



# BMS Prayer Guide 2024

Pray with BMS World Mission from **September to December**



# Welcome

to the third issue of the *BMS World Mission Prayer Guide 2024*.

*"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."* (Jeremiah 29: 12-13)

It's wonderful to be asked to edit the *BMS World Mission Prayer Guide*. Our mission workers and partners are so grateful for how you faithfully pray for them. Their work would not be possible without you coming before our heavenly Father in prayer.

God always hears our prayers, even if we don't always feel like he is listening. I'm sure that the Israelites wondered what God was doing when they were in exile in Babylon. But God spoke to them through Jeremiah and reminded them that they would still find God in a foreign land if they came to him in prayer.

This year we have seen God answer prayers even in what might look like hopeless situations. Baptist churches provided humanitarian aid and shared the love of Christ with displaced people in Ukraine. Our partners in Nepal built earthquake-resistant homes for the survivors of last November's earthquake. Believers in North Africa, who are risking everything for the gospel, experienced transformative fellowship with other Christians.

When you call on God in prayer, you will see great things done in his name. I hope that the prayers contained within this edition of the *Prayer Guide* will help you come to God and seek him with all your heart.

God bless you,  
Chris Manktelow, *Prayer Guide* Editor

Photo:  
*BMS-supported worker Bina helps children in Bangladesh go to school.*  
Credit: Amy Davis

Front cover photo:  
*Your support for the BMS Harvest appeal trains people like James and Bina to share the love of Christ with people living in poverty in Bangladesh.*  
Credit: Amy Davis

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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.





**“Seek first the Kingdom.”**  
Matthew 6: 33 (NKJV)

# Bangladesh

1-7 September

This year’s harvest appeal from BMS World Mission is all about sowing abundant life and the Word of God across Bangladesh. Bina and James, who work for our partner, have been serving impoverished communities for over ten years. Could you and your church help train even more outreach workers to reach people in need in Bangladesh?

✂ Cut here to put a page of prayer in your Bible, on your fridge, church noticeboard or anywhere else!

**SUNDAY 1**

Please pray for the nation of Bangladesh. Pray for peace and stability after the elections that were held earlier this year, and for leadership that aims to bring security and abundance for all Bangladeshi people.

**MONDAY 2**

Lift up our partner, the Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha (BBCS), in prayer. Pray that they will achieve their vision of training up at least 120 people to serve in communities across Bangladesh over the next five years.

**TUESDAY 3**

Pray for BMS mission workers Louise and Pete Lynch. Pray for their work with BBCS, that they will be able to inspire many to serve and share the gospel message.

**WEDNESDAY 4**

It’s currently the middle of monsoon season in Bangladesh. Pray that BBCS will be able to offer emergency food and supplies to communities after disasters strike.

**THURSDAY 5**

Bina and James have been spending this year completing their theological training. Pray that this would equip them to keep serving the Lord well when they return to Shrimongol.

**FRIDAY 6**

BMS-supported worker Barnabas Hembron is the Mission Co-ordinator at BBCS. Pray that the Lord strengthens and equips him across all his work.

**SATURDAY 7**

Pray for churches holding *Seek first the Kingdom* services over the harvest season. Pray that their services go well, and that churches are inspired by the work in Bangladesh.

All the resources for your *Seek first the Kingdom* service can be found at



[www.bmsworldmission.org/kingdom](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/kingdom)



BMS partner, Justice Livelihoods Health, helps farmers use their God-given resources to transform communities.

# Uganda

8-14 September

Our partner in Uganda, Justice Livelihoods Health (JLH), is working with churches to empower people to transform their communities using their God-given local resources. Pray for these partnerships, for continued transformation and for an end to food insecurity in Uganda.

**SUNDAY 8**

Pray for reliable rainfall in Uganda this autumn and that farmers will benefit from the agronomic training sessions that Justice Livelihoods Health (JLH) is running.

**MONDAY 9**

Pray that the Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP) training in Gulu and Kasese districts will empower communities in these locations.

**TUESDAY 10**

Pray for the leaders of the Church in Uganda who support JLH's work in transforming lives. Ask that God will help them be faithful in their walk with the Lord and help them grow in their love for God and his Word.

**WEDNESDAY 11**

BMS-supported workers within JLH provide safe drinking water, improve livelihoods through agriculture and advocate for gender justice. Pray that God will give all the staff wisdom, strength and a passion for the Lord.

**THURSDAY 12**

Thank God for the relationship that BMS has with JLH. Pray that God will strengthen this relationship and use it for his glory.

**FRIDAY 13**

Pray that the JLH Board of Directors will have creative energy and a clear vision of what God wants them to do over the coming year.

**SATURDAY 14**

Pray that the agroforestry projects in Gulu district will continue to reduce deforestation and provide farmers with another source of income.

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Please pray for Tunisia. The country is a beautiful tourist destination, but it has also suffered from drought and political instability in recent years.

# Tunisia

15-21 September

**Tunisia is the smallest North African country. It is majority Muslim with a tiny but growing Christian community. While a popular tourist destination, life for locals can be tough. BMS World Mission supports local partners who preach the gospel and offer practical help to people who have been forcibly displaced.**

## SUNDAY 15

Pray for those meeting in Christ's name today in groups and those who worship alone. Pray that the name of Jesus will be exalted and the nation transformed as worship overflows.

## MONDAY 16

Lift up followers of Christ in education. Pray that the values and actions of professors, teachers, students, pupils and Christian-origin organisations will speak to those around them. Pray for protection from bullying for those who are known to be different.

## TUESDAY 17

Please pray for rain. The last few years have been warmer and drier than usual – devastating for those who rely on the land and uncomfortable for all, with power cuts and water shortages. Pray that rain would come at the right time and in the right amounts.

## WEDNESDAY 18

Pray for the President of Tunisia and those in positions of authority. Pray that they would take wise decisions that would bring political and economic stability to Tunisia and its people.

## THURSDAY 19

BMS, through its partner, is enabling vulnerable women to have training and start livelihood projects to generate income. Please pray that this project would fulfil its potential.

## FRIDAY 20

Continue to pray that the witness of BMS-supported workers Hada and Alia will impact those they meet through their work in strategic positions.

## SATURDAY 21

Pray for BMS mission worker Sophie in her leadership responsibilities with our partner and as she prepares to visit UK supporters in a few weeks.

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*BMS' partner in Afghanistan continues to bring hope to people living in poverty.*

# Hope for the World

22-28 September

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 22

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 23

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 24

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 25

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 26

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 27

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 28

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.





Christian lawyers are working hard to bring access to justice for the marginalised in Mozambique.

# Mozambique

29 Sept to 5 Oct

God cares deeply about justice and asks us to speak up on behalf of people who cannot access justice themselves. BMS World Mission's partners do this by bringing legal aid to marginalised people in Mozambique. Our partners also empower farmers by teaching them to improve their methods of growing crops.



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## ☐ SUNDAY 29

There is currently conflict in the north of Mozambique, drought and an ongoing cholera epidemic. Please pray for communities in Mozambique to remain resilient in times of crisis and difficulty.

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 2

The Juris app project enables people to access simplified information about the laws of Mozambique. Pray for AMAC as they add further content onto the Juris app and raise awareness of it.

## ☐ MONDAY 30

Pray for the women's groups in the different Baptist churches in Mozambique. Pray that they would be a source of mutual encouragement to each other and welcoming spaces for people exploring their faith.

## ☐ THURSDAY 3

Land rights in Mozambique are an area in which many people are vulnerable. Women are at particular risk due to cultural perceptions relating to gender and property. Pray for AMAC as they teach communities, local leaders and churches about land rights and how they can be protected.

## ☐ TUESDAY 1

Pray for God's provision to ensure that the ministry of the Mozambican Association of Christian Lawyers (AMAC) will continue to make a difference. Give thanks for the staff and volunteers who dedicate their time and resources to bringing access to justice for marginalised people.

## ☐ FRIDAY 4

Pray that the Church and Community Mobilisation Programme led by BMS-supported worker Carlos Tique Jone will empower people to transform their communities.

## ☐ SATURDAY 5

Pray for peace and political stability as Mozambique holds presidential elections this month.





*BMS' partners in Israel-Palestine are working towards lasting peace and justice in a region troubled by conflict.*

# Israel-Palestine

6-12 October

Israel-Palestine is a land of importance and tension to many faith groups and in international relations. At the time of writing, there is conflict and a humanitarian crisis in Gaza. BMS World Mission has had relationships and partnerships in Israel-Palestine since 2011.

## ☐ SUNDAY 6

Pray for the minority Christian communities throughout Israel-Palestine. Pray that they would have grace and strength in the midst of the misunderstandings and pressures that they face from the majority communities around them and that they would be beacons of hope in their land.

## ☐ MONDAY 7

One year ago, Hamas launched a deadly attack in Israel, taking hostages. Israel retaliated with air strikes and a ground offensive in Gaza. Pray for all who mourn, for those who grieve damaged lives, and that the cycle of destruction will be broken.

## ☐ TUESDAY 8

Pray that the Prince of Peace will guide local and international leaders and decision-makers towards lasting peace and justice in this region.

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 9

Pray that aid workers, medical staff and those working on restoration and reconciliation projects will be able to work in safety and have the resources that they need.

## ☐ THURSDAY 10

Lift up those involved in church planting ministries throughout the land. Pray that the communities they lead would be places where Christ is central and all are welcome.

## ☐ FRIDAY 11

Pray that Christian young people in Israel-Palestine would be beacons of light and models of hope and reconciliation to their peers.

## ☐ SATURDAY 12

Give thanks for the ministry visit BMS partner the Shepherd Society made to refugees in Jordan, including women's workshops, home visits and a children's camp. Pray that the seed of the gospel that was sown would bear fruit.





BMS partner All4Aid offers refugee women a warm welcome on the Greek island of Lesbos.

# Help for the Journey

13-19 October

Human history has never had as many forcibly displaced people as we do today. People have lost homes, jobs, family connections, faith communities and more. In the midst of this, churches can be a place of welcome, new beginnings and hope.

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## ☐ SUNDAY 13

Pray that your church will be a place of welcome and friendship for diverse peoples, including those who may have been forcibly displaced. Pray that fear and discomfort will be replaced by love and an adventurous spirit.

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 16

Pray that the warm and growing relationship between faith groups and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will continue to flourish. Give thanks for the affirmation UNHCR makes about the important role of faith groups in caring for refugees.

## ☐ MONDAY 14

Ask God to influence your city or town's leaders to be models of welcome and advocates for people who are or have been refugees. Pray for neighbourhoods to be a new home for those who've had to flee theirs.

## ☐ THURSDAY 17

Pray for the Baptist World Alliance as they represent Baptists on the United Nations Human Rights Council and advocate for religious freedom.

## ☐ TUESDAY 15

Pray that the UK in its policy and practice will express some of God's heart for those who are displaced from their homes and homelands.

## ☐ FRIDAY 18

Pray for new BMS-supported church plants with the French Baptists that reach out to Afghan, Iranian, Ukrainian and Maghrebian refugees and asylum seekers.

## ☐ SATURDAY 19

Pray for BMS' partner All4Aid as they care for asylum seekers on Lesbos, Greece. Pray that the women who attend the community centre will find a place to relax, make friends and experience God's love.



*BMS' partner in Nepal, HDCS, provided emergency relief in the aftermath of last November's earthquake.*

# Disaster recovery

20-26 October

Thanks to the prayer and generosity of our supporters, BMS and our partners are helping people recover from natural and human-made disasters. These include the ongoing war in Ukraine, earthquakes, and mass refugee movements, often impacted by climate change. We thank God for the courage of mission workers and partners working in these areas.

## ☐ SUNDAY 20

Give thanks for our Nepalese partner Human Development and Community Services (HDCS) supporting communities continuing to recover from last November's earthquake in the remote West Rukum district.

## ☐ MONDAY 21

We pray for our partner in western Afghanistan, still working with communities in providing high-quality counselling and psychosocial care to those trying to recover from last October's earthquake and the stresses of everyday life.

## ☐ TUESDAY 22

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

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 23

Please pray for the Armenian Baptist churches providing recovery support to Armenian refugees from among the 100,000 who fled the Nagorno Karabakh enclave of Azerbaijan last October.

## ☐ THURSDAY 24

We pray for the Ukrainian Baptist Union and its churches, providing shelter, food and care to tens of thousands of displaced people across the country.

## ☐ FRIDAY 25

23,000 people were displaced in Manipur State in north east India last year due to intercommunal tension and violence. Please pray for peace between the Meitei majority and the tribal communities.

## ☐ SATURDAY 26

Pray around the world for countries, communities and families affected by multiple disasters and conflicts – for sustained recovery and the ability to move on and rebuild lives. Pray for the part BMS plays in enabling recovery from disasters.





Joy Ransom served with BMS in Nepal and shared her love of teaching with trainee teachers.

## Former missionaries

27 Oct to 2 Nov

In the last issue of the *Prayer Guide*, praying for former missionaries provided a reminder that one never ceases to be a missionary for Jesus, no matter where God puts you. BMS World Mission is blessed to have several former missionaries now working behind the scenes to ensure BMS endures for generations to come.

### ☐ SUNDAY 27

The Former Missionary Association (FMA) is a vital point of connection for many who have served BMS. Please pray that all those who are eligible receive the call and join so the fellowship can thrive.

### ☐ MONDAY 28

The FMA Reunion took place at the King's Park Conference Centre in Moulton, Northamptonshire, last July. As choices are made about the dates and locations of future events, please pray for wisdom for those tasked with taking those decisions.

### ☐ TUESDAY 29

There were many more members of the FMA who didn't make the reunion this year, for many different reasons. Lord, you know them all by name, and we pray for them safe in that knowledge.

### ☐ WEDNESDAY 30

Please pray for former missionary Jackie Chilvers, who now works in the UK as the BMS Safeguarding Lead.

### ☐ THURSDAY 31

BMS has recognised the need for mission workers to have ready access to pastoral care. Jenny Saunders will be joining us as our new Pastoral Care Worker. Please pray as Jenny and her family re-adjust from their time serving in Nepal.

### ☐ FRIDAY 1

Lift up the mission workers who ended their service with BMS over the last year. God, you know your calling for their lives; we pray that they may know it too.

### ☐ SATURDAY 2

Arthur Brown, our Director for World Mission, served with BMS in Lebanon between 2005 and 2019. Please pray for Arthur during a time of shifting direction for BMS.



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*BMS' partners share the gospel across North Africa, working in countries where it's dangerous to even have a Bible in your own language.*

# Persecuted Church

3-9 November

**There is an increase in the persecution of Christians on every continent and a general restriction on religious freedom. Scripture teaches us to pray for those who are persecuted and for the persecutors. Let's pray for those who are persecuted for their faith in Christ Jesus.**

## ☐ SUNDAY 3

Pray that God will strengthen those around the world who count the cost, and yet choose the cross as a symbol of their faith. Praise God that Jesus died on the cross because he loves us and to give us eternal life.

## ☐ MONDAY 4

Give thanks to God for the opportunity to make disciples in Algeria. Pray that God will open the hearts of the people to receive the message of his love demonstrated through Christ.

## ☐ TUESDAY 5

Pray that God will grant BMS-supported workers in Morocco the wisdom and patience to love those who persecute them. Praise God that the light of the gospel is shining into hearts and homes.

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 6

Believers in Afghanistan sometimes have to flee the country because of their faith in Christ. Pray that they will experience God's generosity as they seek safe places for their families.

## ☐ THURSDAY 7

Praise God for BMS partners working together in North Africa to bring people to faith and the abundant life that only Christ offers. Pray that they will work in unity.

## ☐ FRIDAY 8

Many Christians face discrimination in Libya. Pray that BMS will be able to work with local partners to provide educational support for children of Christian parents who are denied employment.

## ☐ SATURDAY 9

Praise God that the disciple-making work in Tunisia is growing. Pray that the disciples will be protected and empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the love of God.





The solar panels at Guinebor II Hospital in Chad provide the wards with reliable, clean energy.

# Creation stewardship

10-16 November

It can be frightening to hear about the suffering caused by heat waves, droughts, storms and flooding around the world, including in many of the countries that BMS World Mission works in. Yet God reminds Job that he knows more about the state of creation than any of us.

## ☐ SUNDAY 10

Jesus reminded his disciples that they were the light of the world. Praise God for creating light out of darkness and pray that his Church will also shine in the world, through lives of love and righteousness.

## ☐ MONDAY 11

The United Nations' annual climate change conference, COP29, begins today in Azerbaijan for two weeks. Pray for the conference president, Mukhtar Babayev, to push the world's leaders for greater action on climate change.

## ☐ TUESDAY 12

BMS staff and Baptist House management are re-wilding parts of the grounds, installing bird boxes and insect hotels. Praise God for the diversity of living creatures and plants he created, thanking him for giving us the privilege of stewardship.

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 13

November is World Vegan Month. Whatever your dietary preference, all we eat comes from God's creation. Pray for those around the world who are hungry because of war, flooding or drought.

## ☐ THURSDAY 14

Give thanks for Hope Home in Thailand, a BMS-supported project helping children with additional needs. Pray for their plan to plant a community garden with fruit trees, vegetables and composting.

## ☐ FRIDAY 15

Last year's Harvest appeal, *Days of Plenty*, introduced Ugandan farmers who struggled to cultivate their land to support their families. Please continue to pray for these farmers and for a good harvest.

## ☐ SATURDAY 16

Pray for Peru-based Creation Stewardship Co-ordinator, Laura-Lee Lovering. Give thanks for the new BMS eco-stove projects benefiting communities and the dry forests they depend on in Piura.

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*Bardai Hospital provides life-saving medical care for diseases like leishmaniasis in a remote part of Chad.*

# Chad

17-23 November

**Political instability, conflict in neighbouring Sudan and climate change all put pressure on Chad's fragile healthcare system. In a country of great medical need, BMS World Mission provides practical hope by sending medical professionals to support Chadian staff at Bardai and Guinebor II hospitals.**

## ☐ SUNDAY 17

Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for the senior management team of Guinebor II Hospital in Chad. Pray that they can continue managing the hospital's affairs with compassion, transparency and responsibility.

## ☐ MONDAY 18

Please pray for the Board of Trustees at Guinebor II Hospital. Pray that they will oversee the hospital's senior management team with vision, support the growth of local leadership and encourage the provision of a health service that is culturally appropriate.

## ☐ TUESDAY 19

Praise God for Lucia Bastos who has been seconded to Guinebor II Hospital by BMS. Pray that she will continue contributing to the hospital's local finance team and to project management relationships and partnerships.

## ☐ WEDNESDAY 20

Pray for BMS mission workers Mark and Andrea Hotchkin and their medical work at Bardai Hospital. Pray that the Ministry of Health will prioritise medical staff for that region.

## ☐ THURSDAY 21

Pray that patients at Bardai Hospital will recover quickly and follow the health advice given to them. Pray also that the pharmacy will be able to source the drugs needed to treat the patients.

## ☐ FRIDAY 22

Over the last three years Chad has been in a period of political transition. Please pray for political stability in Chad and for an end to violence in the north of the country where Bardai Hospital is located.

## ☐ SATURDAY 23

Pray that God will help BMS identify medical professionals who want to serve at Guinebor II Hospital in Chad.





“Remember [...] those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering.”

Hebrews 13: 3

## Gender justice

24-30 November

According to UNICEF, the annual number of girls married in childhood stands at 12 million. Child marriage violates the basic rights of girls and women, putting them at significant risk of abuse and violence. BMS World Mission addresses gender inequalities in the areas of child protection and education, and challenges unjust cultural and religious norms.

### ☐ SUNDAY 24

Pray for Justice Livelihoods Health (JLH), BMS' partner in Uganda, working with adolescent girls and boys in schools and training religious and cultural leaders to end child marriages in communities.

### ☐ MONDAY 25

Pray for Human Development and Community Services (HDCS), BMS' partner in Nepal, as they support children with learning difficulties to attend school and help girls with disabilities to gain life-changing skills.

### ☐ TUESDAY 26

Pray for the Baptist Church Trust Association (BCTA), BMS' partner in India, as they provide literacy classes for marginalised women and teach them skills to start small businesses and earn an income.

### ☐ WEDNESDAY 27

Pray that victims of violence will report cases and receive fair hearings in courts of law. Pray that they will receive emotional, psychological and physical healing from the trauma of abuse.

### ☐ THURSDAY 28

Pray that BMS' partners providing legal aid in Uganda and Mozambique will be a refuge for victims of violence, and that together we can stand against gender-based violence.

### ☐ FRIDAY 29

Pray for courage for our Gender Justice Co-ordinator, Annet Ttendo Miller, as she pursues justice and gender equality, and lives out the calling she has been given to do this work.

### ☐ SATURDAY 30

Pray for the global Church to be aware of the importance of safeguarding children and adults. Pray that churches will promote godly family and marriage values within their communities.

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*BMS mission worker Sarah Brown supports Thai women who are telling their neighbours the good news about Jesus.*

# Heart for the Gospel

1-7 December

Millions of people are yet to hear the gospel, receive the Bible in their own language or join other believers in communal worship of the triune God. The task of preaching the gospel to all nations is unfinished. Please pray that BMS global collaborations will lead to more people hearing the gospel.

## SUNDAY 1

Praise God that despite opposition, the number of believers in North Africa is growing. Pray that God will open doors for BMS-supported workers to make more disciples.

## MONDAY 2

Churches in parts of India have been burnt down and Christians have been beaten up because they confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Pray for BMS mission worker Ben Francis as he leads evangelists to share the gospel and plant churches.

## TUESDAY 3

Praise God that BMS' support has enabled the training of local workers in Bangladesh. Pray that BMS mission workers Peter and Louise Lynch would be an incarnational witness for Christ.

## WEDNESDAY 4

Young people in Cambodia are yearning to hear the gospel. Lift up BMS-supported worker Pastor J, and pray for wisdom and resources to share the good news with university students.

## THURSDAY 5

Give thanks for the BMS-supported mission hub in Ghana that is training and sending young people into the least evangelised places. Pray that more young people will be prepared to change communities for Christ.

## FRIDAY 6

BMS' support has enabled the appointment of a mission regional co-ordinator. Pray that this role will enable the release of resources to share the gospel and plant churches in Mongolia.

## SATURDAY 7

Give thanks for the BMS mission centre in Thailand. Pray for BMS workers Paul, Sarah, Wit, Helen and Judy: for strength, good health and community impact through their ministries.





BMS partner Thimar runs vocational classes for Syrian refugees living in Lebanon.

# Intercultural learning

8 - 14 December

More than two-thirds of Christians in the world are in the Global South. The vision of BMS' Department of Intercultural Learning and Collaboration (ILC) is to mobilise, train, resource and partner with the Church in the Global South for world mission through catalytic collaborations.



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**SUNDAY 8**

We praise God for the establishment of the Department for Intercultural Learning and Collaboration (ILC) and the appointment of the new Director, Aniu Kevichusa. Pray that the Director and the team will have clarity and confidence. Pray also that God will bring the right collaborative partners from both the Global North and the Global South.

**MONDAY 9**

Please pray for mission workers Dave and Michele Mahon, who are leading the ILC hub in Peru. Pray that God will lead them into strategic partnerships that will vitalise the mission work of the church in Peru.

**TUESDAY 10**

Pray for the International Baptist Theological Study Centre (IBTS) in Amsterdam, with which ILC collaborates for strategic research in mission studies.

**WEDNESDAY 11**

Pray for the Baptist Church Trust Association (BCTA) in New Delhi and BMS Kolkata. Pray that ILC will forge deep and fruitful missional partnerships with them.

**THURSDAY 12**

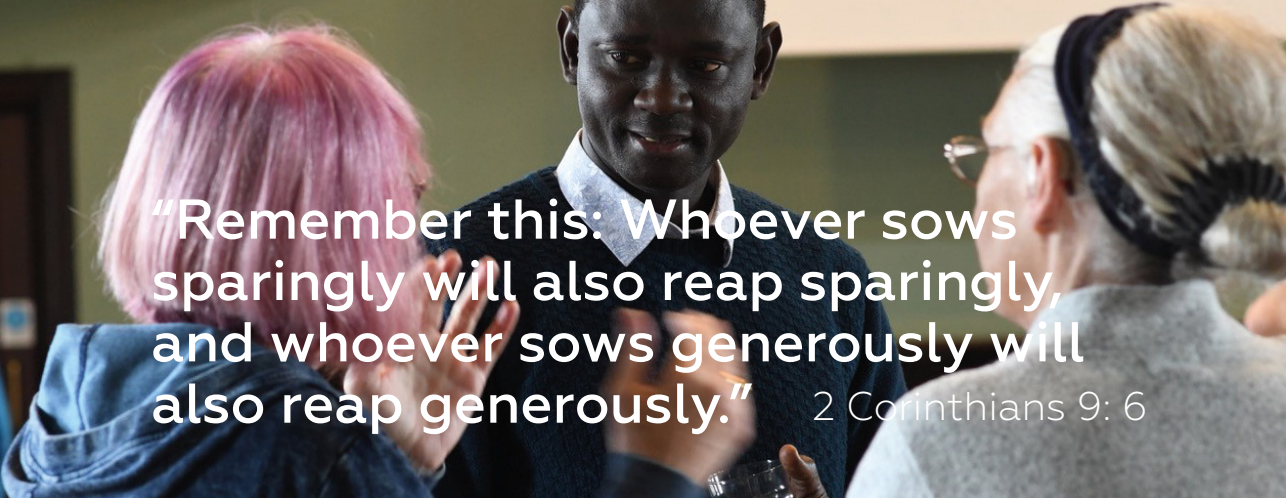
Pray for the Baptist churches in north east India. Pray that God would raise a great missional movement there, and that BMS will also have a catalytic role to play in this.

**FRIDAY 13**

Pray for Christians in the Global South. With the centre of world Christianity shifting to the Global South, pray that Christians there will also step up in leading the task of the Great Commission.

**SATURDAY 14**

Pray that world mission in the immediate and foreseeable future will be truly intercultural and collaborative between the Global North and the Global South.



**“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”** 2 Corinthians 9: 6

## Fundraising

15-21 December

The apostle Paul often writes about how we all have a part to play in the body of Christ. Our shared goal is to use God's resources for his work and his glory. Fundraising is an important ministry within the body of Christ, and we need people to fulfil this work generously.

### SUNDAY 15

Give thanks for the generosity of our UK churches, who faithfully give to support the work of BMS World Mission. Without this committed giving, we would not be able to impact so many lives for the gospel.

### MONDAY 16

We thank God for the 24:7 Partners who regularly give to and pray for BMS. We are grateful for their unwavering commitment and pray they are blessed. We ask that more people respond to the invitation to partner with BMS.

### TUESDAY 17

We praise God that many compassionate supporters generously choose to leave a gift in their Will to BMS. Thank you that these legacies continue the vital work of sharing fullness of life with our global neighbours.

### WEDNESDAY 18

Please pray for BMS supporters across the UK who give generously and pray faithfully for urgent needs around the world. Pray they would be encouraged by their impact.

### THURSDAY 19

Give thanks for our community fundraisers who organise events to raise funds for BMS. Pray for creative ideas and that they are blessed by encouraging results.

### FRIDAY 20

Please pray for decision makers at each Trust to which BMS applies for funding. Pray that they would catch the vision for our work and support us by giving grants.

### SATURDAY 21

We praise God for 10,000 BMS Birthday Scheme members who generously give and share their blessings on their birthday. Please bless them with everything they need.





*Bethlehem Bible College helps Christian leaders from the Holy Land seek mercy and justice as they serve communities divided by conflict.*

# Bethlehem Bible College

22-28 December

**BMS World Mission’s partner Bethlehem Bible College (BBC) provides theological education and training in Arabic and aims to equip, encourage and enable the Christian community in the Holy Land to remain and serve in the region. BMS has partnered with BBC since 2011.**



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## SUNDAY 22

Give thanks for the faculty and staff of Bethlehem Bible College (BBC) and their commitment to the college in the tension and challenges of the past year. Pray that they would have the grace and strength to continue in their roles and for their leadership in their communities.

## MONDAY 23

Pray for the students and give thanks for their desire to go more deeply into the Word of God. Pray that their studies would help them see how they can contribute to a positive future in their homeland.

## TUESDAY 24

Give thanks for the theological scholarship programme to which BMS contributes. Rejoice that through this grant many students have been able to study and be involved in a variety of ministries.

## WEDNESDAY 25

Students at BBC participate in practical training, including through BMS partner (and BBC sister charity) the Shepherd Society. Pray that this humanitarian outreach work would show the local community the love of Christ.

## THURSDAY 26

BMS has supported BBC in running organisational capacity-building training with the whole staff team. Pray that the team would feel encouraged and equipped by this time together.

## FRIDAY 27

BBC is a key contributor to the biennial Christ at the Checkpoint peace and reconciliation consultations. Pray that the 2024 event will continue to have a deep influence on all who participated.

## SATURDAY 28

Pray that the board, staff, faculty and students at the college will keep their hearts and minds on Christ.



*Ingrid and Roger Hamlet are setting up a prosthetics and orthotics department at Guinebor II Hospital in Chad.*

# Ingrid and Roger Hamlet

29 Dec to 4 Jan

**Ingrid and Roger Hamlet joined BMS World Mission earlier this year as specialists in orthotics and prosthetics, respectively. Having completed their missions and French language training just outside Paris, they will be relocating to serve at Guinebor II Hospital in N'Djamena, Chad, where they will set up a Prosthetics and Orthotics Department in early 2025.**

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## SUNDAY 29

The beginning of 2025 marks the beginning of a new journey in the missional life of Roger, who spent his early years in Nepal, the child of missionaries. Give thanks for the heart for global mission laid at the centre of Roger's life.

## MONDAY 30

Pray for that same sense of following where God has been leading her that is evident in Ingrid's call. From meeting on their first day at university, Ingrid had a confidence that one day they would be called to serve as a couple.

## TUESDAY 31

As much as New Year's Eve is a chance to look forward, it also sees us glancing back. As the Hamlets head to Chad, lift up in prayer the loved ones they leave behind.

## WEDNESDAY 1

Ingrid and Roger will be moving to N'Djamena with their two boys, Mark and Joel. Please pray that the transition to a new way of life will be smooth.

## THURSDAY 2

Please pray for all the logistics, funding and space required to set up the Prosthetics and Orthotics Department at Guinebor II.

## FRIDAY 3

After nine months French language training, pray that God will give the Hamlets the fluency they need to build strong and lasting relationships with the community where they are serving.

## SATURDAY 4

Please pray for the work of other mission workers at Guinebor II: Lucia Bastos, Claire Bedford and Kalbassou Doubassou.

# Pray for our mission workers

Africa	
Chad	Claire BEDFORD
Chad	Kalbassou DOUBASSOU
Chad	Andrea and Mark HOTCHKIN
Chad	Lucia BASTOS
Chad	Ingrid and Roger HAMLET
Mozambique	Jane EDWARDS
Mozambique	Carlos TIQUE JONE
Uganda	Genesis ACAYE
Uganda	Benon KAYANJA
Uganda	Valerie KISABER
Uganda	Jimmy OKELLO

Asia	
Bangladesh	Louise and Peter LYNCH
Bangladesh	Barnabas HEMBRON
India	Benjamin and Gillian FRANCIS
Nepal	Alan and Megan BARKER
Nepal	Pippa and Toby VOKUHL (Jakey, Ella and Millie)
Lebanon	Wissam NASRALLAH
Indonesia	Ardi WIRIADINATA
Thailand	Helen and Withaya BOONDEEKHUN
Thailand	Paul and Sarah BROWN
Thailand	Judy COOK
Cambodia	Pastor J LALDUHAWMA

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
The Netherlands	Ingeborg TE LOO
Spain	Andrea and Ian

## Middle East and North Africa

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

A photograph of two women in a simple, textured environment. The woman on the left, wearing a red top, is looking towards the right. The woman on the right, wearing a pink floral top and a green scarf, is holding an open book and appears to be reading or speaking from it with an expressive face.

"I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live."

Psalm 116: 1-2