



# BMS Prayer Guide 2024

Pray with BMS World Mission from **May to August**



# Welcome

to the second issue of the BMS World Mission Prayer Guide 2024.

*"For John had been saying to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'" (Mark 6: 18)*

Back in March, you will have done something that the BMS Prayer Guide has never, to my knowledge, done before: prayed for Sierra Leone.

When I was asked if it was the first time BMS had ever worked in Sierra Leone, I had to consult Brian Stanley's organisational history. There on pages 23 and 24 was my answer:

*"BMS missionaries who gave full voice to overtly democratic sentiments on the field soon felt the weight of Fuller's disapproval. Jacob Grigg, one of two Bristol-trained missionaries sent to establish a mission in Sierra Leone in 1795, was the first such offender... Grigg's offence had been to*

*interfere in the political affairs of the colony by, for example, objecting to the imposition of taxation without elected representation*

Grigg's unyielding opposition to slavery was another example of behaviour that led to his being censured by the BMS Committee and ultimately expelled from Sierra Leone in 1797.

In August of last year, Esther McMillan, our Head of Church and Community Mobilisation, became the first BMS person to step on Sierra Leonean land in an official mission capacity in 226 years. And perhaps in March just gone, you became the first Baptists to pray for Sierra Leone in all those years.

God bless you and God bless Jacob Grigg's example.

Matty Fearon, Prayer Guide editor

Photo:

*This year sees the return of BMS to Sierra Leone, where ground-level work has begun with churches in and around the Bo region of the country.*

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Front cover photo:

*From Uganda to your fridge door, all of us within the BMS global family are united by prayer.*

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*Church planters from our partner Biglife regularly travel by boat to the Sundarbans by the Bay of Bengal, where they have preached the gospel in over 150 villages.*

# India

28 Apr to 4 May

As the home of William Carey's mission and ministry, India holds a special place in BMS World Mission's history. That legacy continues in the form of a time in the nation's journey that presents us with opportunities to bring the gospel of Christ to this vast and diverse country. Join BMS as we pray for India.

## SUNDAY 28

Praise God for BMS worker Ben Francis, who is bringing revitalisation to many churches in India and around the world through disciple-making movements. Pray for the training of 10,000 church planters who will plant 10,000 house churches.

## MONDAY 29

Praise God that the BMS and Biglife partnership across Asia has led to 8,700 disciple makers being trained, more than 7,000 house churches being planted and more than 5,000 people receiving a Bible in their own language.

## TUESDAY 30

Give thanks that the women working with BMS partner Biglife are bold and brilliant in sharing the gospel. Pray for BMS-supported worker Gill Francis as she trains more women as disciple makers.

## WEDNESDAY 1

Praise God for the BMS Resource Centre in Kolkata. Pray that the centre will facilitate ecumenical unity and be a mission training hub for churches.

## THURSDAY 2

Praise God for the provision of a grant made possible in 2023 through the generosity of BMS supporters, which enables Christians to act as a shining light in their communities.

## FRIDAY 3

Pray that the persecution of Christians will stop, and that followers of Christ across the most populous country on earth will continue to be resilient and demonstrate God's love to those who oppose them.

## SATURDAY 4

The BMS boat has been transporting church planters to preach the gospel in the Sundarbans. Give thanks that 150 villages were reached and more than 6,000 people transported safely.





*Please pray for our partner KISC-EQUIP, who train Nepali teachers so they can create new opportunities for young people.*

# Church Partners

5-11 May

In the early 1800s, the Serampore trio wrote the quote above to UK churches. Now in 2023, we are celebrating the expansion of our Church Partners programme to include workers from around the world who are called by God to work in their own or a neighbouring country.

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**SUNDAY 5**

Please pray for churches that are seeking a new partnership. Ask God to lead them to the right person to ignite their passion for mission and provide support and fellowship.

**MONDAY 6**

Give thanks that Wissam Nasrallah in Lebanon has joined the programme. Pray that supporters feel called to encourage him as he oversees ministries and projects with our partner Thimar in such a challenging time for their country.

**TUESDAY 7**

**Ardi Wiradinata** is excited to be part of Church Partners. Please pray that churches come alongside him in his important role as Director of Mission at the Asia Pacific Baptist Federation (APBF), which encourages Baptist conventions in the region to work together.

**WEDNESDAY 8**

The staff at BMS are working hard behind the scenes to form new partnerships and train our new workers. Please pray for wisdom and creativity in this new venture.

**THURSDAY 9**

Please pray for partnerships for Pastor J in Cambodia and Barnabas in Bangladesh. They are doing inspiring work: Pastor J is training evangelists and Barnabas is co-ordinating mission work in Dhaka.

**FRIDAY 10**



Give thanks that there are already many churches that feel called to support **Dil Bahadur Chhetri** and Krishna Bahadur Bohara doing teacher training in Nepal.

**SATURDAY 11**

We continue to give thanks for the churches that are already supporting BMS mission workers. Their ministry is sustained by the faithful support of UK Baptist churches.



*Give thanks to God for how BMS is part of a global Baptist family, full of people from every tribe, tongue and nation.*

# Global Baptist family

12-18 May

In the words of BMS General Director Kang-San Tan, "To be seeing God raising a non-western mission movement, and yet to serve with a historic mission society, reflects the sovereignty of God and also reflects the changing Christian mission." Please pray this week for the wider family of Baptists.

## SUNDAY 12

Pray for BMS-supported partner workers Ardi Wiradinata and Roshan Mendis as they provide regional leadership in holistic mission for the Asia Pacific Baptist Federation (APBF). Pray too for the General Secretary, Vee Tetseo, as he promotes the ministry of APBF.

## MONDAY 13

In south Asia, pray for greater missional co-operation between our historic partners in India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Thailand as BMS seeks to encourage a stronger focus on mission among our churches.

## TUESDAY 14

BMS is on a journey of intentionally welcoming the voices from the Majority World into our governance structures. Pray for Helle Liht on the BMS Board of Trustees, as well as Roshan Mendis and Wisham and Ruy Oliveira on the BMS Council.

## WEDNESDAY 15

Pray for a successful Annual Gathering of the Baptist World Alliance this July in Lagos, Nigeria. Lift up General Secretary Elijah Brown as he promotes networking among the Baptist family.

## THURSDAY 16

BMS sends workers from the Global South as well as from the UK, such as Lucia Bastos from Brazil who is serving in Chad. Pray that we will embrace diversity as an organisation.

## FRIDAY 17

BMS is involved in mission movements from Ghana, Peru, Lebanon, north India and south-east Asia. Pray for courageous and visionary leadership to take these movements forward.

## SATURDAY 18

Kang-San Tan heads up the Global Baptist Mission Network. Pray for greater trust and collaboration among Baptist missions to reduce duplication and multiply our impact.





*Sarah Brown is empowering women to grow in faith and serve the Lord in Thailand.*

# Thailand

19-25 May

God is doing amazing things in Thailand in response to our prayers. We have testimonies of people coming to faith and being baptised. We hear news of young people being trained and sent to preach the gospel and start churches. Pray for God's will to be done in Thailand.

## SUNDAY 19

Thank God for the BMS-supported mission training hub at Thailand Karen Baptist Convention. Pray that evangelists will be trained to take the gospel to people who are yet to hear about Jesus.

## MONDAY 20

The Social Development and Service Unit (SDSU) of the CCT seeks to partner with local churches to provide practical and spiritual support to vulnerable families across Thailand. Pray for wisdom for the staff of SDSU.

## TUESDAY 21



Praise God for BMS workers Wit and Helen, Paul and Sarah and Judy serving God in Thailand. Pray for protection, good health and wisdom to bear witness to Christ in the communities they serve.

## WEDNESDAY 22

The BMS-supported church planted in Wang Daeng is growing, with new baptised members. Pray for Moses and Mary to teach the believers to share their faith with others.

## THURSDAY 23

Praise God for the new church plant in Ban Dara. Pray that BMS-supported worker Areerat will lead the church prayerfully, and for more people to come to faith.

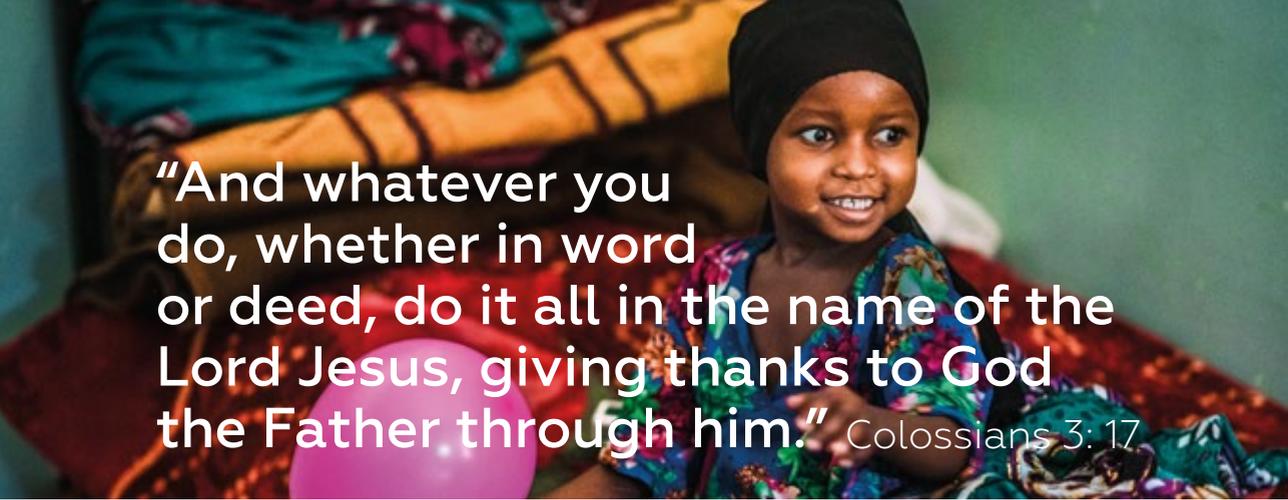
## FRIDAY 24

Praise God for the students who have graduated from Siloam Bible Institute. Pray that the Lord will give them direction and wisdom to know the next steps in their lives.

## SATURDAY 25

Children and young people with special needs face many challenges in everyday life, as do their families. Pray that Hope Home can help find sustainable solutions to keep such families living together.

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**“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”** Colossians 3: 17

## Volunteers

26 May to 1 Jun

God has blessed BMS with about 2,000 volunteers. They volunteer in their church, share about BMS work, speak at other Baptist churches, organise an event or a BMS Mission Sunday, run a BMS Birthday Scheme or serve short term abroad. We cannot stress enough how thankful we are for each individual volunteer.

### SUNDAY 26

Give thanks for all our BMS Representatives as they take the initiative again and again to inspire their church with BMS news. They forward newsletters, talk from the pulpit and enthuse their church family.

### MONDAY 27

We give thanks for 839 Church Partner Contacts who connect their church with their mission worker through the Church Partners Programme. Please pray that they are blessed by every piece of news they receive from the mission field.

### TUESDAY 28

We praise God that each year people volunteer to serve interculturally alongside our partners, funding themselves and giving their time to support the work in this way. Pray that these volunteers would know God's presence and provision.

### WEDNESDAY 29

Please pray for our 731 Birthday Scheme Co-ordinators as they write birthday cards, collect gifts given on birthdays and share BMS updates with their members.

### THURSDAY 30

Please pray for our BMS Speaker Team as they speak at different churches. Pray for inspirational interactions, open hearts and ears and more speaker volunteers to come forward.

### FRIDAY 31

Give thanks for our community fundraisers who race, sell cakes or organise an event to raise funds for BMS. Pray for creative ideas and that they will be blessed by encouraging results.

### SATURDAY 1

There are many people actively volunteering without us knowing. Praise God for everyone who shares their passion and invites more people to join God's work all around the globe.





*Our partner in Lebanon, Thimar, rehoused and provided psychological support to survivors of the explosion in Beirut in 2020.*

# Disaster relief

2-8 June

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, BMS and our partners can respond to natural and human-made disasters around the world. These include war, earthquakes and mass refugee movements, often in areas affected by conflict and, increasingly, by climate change. We thank God for the courage of mission workers and partners working in these areas.

## ☐ SUNDAY 2

As the war in Ukraine continues, please pray for the Ukrainian Baptist Union. They are courageously providing shelter, food and care to tens of thousands across the country, supported by the European Baptist Federation and its partners.

## ☐ MONDAY 3

Pray for our partner in western Afghanistan, who are still working with local communities affected by last October's earthquakes. The Government appointed our partner to lead on providing counselling and psychosocial aftercare.

## ☐ TUESDAY 4

Through their network of local church partners, Thimar, our partner in Lebanon, provides ongoing relief to tens of thousands of Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese people. Pray for conditions that will allow refugees to return home.

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 5

Pray for the Armenian Baptist churches in Yerevan providing shelter and humanitarian support to Armenian refugees from among the 100,000 who fled the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave of Azerbaijan last October.

## ☐ THURSDAY 6

Give thanks for our Nepalese partner Human Development and Community Services (HDCS), who are providing training to communities affected by last November's earthquake in the remote West Rukum district.

## ☐ FRIDAY 7

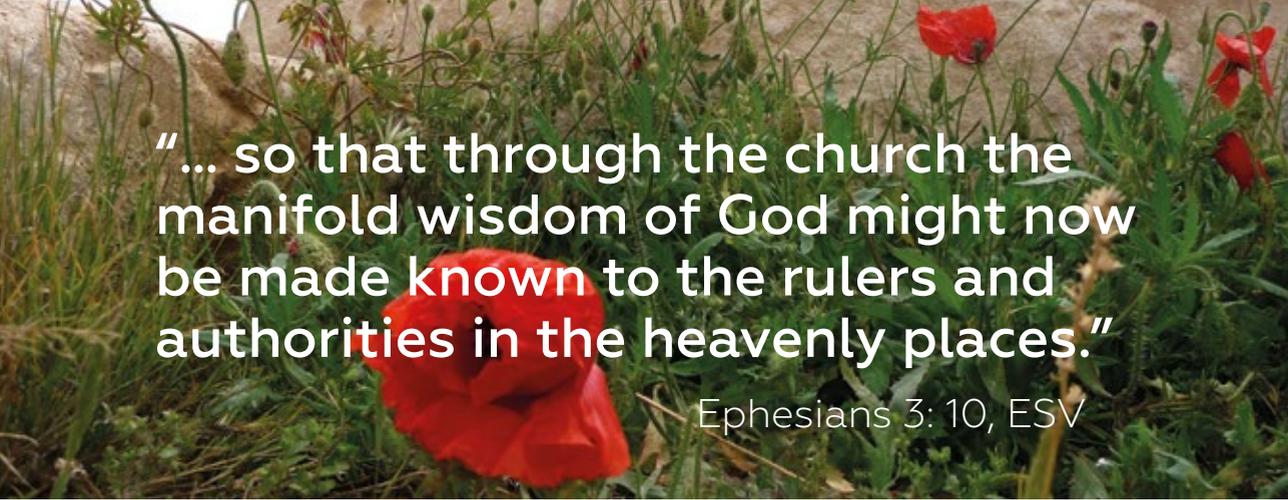
Give thanks for the network of Baptist and other churches in north-east Peru who are being trained on how better to prepare for and respond to disasters induced by climate change.

## ☐ SATURDAY 8

Pray for greater collaboration with partners around the world in preparing for and responding to disasters. Pray for opportunities to share learning together.



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“... so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 3: 10, ESV

## Church planting

9-15 June

**BMS' collaboration with some of our global partners has led to new expressions of churches starting in North Africa and Asia. These churches provide an opportunity for God's love, wisdom and power to be demonstrated in appropriate ways to the community. Let's pray for the churches!**

### SUNDAY 9

Praise God that BMS workers Andrea and Ian are helping people in North Africa to hear the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that Muslims would experience God's love through their online programmes.

### MONDAY 10

Praise God for BMS supported worker Kamal, who has a vision to plant 50 house churches in North Africa. Pray that God will give him and his team the wisdom and resources to fulfil this vision.

### TUESDAY 11

Thank God for BMS-supported worker Oni in India, who has trained 1,000 church planters. Pray for God's protection as they travel to preach and plant churches in cities, towns and villages.

### WEDNESDAY 12

Praise God for BMS partner Biglife and their work in making disciples. Pray that the house churches they have started through BMS support in North Africa will be well established.

### THURSDAY 13

Praise God for three BMS-supported evangelists in Cambodia. Pray that Yiembros, Cheakosall and Sokea would stay committed to preaching the gospel and planting churches.

### FRIDAY 14

Praise God for BMS workers Wit and Helen, who are planting churches in Thailand. Pray that the church building project they have started will be successfully completed.

### SATURDAY 15

Praise God for BMS-supported workers James and Bina, who are church planting in Sreemongal, Bangladesh. Pray that God will open the hearts of people to the gospel they teach.





*Please pray that our partners will provide a safe haven for refugees, where they can be treated with dignity and respect.*

# Help for the Journey

16-22 June

This week is Refugee Week – a global opportunity to acknowledge the contributions and challenges of people who have experienced displacement. BMS World Mission encourages you to look out for local arts, cultural and educational events this week but also to pray with us for the millions on the move.

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## ☐ SUNDAY 16

Today on Father's Day, pray for those who are missing or separated from family members by conflict, persecution, disaster, or death. Pray that those feeling the pain of separation will encounter people on their journey who will show love and compassion.

## ☐ MONDAY 17

As Muslims mark the end of Hajj with the festival of *Eid al Adha*, pray for migrants marking festivals away from home. Pray that people journeying towards new lives will find people willing to celebrate with them and share new possibilities for rejoicing.

## ☐ TUESDAY 18

A group of Ukrainian and other leaders now living in western Europe have recently completed training on cross-cultural leadership. Pray that these conversations will enable the groups represented to develop into flourishing and welcoming multi-cultural communities.

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 19

Please lift up the BMS partner the European Baptist Federation. Pray that the EBF Commission on Migration may offer relevant resources and support to baptist unions and agencies across Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia.

## ☐ THURSDAY 20

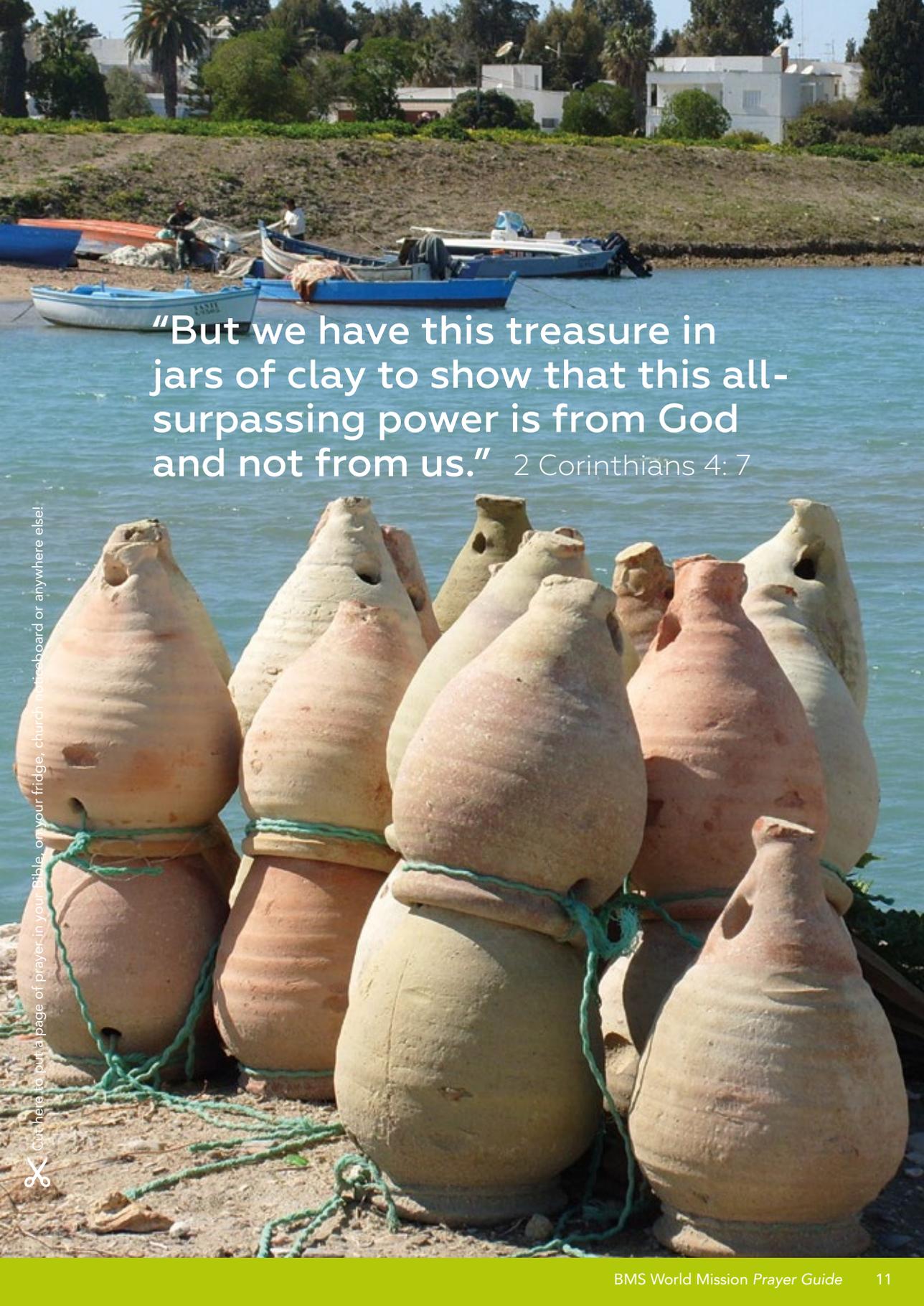
BMS contributes to the support of church planters reaching out to migrant communities. Please pray that these opportunities in Tours, Strasburg and elsewhere in Europe will bear much fruit.

## ☐ FRIDAY 21

Give thanks for the generosity and creativity of churches opening doors and hearts to provide assistance and welcome to many in need!

## ☐ SATURDAY 22

Let us pray for our own journeys: that we follow where God leads; that we take time to see if others need accompanying; and that we allow others to walk alongside us.



**“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” 2 Corinthians 4: 7**

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Please pray for people around the world whom God is calling to serve with BMS.

# Recruitment

23-29 June

God's hands and feet on earth are his people. We are grateful that he continues to send people to serve alongside our partners overseas. This week we pray for those God is calling and the people supporting them in that journey.



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## ☐ SUNDAY 23

We praise God for hearing our prayers. We have been able to send people to fulfil some of our longstanding needs. Pray today for those who are settling into new locations and roles as they have followed God's call on their lives.

## ☐ MONDAY 24

"He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field'" (Luke 10: 2).

## ☐ TUESDAY 25

BMS sends people from all around the world to serve God alongside our partners. Pray that God will raise up the right people for the right roles at the right time.

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 26

Pray that God will be prompting people's hearts to explore using their skills in cross-cultural service, be that short- or long-term.

## ☐ THURSDAY 27

We praise God that there are people who have heard his prompting and are exploring his call with BMS. Pray for wisdom and discernment in the application processes for the candidates and for BMS.

## ☐ FRIDAY 28

Pray for those in churches who are supporting people exploring a call to mission. Pray that God would speak powerfully through them.

## ☐ SATURDAY 29

The Mission Programmes Operations Team takes a lead on supporting those exploring their call with BMS. Pray for them to know God's leading and guiding as they journey with candidates.



*Conflict and persecution mean that more refugees are now making the treacherous journey across the sea to the Greek island of Lesbos.*

# Greece and Cyprus

30 Jun - 6 Jul

The islands of Lesbos and Cyprus may seem more like holiday destinations than places for BMS World Mission partnerships. But as well as welcoming sun and relaxation seekers, both islands host thousands searching for safety, refuge or a better chance for their family. BMS is helping make their first steps in Europe more welcoming.

## ☐ SUNDAY 30

Give thanks for the Greek and Cypriot churches welcoming the stranger and reaching out to those in need. Pray for more churches to offer time and resources, and that refugees on both islands will meet Christ.

## ☐ MONDAY 1

Pray for the leadership team of BMS' partner. Pray for their communication as they work across multiple locations, for understanding as they navigate diverse backgrounds, and for wisdom and discernment as they lead.

## ☐ TUESDAY 2

Increasing numbers of people have been arriving in transit camps, fleeing conflict and disasters. Capacity and resources are stretched, and those assisting them face tough decisions about where to help. Pray for partner staff supporting each other with the emotional impact of decisions and the stories they encounter.

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 3

Give thanks that, as well as providing practical support, BMS' partner spends time with refugees, offering psychosocial support and places for women to connect with one another.

## ☐ THURSDAY 4

Pray that the team in Cyprus working with unaccompanied children will have the spiritual, physical and emotional resources needed to provide godly support.

## ☐ FRIDAY 5

Give thanks for volunteers from the refugee community working with our partner. Pray that as people from other faiths work closely with followers of Christ, they would be touched by the Holy Spirit.

## ☐ SATURDAY 6

Pray that Greece and Cyprus, and other countries on the edge of Europe, will be able to balance the needs of their citizens with providing welcome and refuge to those in need.





Give thanks to God for mission workers who faithfully served with BMS for many years.

## Former missionaries

7-13 July

At last year's gathering of the Former Missionaries Association (FMA), it was pointed out to the *Prayer Guide* Editor that once upon a time, the Guide featured a section of prayers for former missionaries. A year later, almost to the day, these prayers are a response to that feedback – and a reminder that one never ceases to be a missionary for Jesus, no matter where God has you.

### ☐ SUNDAY 7

Every person who has served for BMS World Mission in a mission capacity is eligible for membership of the FMA. Please pray that this message reaches those people so that the fellowship can continue to thrive.

### ☐ MONDAY 8

Linda King serves sacrificially in her role as FMA Secretary, one of a number of her commitments to BMS and to Baptist life in the UK. Please lift Linda up in prayer as she navigates all these commitments.

### ☐ TUESDAY 9

The FMA Reunion begins today at the King's Park Conference Centre in Moulton, Northamptonshire. Please pray that all attendees arrive safely and that the next three days are a time of deep connection and communion.

### ☐ WEDNESDAY 10

Ruth Montacute (D R Congo, 1972-1992) devotes so much time to maintaining pastoral contact with former missionaries. Pray for Ruth, and for her incredible energy levels to continue.

### ☐ THURSDAY 11

Rev Lisa Kerry from the Central Baptist Association joins the reunion today to lead a service of Communion. Pray this will be a time of great blessing.

### ☐ FRIDAY 12

Lift up the mission workers who came to the end of their service with BMS in the last year. God, you know your calling for the next chapters in their lives; may they know it too.

### ☐ SATURDAY 13

There are many more members of the FMA who don't make the reunion than who do. Lord, you know them all by name, and we pray for them safe in that knowledge.

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Please pray that BMS will build and strengthen partnerships that will last for many years to come.

# Capacity strengthening

14-20 July

At BMS World Mission, we work closely with our partners to ensure we successfully achieve what we set out to do. Your prayers help us build effective and sustainable partnerships that last for years.

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## ☐ SUNDAY 14



**Roger Pearce** is the Head of Programmes for Capacity Strengthening and Cross-cutting themes (including Gender Justice and Creation Stewardship). Please pray for vision and wisdom for him as he co-ordinates his dispersed team across three different time zones.

## ☐ MONDAY 15

Alan and Megan Barker are BMS Capacity Strengthening Co-ordinators, in addition to their partner-facing roles with BMS partner HDCS. They are based in Nepal. Please pray for the Barkers as they develop trusting relationships with partners in Nepal and across the wider region.

## ☐ TUESDAY 16

The work alongside our global partners is cross-cultural in the extreme. Please pray for wisdom and cultural intelligence for the Capacity team as they seek to communicate in culturally appropriate ways.

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 17

Capacity strengthening requires partners to own their organisational development. Pray that partners would value and actively engage with this process.

## ☐ THURSDAY 18

BMS uses coaching techniques, where the partner generates their own solutions to context-specific challenges. Pray for the team as they coach partners towards achieving their goals.

## ☐ FRIDAY 19

Organisations are complex because they contain people! Pray that the Capacity team will have insight into how best to help partners move forward in the effectiveness and impact of their work.

## ☐ SATURDAY 20

If the team can build greater capacity among partners, then no matter what the challenge, partners will fashion their own solution. Pray that the team can work in such a way that partners will say, "Look at what we've done!"



Quest Academy trains future church leaders from migrant backgrounds across Europe.

# Quest Academy

21-27 July

Newcomers are arriving in Europe from the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia. On their journey, some find faith in Christ and want to share their faith with their communities. Quest Academy trains people from these backgrounds to reach out effectively. BMS will help place Quest graduates in European churches to plant new congregations.

## ☐ SUNDAY 21

Pray that current Quest students will be strengthened in faith, disciplined into maturity, connected into community and equipped for ministry.

## ☐ MONDAY 22

Pray for God's call to be clear, persistent and joy-filled for those he desires to use to reach out in evangelism and discipleship ministries among newcomers in Europe.

## ☐ TUESDAY 23

Pray that God will raise up European churches to become places of welcome and community for new believers and seekers who are also newcomers to Europe.

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 24

Pray for European churches to discover a new vision of welcome and hospitality that re-animates their passion and brings hope to the newcomer communities around them.

## ☐ THURSDAY 25



Pray for discernment, wisdom and vision for the BMS staff who will be introducing Quest graduates to potential church locations for service: Regianne Clark, **Sarah Mhamdi** and Sam Chaise.

## ☐ FRIDAY 26

Pray for the Quest Academy Executive Director, Peter Samir, as he guides Quest Academy in its early years and as student numbers ramp up.

## ☐ SATURDAY 27

Pray that Quest graduates and the congregations they plant will bring blessing and hope to their neighbourhoods and cities.



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Andrea Hotchkin, second from right, is a surgeon in the remote region of Bardai, northern Chad.

# Hope for the World

28 July to 3 Aug

The Developing Resilience Programme works in some of the poorest countries in the world, supporting livelihoods, delivering healthcare, raising standards of education, providing relief when disaster strikes, giving access to legal education and aid, and working through churches to reach out to their local communities.

## SUNDAY 28

Pray that the two hospitals we support in Chad would provide much-needed healthcare and would demonstrate the love of Christ to each patient they treat.

## MONDAY 29

Praise God for church and community mobilisation programmes in Sierra Leone, Uganda and Nepal, providing vision for community transformation and equipping churches to effect real change in their communities.

## TUESDAY 30

In a world where injustice is rife, BMS is providing legal education and legal aid to hundreds of disadvantaged people in Uganda and Mozambique. Pray that the Juris app would be accessible and effective in providing the information many need to understand their rights and access justice.

## WEDNESDAY 31

Our partners in Nepal are working with teachers to improve education in rural areas. Pray for effective workshops that result in new opportunities for students to achieve their potential.

## THURSDAY 1

Give thanks that through agricultural training, rural farmers in Uganda are increasing their yields, improving their food security and earning money to pay for medicines, clothing and school fees. Pray for all those impacted by the cost-of-living crisis.

## FRIDAY 2

Pray that God's love would shine through our partner in Afghanistan, working in difficult circumstances to provide relief, education, medical care and agricultural projects.

## SATURDAY 3

Give thanks that through our relief fund, BMS can support people displaced by natural disasters, war or persecution. Pray for comfort for all who have lost their homes, loved ones or livelihoods.



*From Togo to India, God is raising up leaders supported by BMS who have a heart for the gospel and want to make Jesus known.*



# Emerging leaders

4 - 10 August

As the Majority Church increasingly comes to the fore in world mission, BMS World Mission wants to invest in those who are emerging into Christian leadership around the world. Join us in lifting up these initiatives and people to the Lord.

## SUNDAY 4

Pray for BMS staff member Roger Pearce as he mentors various emerging leaders based in BMS global partnerships. Pray especially for good questions and the chance to bring encouragement.

## MONDAY 5

Pray for emerging leaders stepping into new roles in different partnerships. Pray especially for wisdom and energy for BMS worker John Karmaker, who serves as the General Secretary of the Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha.

## TUESDAY 6

Please pray for BMS worker Koffi Soke Kpomgbe, based in Togo. Pray that Koffi would have success in mobilising emerging leaders for evangelism training and spiritual formation through the Baptist World Alliance Horizons programme.

## WEDNESDAY 7



Pray for **Daniel Clark** in his new role working with the International Baptist Theological Seminary (IBTS) learning platform.

## THURSDAY 8

Lift up BMS worker Ingeborg Te Loo as she continues to create high-quality leadership development content and generate new learning groups within the IBTS learning platform.

## FRIDAY 9

Pray for BMS' work with leaders in Ghana, India and Western Europe. Pray for a good outcome to these collaborations and ask that they will produce many creative expressions of mission.

## SATURDAY 10

Pray for all BMS workers who are currently in the BMS Church Partners scheme. Ask that their interaction with UK churches would inspire a fresh wave of mission-minded disciples.

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*Please pray for Afghanistan, where communities are still rebuilding and recovering from the earthquakes that struck Herat province last autumn.*

# Afghanistan

11-17 August

**Much has been suffered by Afghans in the three years since the takeover by the Taliban: withdrawal of the international community, collapse of the social and economic structures and natural disasters, including earthquakes and droughts. But as Psalm 102:17 reminds us 'He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea'. Despite the many setbacks, God's favour and heart is for the people of Afghanistan.**

## SUNDAY 11

Praise God for his faithfulness because when things have seemed hopeless, God's people have arisen and given more to our partner in Afghanistan. Pray for our colleagues to continue running community initiatives focused exclusively on supporting the Afghan poor.

## MONDAY 12

Let us pray for the leadership of our partner in Afghanistan. Pray that God will continue giving them wisdom to understand these challenging times and how to implement the planned programmes in a way that physically and spirituality protect those served.

## TUESDAY 13

Intercede for the Afghan women and girls who continue being deprived of their freedoms. Pray that those institutions, organisations, and individuals working on their behalf bear fruit soon.

## WEDNESDAY 14

Praise be to God for the recruitment of our partner organisation's Finance Director. We have been praying for this colleague for more than seven years! Please pray that they will continue adapting to Afghanistan's changing environment and way of life.

## THURSDAY 15

Pray for the mental health programme staff. Pray that God will provide the necessary resources to continue running this programme and that patients continue finding in this place hope for the future.

## FRIDAY 16

Pray for the Taliban government, their leaders, and those who support them. Pray they understand their responsibilities towards the Afghan people, especially the majority poor.

## SATURDAY 17

Pray for the board of trustees of our partner organisation in Afghanistan, pray that God continues giving them wisdom and understanding.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers”

Matthew 9: 37-38 (ESVUK)



## Heart for the Gospel

18-24 August

Our heart for the gospel means that we long for more people to hear about God's love for them. Recently God has opened many doors, but there are not enough workers. Please pray for more workers to be trained who will share the love of God sacrificially in word and deed.

### SUNDAY 18



Praise God for BMS worker **Ben Francis** who is leading a disciple-making movement in south-east Asia. Pray

for wisdom, good health and resources to train 10,000 new disciple leaders.

### MONDAY 19

Pray for BMS-supported worker Rev Ardi, the Mission Director of the Asia Pacific Baptist Federation. Pray that God will give him wisdom and strength to recruit a regional co-ordinator for East Asia mission collaboration.

### TUESDAY 20

Praise God for BMS-supported worker Pastor J, who has planted a church in Cambodia. Pray that God will grant him wisdom to train and mentor a Cambodian pastor to lead the church.

### WEDNESDAY 21

God has opened many doors for the gospel in rural Cambodia. Pray that Pastor J will be able to recruit and train women evangelists to be sent to places where their ministry is needed.

### THURSDAY 22

Praise God for BMS-supported evangelist Nitay, who has led many people to Christ in northern Bangladesh. Pray that the new believers will grow in their walk with Christ.

### FRIDAY 23

Praise God that training has started at the BMS-supported mission training centre in Dhaka. Pray that students would complete their two-year training programme successfully.

### SATURDAY 24

Praise God for the beginning of the mission hub in Accra, Ghana. Pray that all collaborating partners would be committed and contribute to the training and sending of mission workers.

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*IBTS is training the next generation of leaders who have a heart for the gospel and want people across Europe to know Christ's love for them.*

# Future Baptist thinkers

25-31 August

**BMS World Mission is privileged to collaborate with the International Baptist Theological Study Centre (IBTSC) in Amsterdam in our shared commitment for growing missionally minded leaders to engage with the re-evangelisation of Europe for Christ. IBTSC offers a unique space for re-imagining how Baptist heritage could revitalise mission-shaped communities.**

## ☐ SUNDAY 25

As summer ends, IBTSC students prepare for a series of challenging learning programmes. Pray that among their number there will be Baptists who will shape the future of the denomination globally.

## ☐ MONDAY 26

Daniel Clarke, who until recently served with BMS in Peru, is now part of our Department for Intercultural Learning and Collaboration, working with IBTSC. Pray for wisdom for Daniel as he promotes learning conversations and connects mission practitioners to researchers.

## ☐ TUESDAY 27

Rev Dr Marion Carson is a member of the BMS Board of Trustees. She is also a Senior Research Fellow at IBTSC. Pray for her work on how the Bible might inform Christian thinking and practice in the areas of ethics, mental health, human trafficking, addictions, pastoral care and discipleship.

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 28

IBTSC's work would not be possible without partnerships, not just with BMS but also with organisations such as the European Baptist Federation and the Baptist World Alliance. Pray for creative connections as we collaborate.

## ☐ THURSDAY 29

BMS Creation Stewardship Co-ordinator Laura-Lee Lovering is leading courses at IBTSC on the Gospel and the Eco-Crisis. Pray for a new generation of Christians who will lead the fight against climate injustice.

## ☐ FRIDAY 30

This year marks IBTSC's 75th anniversary. Pray that Baptist educators will be raised up to help it one day celebrate 150 years of existence.

## ☐ SATURDAY 31

The themes of reconciliation and peace-making are woven into IBTSC's history. In today's world of crises and conflict, pray for guidance for IBTSC's leadership as they discern how to meet conflict with peace.

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## Africa

Chad	Claire BEDFORD
Chad	Kalbassou DOUBASSOU
Chad	Andrea and Mark HOTCHKIN
Chad	Lucia BASTOS
Mozambique	Jane EDWARDS
Mozambique	Carlos TIQUE JONE
Uganda	Genesis ACAYE
Uganda	Benon KAYANJA

## Asia

Bangladesh	Louise and Peter LYNCH
India	Benjamin and Gillian FRANCIS
Nepal	Alan and Megan BARKER
Nepal	Andy and Jenny SAUNDERS
Nepal	Pippa and Toby VOKUHL (Jakey, Ella and Millie)
Thailand	Helen and Withaya BOONDEEKHUN
Thailand	Paul and Sarah BROWN
Thailand	Judy COOK

Some names have been changed due to security reasons.  
(Children aged 0-18 in brackets).

## South America

Peru	Laura-Lee LOVERING
Peru	Dave and Michele MAHON (Jonathan, Ruth and Phoebe)

## Europe

France	Philip and Rosemary HALLIDAY
France	John and Sue WILSON
France	Daniel and Regiane CLARK
Spain	Andrea and Ian

## Middle East and North Africa

Afghanistan	Arthur and Reeta
Afghanistan	Tim
Afghanistan	Ruby
Afghanistan	Grace
Afghanistan	Oksana
Tunisia	Sophie

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a honeycomb frame. The hand is wearing a white protective glove and a blue ring. The honeycomb is covered in a dense layer of bees. The background is a blurred white surface.

**"The decrees of the LORD are firm,  
and all of them are righteous.  
They are more precious than gold,  
than much pure gold; they are  
sweeter than honey, than honey  
from the honeycomb."**

Psalm 19: 9-10