

# Prayerline

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**SPAIN** – Derek and Jane French and family are returning to Bilbao today (15 August) following a few weeks in Ireland over the summer.

- Pray for Derek, Jane and the Grupos Biblicos Unidos (GBU) Norte team as they prepare for the new academic year ahead, discipling and reaching out to students in universities in the north of Spain.

**MIDDLE EAST** – The Moderator, Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen and his wife Barbara are on a ten-day visit to the Middle East to meet with church leaders, mission partner organisations and those working with them. Their itinerary includes visiting a theological college, a number of refugee projects and speaking at church services.

- Pray for a good visit and that Charles and Barbara will be an encouragement to those they meet.
- Pray too for good health and safety throughout their trip.

**AFRICA** – Rev Uel Marrs (Global Mission Secretary) departs today (15 August) for a visit to Kenya, South Africa and Zambia where he will meet with partner church leaders and some PCI global mission workers.

- Pray for good meetings with partners and global mission workers.
- Pray too for Uel's health and safety (especially in travel) for Uel throughout his trip.

**SOUTH SUDAN** – On 5 August a peace deal was signed in Khartoum between the government of South Sudan and opposition groups. The deal which covered power-sharing and security arrangements was signed by President Kiir, opposition leader Riek Machar and representatives of other South Sudanese opposition factions. A third round of peace talks is taking place this week aimed at resolving other outstanding issues such as the powers of the president and vice presidents, representation in the judicial authority, as well as revision of the country's administrative division and the naming of new ministries.

- Give thanks for the peace deal agreed on 5 August and pray that all other issues will be quickly resolved and a comprehensive peace agreement will be made and upheld by all parties, so that the people of South Sudan can live in peace and safety.
- Pray for those suffering displacement from their homes and who are in need of humanitarian relief, especially those facing food shortages. Pray that each person will receive the assistance they need.
- Give thanks for the aid agencies working in South Sudan and in neighbouring countries providing humanitarian assistance to internally displaced people and refugees. Pray for them as they continue this work to prevent further suffering and hardship.
- Remember especially the work of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan's Relief and Development Agency seeking to help those in need.

The Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS) is holding a special workshop from 20 to 24 August to discuss the strategy plans for POCSS from 2018 to 2038. The workshop will be attend by representatives from pastors, elders and laymen of the church's ten Presbyteries.

- Pray for this workshop, those taking part and for God's guidance as decisions are made.

**ZAMBIA** – Diane Cusick is leading training for teachers in early childhood development in Livingstone and in Lusaka. Diane is due to return to Ireland at the beginning of September on home assignment and will be undertaking a busy schedule of speaking engagements.

- Pray for the ongoing work with the teachers in the Early Childhood Development centres.
- Pray too for Diane as she prepares to leave her work in Zambia for a few months to come on home assignment.

**KENYA** – The August youth camps in Tuum are due to conclude this Friday, 17 August.

- Give thanks for the work of the team from Newry Presbytery who are leading the programme at the camps.
- Pray that many of the children and teenagers at the camp will come to faith in Christ / grow in their faith.
- Pray for safe and trouble-free travel home for the campers and the Newry team.

**MALAWI** – The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) has three Synods in Malawi: Livingstonaia, Blantyre and Nkhoma.

- Pray for the Synods, especially their work in evangelism and the training of ministers; healthcare including HIV/AIDS education; primary, secondary and tertiary education; and relief and development initiatives.

Mphatso Nguluwe, Director of the CCAP Livingstonia Synod Health Department, which includes oversight of the Synod's hospitals in Malawi, is due to be in Ireland for the month of October. Mphatso was previously the Director of Livingstonia Synod Aids Programme and is well-known to many in our church. She is looking forward to a number of speaking engagements during her visit.

- Give thanks for this forthcoming partnership visit.
- Pray for Mphatso as she prepares to speak in various churches during October.

*If you are interested in having Mphatso to speak at a service or meeting, please contact the Mission Department (Tel: 028 9032 2284 / email [global@presbyterianireland.org](mailto:global@presbyterianireland.org)).*

Volker and JinHyeog Glissmann have been delayed in taking up a call to serve with Theological Education by Extension College (TEEC) located in Johannesburg, South Africa, until appropriate visas can be obtained. The Glissmann family have relocated to Blantyre and we are in discussion with TEEM with a view to Volker continuing in a course writing role at least until mid-2019.

- Pray for the Glissmann family as they settle into their new home.
- Pray too for Volker as he adjusts to his new role within TEEM.

**NEPAL** – The Lockwood family have returned to Nepal after a few weeks in Ireland over the summer.

- Pray for the family as they settle back into life, work and school in Kathmandu.

**WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS** – Ricky Ferguson of Wycliffe Bible Translators writes:

“We have two new Wycliffe members who have joined in the last few months: Chris Conn (Woodlands Presbyterian Church) and Rachel Hanna (Village Church, Belfast).”

- Praise God for Chris and Rachel's passion to serve God in His mission.
- Pray for them as they train, seek God's guidance about their new roles and raise support.

“Over the summer period the Belfast office staff represents Wycliffe at various conferences and mission events. Last week, Wycliffe was present at New Horizon conference in Coleraine.”

- Praise God for the interactions they had with various people interested in supporting and getting involved in Bible translation.
- Pray for Wycliffe as they follow up with people interested in finding out more.

“Next week (24 August to 1 September) Wycliffe will be at Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention.”

- Pray for the event that many will be inspired to serve God in His mission.
- Pray also for good conversations with people as they visit the 'Cinema Wycliffe' stand and watch videos from various projects around the world.

### Prayer Resource Changes

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI) will be launching a new prayer resource this September entitled 'Let's Pray'. This will be issued by email on Thursday mornings and will contain prayer requests on various aspects of the work of PCI including Global Mission.

Prayerline will cease at the end of August and we encourage people to continue to pray for PCI's Global Mission work through this new publication. Those currently subscribed to receive Prayerline by email each week, should note their email address will automatically be transferred to the new 'Let's Pray' mailing list.

In order to maintain a regular focus on PCI global mission workers, we would encourage you to sign up to receive one or more of the Monthly Bulletins written by each of our global mission workers.

The Bulletins provide up to date news and prayer requests and we can send you all of them, or whichever one(s) you choose. Simply email [global@presbyterianireland.org](mailto:global@presbyterianireland.org) stating which Bulletin(s) you would like to receive by email. The Bulletins are also available online at [www.presbyterianireland.org/gmwbulletins](http://www.presbyterianireland.org/gmwbulletins).

Sincere thanks to all those who have supported our partners and global mission workers over the years through Prayerline.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev Uel Marrs  
Secretary Council for Global Mission