

A note from Allen Edwards

We would like to give thanks to God and all those who have been praying for us over the last few months. It has been a real support to us and the success of the surgery can only be described as a miracle. Following the successful surgery Jean has just started three months of preventative chemotherapy.



The outreach on the estate has continued to grow with a 2-weekly prayer and Bible study, numbers at the monthly Sunday Cafe @ 4 growing and more people becoming involved with outreach on the estate.

Items for prayer May/June are:

That Jean copes with this latest round of chemotherapy and manages to complete the course.

1. The PCC gives approval for Cafe @4 to continue and extra activities to be developed.
2. Our involvement with outreach on North Stoneham Park as members of the Myriad team and with café @ 4 Church.
3. My continued involvement as a Foundation Director (representing Salisbury Diocese) of the Acorn Multi-Academy Trust during these challenging times for schools.
4. My continued involvement as a visiting Professor at Cardiff University.
5. 9/5 & 23/5 Myriad outreach team meetings.
6. 2/6 Leading & preaching at 0830 at St Francis Church.
7. 23/6 Leading & preaching at 0830 & preaching at 1000 at St Francis Church.

Odel Rugema

Odel is now into his fifth month as Diocesan Secretary of the Kigali Diocese in Rwanda. This is a senior post which involves working with the senior leadership on vision, strategy and planning for mission, evangelism, discipleship and church planting and then handling strategic administration to enable vision to become a reality. His past experience as a headteacher coupled with his studies at All Nations means that Odel is well suited to this strategic role.

At the time of writing he is very concerned for his mother's health. Mike and he were scheduled for a video WhatsApp for an update on his ministry in the diocese and the church at Remera. However it was a brief word to say that he was heading to hospital where his mother had just been admitted. She has dangerously high blood pressure and sugar levels in her blood. Please continue to pray for Odel and his ministry and family, especially his mother.

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

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Dear Praying Friends,

We are so grateful to you all for your faithfulness in prayer. June 30th is the fiftieth anniversary of Mike's ordination in Southwark Cathedral near London Bridge and now beneath the shadow of the Shard.

One of the advantages of growing old is that we can look back on life and ministry and testify to the Lord's grace and mercy, His love and faithfulness, His patience and provision, His forgiveness and restoration, and His sovereign hand at work, often behind the scenes. If Jonah was the reluctant missionary, then Mike was the reluctant pastor! He had been adamant, "I will never be a Christian minister"! Umh! Nearly sixty years on we look back on the Lord's hand on us. *"... if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself."* 2Timothy 2:13. Hallelujah for His faithfulness to us!

The Lord first challenged Mike's statement just before we first met, so that almost from our first date Angie knew that he felt the Lord might be calling him to Christian ministry – Angie always thought she would marry a minister, so no shock horror! Two and a half years later we got married and two years on we moved to Wycliffe Hall, Oxford for ordination training! Ministry then took us to Streatham, Ramsgate, Jersey and Weymouth – then further afield through unexpected circumstances.

We have seen many changes in the Church and in our country. Some for the better, others challenging Christian belief and values. Such challenges are not necessarily negative. They can serve to clarify our faith and its outworking in contemporary society, to deepen our belief in the authority of Scripture and the sovereignty and holiness of God. There have been times of facing public opprobrium for daring to be countercultural!

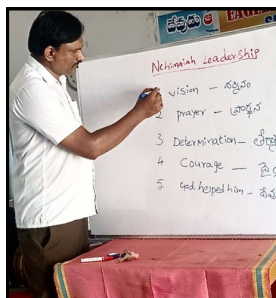
Psalms 121, (which Mike shared with a dying friend recently), is a much loved reassurance that the Lord is the creator and sustainer of all. Repeated through the Psalm is, *"The Lord watches over you."* v3, 5, 7, 8. Every day, every place, every circumstance, every choice - for ever. In our highs and lows, medical issues, including Angie's breast cancer thirty years ago, and life changing accidents, we can testify to the truth of this Psalm. We remember seeing the majesty of the Himalayas, but far greater is seeing the majesty of our Lord Jesus Christ. *"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."*
With our love in Jesus, Mike and Angie

Pastor Sundar, Karumuru, Andhra Pradesh, South India



Pastor Sundar sent this photo of a recent baptism taking place in one of the local rivers.

He has grown in confidence in leading seminars for a small group of local church leaders.



This latest seminar has looked at lessons in leadership in the book of Nehemiah. He is using EWM UK teaching material but adapting its application for the local context. He is also translating key points into Telegu, the regional language.

Sundar not only teaches but makes sure that those attending are well fed.



EAGLE WINGS MINISTRY ACTIVITIES IN BUKAVU DIOCESE, DRC Rev MUHINDO MATABARO Jean-Paul

"The EWM Ministry DRC is going well. Before I left in February, I ran a two-day conference for 49 pastors and lay leaders at Katana village and 37 pastors at Kamanyola city on Leadership. In Bukavu town I gathered 67 pastors and lay leaders in Muhumba Church where I am Senior Priest, for one day. Muhumba Church is where Revs Mike, John and Beverley did the Pastors' Conference when they visited Bukavu. We discussed integrity and faithfulness because the lack of these two qualities is impacting negatively in the Church."

"Due to limited time, I did not arrive in Goma where people need topics for counselling in regard to the socio-political and economic situation they currently face."

Jean-Paul is now studying to complete his PhD in a Protestant college which is part of the University of Montpellier in southern France. Whilst the fees and accommodation are covered by the organisation sponsoring his PhD this does not cover food and other living expenses. EWM UK will be helping him in this respect for the six months he is in France. Jean-Paul has been shocked by the cost of living in Europe compared with DR Congo.

He is pleased to have got to know some of the other students who are at the college. They all went on visit to a local cathedral.



PRAYER requests:

1. Pray for the work of EWM among church leaders in DRC. May it grow and have a visible and holistic impact on local churches.
2. Pray for pastors' families and all people in Goma so that peace can prevail and people can see God at work among them.
3. Pray for Jean-Paul and his family in this time as they live separately. May God provide protection and provision.