



# Prayer Monthly

May 2020

## An important announcement

In response to the current COVID-19 restrictions, Mission Africa has made the decision to furlough most of its UK staff under the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. Staff will remain employed by Mission Africa but will not carry out work for the Mission for the period of their furlough.

Mission Africa will review this regularly, in line with Government advice, but for the foreseeable future, the Mission Africa office will run at a limited capacity. The decision to furlough staff has been taken now to give us the best opportunity to sustain our activities and staffing levels in the future.

Mission Africa continues to work in Africa, sharing the love of Jesus, reaching the unreached, loving the unloved and discipling new believers, as well as deliver vital aid to the vulnerable in response to COVID-19. Please pray for those impacted by the effects of COVID-19 and for the work of Mission Africa at this time.

Due to expected delays in delivery, we have decided to not make our prayer points date-specific, but to format it in more general bullet points.

- Praise God that Mission Africa personnel have been able to distribute emergency supplies to needy people in Uyo, Abuja, Jos and Holley Memorial Hospital in Ochadamu.
  - Pray for the Gaiyas; the fear of the unknown of how the coronavirus may affect Nigeria is very real. Pray Nigeria's leaders will make good decisions. Pray the Lord will continue to protect, strengthen and encourage.
  - David and Lucy Morrison give glory to God for the arrival of their beautiful daughter Sophie Joy. Pray that she would continue to develop well and for their adjustment to life as a family of three.
  - Pray with David and Lucy for Anne Hoyt as she prayerfully considers who to invite to the Acacia Discipleship
- Counselling course, which she hopes to start in June.
- Please pray for Robbie Toop as he makes plans for the autumn to have meetings around Scotland in the midst of the continuing uncertainty including whether or not he'll be able to travel to take these meetings.
  - Pray for Godwin Ekanem who is having some trouble with his back.
  - Pray with the Ekanems for lockdown enforcement officers. Pray that they will be fair and avoid heavy-handedness in their dealings with the general public.
  - Please pray with Jeremy Nash for good communication with Marc Koussoube who will take over Jeremy's role to distribute materials to schools in

Burkina. Pray he is able to do all that is necessary so all centres requiring materials get what they need.

- Because of closures, many schools will have not finished Jeremy's course. Pray that they will find the best way forward to allow the children to finish the course. Pray for God's word to bring light and life to the children, that many would put their faith in God.
- Ana gives thanks that her family and church family, as well as herself, are staying in good health. She keeps herself occupied with various initiatives, which makes the isolation period go rather quickly.
- She asks prayer that her application for British citizenship will not be unduly delayed by this national health crisis, but is assured that nothing happens outside the Lord's control.
- Continue to pray with Samantha Ibia for FCS students stuck at home, that they would be protected and what they have learnt in the FCS fellowships would be lived out.
- Pray for the Ibia family, that God would keep them and continue to provide all they need.
- Praise God that Sid Garland and Jean and their family are keeping well. Praise God that the ACTS staff are well and, in spite of lockdown, have been able to work on stock-taking, debt

collection, auditing the accounts and quietly supplying customer requests.

- Pray with Sid Garland that, in spite of the 15 bookshops being closed, ACTS will be able to continue to pay the salaries of over 50 staff. These salaries are a lifeline to staff and their families when food prices are soaring.
- Katie Morrison had to leave HMH very quickly, which meant she wasn't able to say proper goodbyes. Continue to pray for her Nigerian family and friends as they face uncertain times.
- Pray for Katie as she seeks to work out how God may use her during this time of waiting at home. Nigeria remains very close to her heart and she continues to trust that God has a plan for everything in His time.
- Continue to pray with Katie for the children in Kingdom Kids at HMH that they would remember all that has been taught throughout their Bible lessons.
- Pray for members of the Mission Africa Prayer Groups as they can't physically meet together at this time. Pray that they will be able to find ways to have fellowship together.
- Pray for the Mission Africa Council as they make some difficult decisions at this time. Pray for the Lord's wisdom and guidance.