

**Great Malvern Priory**  
**Mission Prayer Letter**  
*January 2012*

Lord God, in this New Year, may your Holy Spirit help us as we proclaim the Good News of your truth and light to those living in darkness.

A prayer from the Mission Aviation Fellowship Prayer Diary

**CARE**

**Sun 1** Bring to the Lord elderly and frail people who have little to look forward to as the New Year dawns. Pray for families and neighbours who help them, and for hard-pressed social services who would like to devote more time to each person. Pray for awareness of lonely people in your own neighbourhood.

**Mon 2** Pray for all who are homeless in this country, and for night shelters and organisations who work to offer shelter and a fresh start in life. Give thanks for those who have had their lives turned around and now seek to help others facing similar problems. Pray for all for whom redundancy may lead to loss of home. ECD

**Friends International**

**Tue 3** Pray for the Trustees of Friends International as they set the direction of the work. Pray for the *Meet and Greet* ministry welcoming international students at Heathrow Terminal 3, running from today until January 11. Pray that God will bless those contacted. Pray for the plans for the *Explore* course starting later this month in Cambridge. Pray for venue, team, meals, speakers, publicity and most importantly for guests and the Holy Spirit.

**Church Mission Society**

**Wed 4** Uganda: Mission partner Nick Wooding, Chancellor of International Health Sciences University in Kampala, writes: "We need to measure what we do not by the number of students we have but by our impact. With massive unemployment in Uganda, we need entrepreneurs. We have started a social enterprise club so that students can learn from starting small projects." Pray for the club and for the projects to flourish.

**Thu 5** Tanzania: Pray for mission partners Anna and Kevin Simmons serving at St Michael's Secondary School in Iringa. The school opened in 2005 without any computers, so imagine the anticipation this September when students started computer classes across the whole school. Pray for Kevin as he manages the laboratory and for the two computer teachers who recently started at the school.

**Care for the Family**

**Fri 6** Pray for God's guidance for those who tour the country offering presentations on family relationships and how to work through difficulties. Pray for families where relationships have broken down, and for children being brought up by single parents. Give thanks for *Take a Break* which offered a week's holiday for exhausted lone parents and their children. ECD

**Mission Aviation Fellowship**

**Sat 7** Pray for Country Director for Kenya, Alan Sully and his wife Davina. Pray for Alan as he prioritises MAF's work amid many requests for flights into the drought-affected areas of Ethiopia, Somalia and Northern Kenya. Pray for Douglas Kimanthi and his wife Delaphine.

Douglas serves as the Base Operations manager in Nairobi. Pray for Operations Director Tim Vennell and his wife Tonya.

**Sun 8** Give thanks for those who fly MAF aircraft within Kenya and into South Sudan and Somalia. Pray for pilots Aarno Alanne, Stefan Hageneier and Adrian Rose and their wives Outi, Christine and Lindsey, who is also Learning and Development Co-ordinator. MAF urgently need more experienced pilots for their work in Kenya and South Sudan. Pray with them that those with the right qualifications and experience will hear God's call to serve him.

**Mon 9** The MAF sub-base at Lokichoggio in Kenya is an essential hub for flights into South Sudan. Pray for the Base Manager, Kea Arnlund and his wife Birgitta, also for Flight Despatch Assistant, Sammy Ekitela and for all who faithfully keep the operations there running smoothly. LT

### **St Katharina's Wormirstedt**

**Tue 10** Give thanks for the strengthening of our link through the visit to Malvern in October. New friendships are developing, and messages of goodwill in Christmas cards and emails bind us more closely together. Pray for Ingeborg Klatt, a Wolmirstedt friend of many years, who now lives in a flat in western Germany. Pray for the people of St. Katharina's as they live out the gospel in a society largely indifferent to Christianity.

**Wed 11** Pray for Pastor Ulrike Reichardt and the church council in their work of raising money for expensive repairs to the church building at St. Katharina's. May they co-operate with fellow townspeople to God's glory in this major project. May the New Year bring fresh opportunities for promoting unity and understanding between and within our two churches. JK

### **Christian Aid**

**Thu 12** Two years ago today a devastating earthquake hit Haiti. Christian Aid partners GARR and Haiti Survive have already built 135 earthquake and hurricane-resistant houses for families affected, including those displaced from the capital Port au Prince, on land donated by a town mayor. Pray for this ongoing house building programme. Pray for the Haitian people, as they continue to mourn those who did not survive and as they rebuild their country. Pray for the international community to continue its generous support towards reconstruction work in Haiti.

**Fri 13** January last year was a tumultuous time for Egypt. The first protests against the then government began in January. A year of political change has followed, but for the 20 per cent living below the poverty line, more than 6 million people, the struggle for freedom continues. Pray for Egypt's governance and political systems. Pray for fair and lasting reform to address the reality of poverty in Egypt, which is often masked by its large economy and popularity with tourists.

**Sat 14** Pray for the work of Christian Aid's partners in Egypt, including: Better Life, which helps agricultural workers and fishermen form associations to voice their concerns to the state; Wadi el Nil, which unites workers in El Mina's limestone quarries to stand up for their rights; and the Coptic Orthodox Church organisation BLESS, which works in rural areas to alleviate poverty and eradicate female genital mutilation.

### **Crosslinks**

**Sun 15** South Africa: Dean and Paula Finnie in Cape Town are excited to be leading a group of people establishing a new church plant in Macassar this month. They are building up awareness in the community and many different outreach activities are planned together with community

visiting and social action. Pray for a committed group of around 25 people to be established in order that the core is strong.

**Mon 16** Kenya: Pray for Andy and Susan Harker in Nairobi and for the current group of iServe ministry apprentices in cross-cultural placements across Kenya and the UK, that they would be able to settle and integrate into their host cultures. Pray that everything imparted in training would benefit them in their service of Christ and his people.

**Tue 17** Namibia: Pray for Thorsten and Kersil Prill, who write: "As Namibia Evangelical Theological Seminary receives new student applications for the new academic year starting in February, please pray for a good student intake of at least 15 new first-year students. Pray that we will find godly and gifted people to be trained as church leaders."

### **Tearfund**

**Wed 18** The recent floods in Pakistan have had a devastating effect on an already fragile region. When the high flood waters swept through the provinces of Sindh and Balochistan, thousands of people lost their homes and livelihoods. A 61-year-old widow, Noor Khatoor, was one of them. Noor and her 16-year-old son ended up at a camp for displaced people in Karachi, where they stayed for the next three months. Pray for Noor and her son as they wait for their new home to be built. Pray that God will provide for them in the future and help them with their current hardships.

**Thu 19** Pray for the thousands of people across Pakistan displaced by the floods. Pray that God will protect them, and help restore their communities back to normality. Pray for the efforts of the Tearfund team in the area, for strength to deal with backlogs of essential work caused by the flooding, and for the ability to continue to provide life-changing assistance where it is needed most.

**Fri 20** Years of war and instability have had a physical impact in Afghanistan. They have also had a devastating effect on the mental health of its people. Tearfund's partner Primary Mental Health Project in western Afghanistan provides psychiatric training to doctors, nurses and community health workers in the remotest of places. Pray that they will be equipped to make a difference to people's lives. Pray for the people of Afghanistan currently suffering from mental health issues, that they may be able to obtain the help they need. ESC

### **Mid-Africa Ministry**

**Sat 21** In Bukavu Diocese in the Democratic Republic of the Congo there is a need for a doctor and a health worker. Pray for God's provision of the right people to fill these posts. Pray that they will bring something of God as well as their professional expertise.

**Sun 22** The Mothers' Union and the charity *Five Talents* are now working in partnership in Burundi in order to provide the MU literacy programme participants with training in business skills and savings, with a view to enabling groups to save and lend, to budget and plan businesses. Thank God for this development and pray for its success.

**Mon 23** Pray for the ongoing work at Kigali Anglican Theological College in Rwanda. Pray for the Principal as he seeks to develop the work of the College. Pray that dioceses will be willing to send students for training. The College has a real need for more theological students and for a librarian. AW

## **SGM Lifewords**

**Tue 24** Pray for a new project to share Jesus with children-at-risk in India. The sheer number of children in need in India is greater than in any other country. SGM's own outreach with *Pavement Project* is still comparatively small. However the organisation *Compassion* already working in southern India is planning to extend its ministry there with workers trained in the use of the *Pavement Project* teaching methods. This could involve up to 200 new workers.

**Wed 25** SGM have entered into partnership with *Compassion* to help them achieve their objective by stepping up the supply of "big green bags" and their contents. *Compassion* aims to meet all the ongoing costs of training and supporting these workers, but this will leave SGM with the need to finance the supply of "big green bag" contents required for the operation of the project. SGM think that the financial cost will be in the order of £30,000. Pray for God's leading, provision and encouragement as SGM engage in this project and raise up supporters willing to help finance the program. LT

## **Barnabas Fund**

**Thu 26** Christian Dalits suffer double discrimination, purely on the basis of their faith. In July thousands took part in a three-day hunger strike and march on parliament. Pray that the Indian authorities will be moved by their protests and start giving fair treatment to all minorities, instead of discriminating in favour of religions that originated in India.

**Fri 27** Pray for the vulnerable Christians of Libya as the country begins to rebuild after the ousting of Muammar Gaddafi. Converts from Islam to Christianity are few and isolated and suffer intense persecution from family and community. Pray for greater freedom for them to practise their faith. Pray for protection for the expatriate Christian community.

## **Feba**

**Sat 28** South Sudan: Pray for Redemption FM which has been broadcasting in the Dinka language for two years, with a mixture of Christian songs, testimonies, interviews, Bible reading, Gospel preaching and news, and is making a big impact on church growth.

## **Bible Society**

**Sun 29** Burkina Faso: Thank God for opportunities to develop Bible work despite difficult economic circumstances and praise him for the Society's 30th anniversary. Pray for literacy work among both sighted people and those with a visual disability.

**Mon 30** Côte d'Ivoire: Pray for political stability so that Bible work can be carried out across the whole country. Give thanks for good progress on translation projects. Pray for the implementation of plans to construct a national headquarters.

**Tue 31** Ghana: Praise God for the success of last year's Bible week and pray for this year's Bible week. Give thanks for the completion of the Deuterocanonical books in Asante, Akuapem, Ewe, Mfantse and Dagbani and pray for their successful publication.