. I am critically evaluating the long-term impacts of child sponsorship programmes run by Compassion International Rwanda and Christian Hope International in Rwanda. I am now back at college and looking forward to the final phase of my research project and the final term of my studies at All Nations Christian College. Please pray for me as I navigate this final phase of my studies at ANCC. After completing my studies I will return to Rwanda in August. Please pray for my resettlement, accommodation, and where the church will assign me.

I was able to spend some time with my family in Rwanda. Unfortunately, my dad was ill with gastric outlet obstruction but this past weekend he was operated on and is in recovery. Please pray for his healing and comfort.

## News from the Manasseh and Catrin in Germany

Both are keeping very busy in their various church ministries. They are experiencing both joy and sadness in the family. Their news in full is in their accompanying prayer letter.

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"those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles." Isaiah 40:31*

## Prayer News 104 May– July 2023



Dear Praying Friends,

I am writing this as we in the UK approach the Coronation of King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Paul writing to Timothy says,

*"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:1-4.*

"Why and how do we, or should we pray for the King and our leaders?"

### We are to pray for our leaders because:-

- **It is obedience to God's Word** for individual Christians and for churches. The Bible tells us to pray for them (v1), whether we like the leaders or not, and whether we agree with them or not. So, for Timothy in Ephesus this would have involved praying for Nero, a ruthless Caesar, and for local leaders who, little doubt, were devotees of the goddess Artemis whose temple dominated the city.

- **It is pleasing to God** (v3). Why? Perhaps the answer lies in the words of the Lord's Prayer, *"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is heaven."* We are sharing in God's heart for his justice, truth, kindness and integrity to characterise the exercise of authority by our earthly leaders.

- **It is for good governance** – *"a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and holiness"*, doesn't mean a life free from challenges and difficulties. Paul experienced plenty! Rather, we are praying that peace and order in the governance of any nation will be for the wellbeing of everyone, not forgetting the needs of the wider world. It also means that moral and ethical values matter, from the highest echelons of society to the humblest, from personal choices to major decisions in matters of State. So, we pray for our leaders to seek God's wisdom regarding issues that stretch even the best minds.

- **It is God's longing** for *"all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"*. (v4) Therefore, that must include praying for the salvation of our leaders and leaders of other nations. Changed hearts lead to changed worldviews and godly leadership. Above all, it is a concern for their eternal destiny, when they will answer before the King of kings and Lord of lords as to how they have exercised their authority.

May we be faithful in praying for the King and his Queen and for our local, national and international leaders.

With our love in Jesus, *Mike & Angie*

## News from DRC

### Rev Jean Pierre MUKUMO – Assemblies of God (CADAF) DR Congo

#### *Ministry opportunities:*

- Teaching the people of God in Ruzizi, Luberizi and Sange
- Teaching the Word of God in CADAF Makimilio Church, Goma, North Kivu
- Teaching many Bible books at CADAF AGBC Bible School, Bukavu
- Teaching religious leaders in Shabunda

#### *Praise and prayer:*

Pray for us as we continue the work of God.  
Pray for us as my wife and one adult daughter have been ill for several months.  
Praise that EWM UK was able to send Jean-Pierre £350 for the purchase of Swahili Bibles for senior church leaders who did not own one.  
Pastor Ebongya, Principal of AOG Bible College, Bukavu, attended the *Called to Lead: Called to Serve* course in Cyangugu and incorporated some of the teaching material into the Bible College course.  
Pastor Ebongya and his wife are happy to announce the wedding of their son, Fidele, on 27 May, (civil ceremony) and on 28 May, (religious ceremony) in Kinshasa, DRC.

### Rev MUHINDO MATABARO Jean-Paul, *Eagles Wings Ministry Representative*, Bukavu, DR Congo (independent of EWM UK, but in fellowship with us)

**Christian teaching on giving** We held a one-week seminar on the subject of giving from Monday Feb 13th to Sunday 19th in Christ Roi parish of the Anglican Church for 234 Christian adults and youth. While closing the seminar, \$2600 was given for building a Sunday School classroom in this parish.

**Seminar on Christian couples and Domestic Violence** Using the Biblical perspective to eradicate domestic violence in Christian families, the EWM organised a one-day conference on March 28th in Katana village. 60 couples from Anglican, Protestant and Revival churches attended. As a result, we are receiving testimonies of how peace is restored in families that is highly needed in many communities because of this conference.

**Jesus' death on the cross : An act of Redemption** During Holy Week, we held a 3-day seminar in St Paul's Cathedral, Goma. 63 Pastors and Lay Leaders attended. This was to prepare people for the Easter celebration in that Church.

#### **Livestock Goat Project in Katana and Kalehe Villages**

Now the beneficiaries are 22 in total and most pastors have 3-5 goats for their family.



#### **Prayer Requests**

*May God provide ways to access food for the people suffering hunger at this time of economic hardship.*

*Pray for peace in eastern DRC. May the rebels agree with the government to build peace for the benefit of the whole nation.*

## News from India

### Pastor George, Tamil Nadu

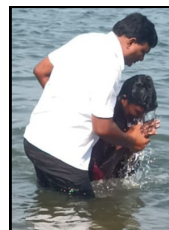
Our family is doing ministry in a place called Madurai, South India. Our city is called Temple City. You will find temples on each and every corner of the city. The people are very orthodox Hindus. When we first arrived they refused to give their house for rent to a Christian. We suffered a lot and finally we bought a small piece of land and constructed a small church. In that church there are about 100 people, all from a non-Christian community who accepted Jesus Christ and are worshipping the Lord.

Nowadays we are unable to preach the gospel to everyone. The people resist us when we preach. They complain about us in the police station. So we are praying to God to remove all the obstacles. Politicians induce the people to resist Christians. Even so, we love them. We are praying for them. I request you to pray for me.

### Pastor Sundar, Andhra Pradesh

*Greetings to you in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ.*

We are really blessed through your online teaching. Six pastors had the opportunity to listen to your teaching. Due to Covid 19 many pastors died in India so at present many churches are closed because there is no pastor. I lost my mother as well as some of my faithful believers. Because I have good resources through our Eagles Wings Ministries more people benefit from your teaching material which I can translate and teach in rural areas where there is no network and thus I can have an opportunity to train more leaders.



I am doing church ministry among Hindus and God is working mightily so many people are accepting Jesus Christ as their personal saviour. However, people are very poor and there is a great need to construct a church here in our village. We do not have the financial resources to start church construction. Please pray for us because if we construct a church many people will have an opportunity to gather in one place and worship God as well as to learn more about God.

### **EWM UK OPEN MEETING & TEA**

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 3:00pm**

**St. Aldhelm's Church Centre Lounge,  
Spa Road, Weymouth, DT3 5EW**

*Please pray for the arrangements for the planned visit to Rwanda in August this year.*