

29 Pray for Jonathan and Jessica Heeb with their two sons in Helsinki, Finland. Jonathan is teaching and preaching at the International Evangelical Church and will also be doing some teaching in the Finnish Lutheran Mission Bible School this term. Jessica is learning Finnish and helping with the worship in the church. Pray for them as they juggle many different priorities in their life.

SUNDAY 30 For the six new NEXT enquirers of various ages and professions available for short-term placements during 2008. Pray for Krista Potts, NEXT Coordinator - that she can prayerfully find suitable placements which will effectively use their acquired skills and expertise in the service of the worldwide church.

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31 Pray for Suzy Wakefield, who has worked in the London office for the last five years. Suzy will be leaving Crosslinks today. Thank God for the great contribution that Suzy's work has been to the organisation and pray for her as she moves on to another job.

PRAYER NEWS

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God's Word to God's World

1 Please pray for Alan Purser, Church Partnership Team Leader, who is South Africa until 7 February. He is teaching at the Bible Institute Eastern Cape in Port Elizabeth and visiting mission partners in different parts of the country. Pray for safety in travel and for God to use him to encourage those he teaches and meets.

SERBIA

2 The Serbian people live in very difficult circumstances, with high unemployment (30%), and a lot of poverty, the average salary being only 300 Euros a month and prices even higher than in many EU countries. The country houses 300,000 refugees from Kosovo, Bosnia and Croatia, many of whom live in poor conditions. Some people are driven to search for food in dustbins, are clothed by humanitarian aid, and just survive on daily basis. Pray for them, especially following the recent elections.

SUNDAY 3 Rob and Trish MacCurrachs' work mainly concerns practical training for the very small number of Evangelical churches there, running a marriage course and helping churches to start their own, training lay people and leaders in leading small groups, sharing their testimonies and leading others into a knowledge of Christ and how to work one to one. Pray for a growing desire by the churches to learn such skills and be more effective in their outreach.

4 Chris and Lotta Strajnic, new mission partners, are both Swedish but with Balkan parents. They have been working in Novi Sad for seven years and for the last three as colleagues with Rob and Trish MacCurrach. They run Project Timothy, a training programme for church leaders and members. From 1-11 February they are visiting churches and attending meetings in Northern Ireland.

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SOUTH EAST ASIA

5 Pray for the new believers in countries in south-east Asia, and especially for those who became Christians whilst studying in another country. Pray for them as they return to their home country and try to find churches and fellowship with other Christians.

6 Andy Lines will be visiting Thailand 4-12 February. He will be attending a conference for mission partners where he will meet up with Crosslinks mission partners. He will also be staying with Peter and Ineke Cook in Bangkok. Pray for good times of fellowship and encouragement between Andy and all those with whom he meets.

7 Peter and Ineke Cook in Thailand are building good links with people who have a heart for the displaced Karen people in the refugee camps near the border, as well as those who want to be involved practically. They are also producing a booklet on safe practices for volunteers who come to them. Praise God for the good relationships being built between Noh Bo, Karen border work and those wishing to support us in this.

8 Pray for the preparations for a spring conference being held in Thailand 8-16 February. Please pray for Jenny Barker, who is overseeing the running of the children's programme at the conference. Pray for all those giving of their time to help with the conference and for unity for the team and a clear vision.

9 Thank God for the project being run by Jo which is reaching out to commercial sex workers. Pray for Jo and her team as they build relationships with these women and spend time with them. Pray that the team will show God's love to these women and that the women will want to find out more about Jesus.

SUNDAY 10 Pray for Jill who is running a residential centre for disabled teenagers, teaching them and equipping them with life skills. Pray for Kym who will be taking over from Jill when she goes on leave at the end of February. Pray for good relationships between the staff and for wisdom for Kym in her role.

11 Pray for Christian expats working in S E Asia, that there will be mutual support of each other and a sense of working together for a common cause. Pray for safety and security for them, as they live in a country where they need to be sensitive to their environment and be careful about what they say and do.

UGANDA

✕ ✕ ✕ 12 As you will have read in the news, the Kenyan elections have brought forth terrible ethnic / tribal violence, as well as food and fuel shortages. Please pray that the situation would calm and that the political parties would work together to bring peace. Nearly 1000 refugees have crossed over the Ugandan border into Busia and Malaba, and are in need of food and shelter.

this programme and thank God for all those who give up their time to go overseas and teach the church leaders and lay people in the different countries where Crosslinks works.

THE GAMBIA

20 Please pray for Steven Musa-Kormayea, the General Secretary of the Gambia Fellowship of Evangelical Students (GAMFES). Pray for wisdom for Steven as he leads GAMFES and thinks about objectives for 2008.

21 Good Friday Please pray for the Gambia SMILE team who are in the Gambia for four months doing work in schools and amongst students with GAMFES. Pray for the team, that they will gel together well and that they will build good relationships with those around them.

22 Pray for two NEXT volunteers, Anne Van der Put and Chris Pocock who have gone to help at the youth centre in Mekelle, Ethiopia. Pray that they will be encouraged as they live within their new and different cultures as ambassadors of Christ, concerned to serve and encourage the local community and church to help make Christ known.

MOZAMBIQUE

SUNDAY 23 Easter Sunday Please pray for Richard and Bianca Reeve and their family. Thank God for the new arrival of Oscar, born at the end of January. Pray for Richard and Bianca as they consider their

future and discuss possibilities with church groups here and with Crosslinks staff at the office in London.

24 Peg Cumberland writes from Niassa that the health project has been gradually growing as more and more communities have asked to be included. Pray for Peg with her main duties of project management and training.

25 Pray for Andrew and Caroline Maclean, working in Maputo. Pray for their work with DFID and also with young people affected by AIDS.

EUROPE

26 Pray for Steve and Dawn Orange in Brussels, Belgium. Thank God for the birth of their fourth child, Nelly at the beginning of February. Pray for Steve's work at the Evangelical Church at Woluwe, and for the housegroup that they are running as a couple.

27 Thank God for newly accepted mission partners, John-Paul and Susan Aranzulla, who are planning to go to Bologna, Italy in August 2008. Pray for John-Paul, as he still has a lot of work to do as vicar in a parish in London, and for Susan as she starts learning Italian now.

28 Pray for Chris and Lizzie Brown who are studying at Belfast Bible College and are still going through the Crosslinks selection process, hoping to go and work in Italy. Pray for them in their studies and that they might make good church contacts while they are in Northern Ireland.

11 Please pray for Crosslinks General Council being held today in the London office. Please pray for the Trustees - for wisdom in decision-making and for them to be led and guided by the Holy Spirit. Pray for Tim Silk as he presents his business plan for the Crosslinks work in Ireland.

TOGO

12 Pray for Sena and Jane Ounate-Lare in Dapaong. Sena has been involved in a local Christian radio station in the town which was very successful. However, people from Saudi Arabia came to Dapaong with a lot of money and bought the radio station. This means that the station will now be for Muslim outreach only. Please pray for this sad situation.

13 Please pray for Sam Hopwood, a SMILE volunteer who left England to work in Dapaong, Togo for four months on 26 January. He will be helping Sena and Jane Ounate-Lare with their church planting and discipleship work there.

14 Please pray for Benoit, Sena's colleague who is also involved in church-planting work in Togo. Pray for boldness in evangelism for Benoit and his team, and for good discipleship programmes to be set up for those who come to know Christ.

15 Please pray for Damigou Napoli, a Crosslinks study partner who will be undertaking a Theology and Mission Studies Course at the West African Advanced School of Theology in Lome, Togo from January 2008 until

December 2010. After his studies he will be placed by the Ministère International de Jesus to take charge of a national programme of training church leaders.

NIGERIA

SUNDAY 16 The main public event in Nigeria this year was the election, which went relatively peacefully, in spite of a chaotic computer registration system. The new President is a devout Muslim, who was a good State Governor. He has already reversed a number of the corrupt decisions of the previous administration, but it is a tough job. Please pray for Nigeria especially that they spend their increased revenues from the current high oil prices wisely, begin to tackle corruption, and end fighting in the delta.

17 Please pray for Ulric and Annabel Gerry with their three children in Abuja. Annabel is working for DFID and Ulric has recently been licenced by the Archbishop and is leading an Anglican church for expatriates in their home. He may also get involved later this year with training local lay readers.

18 Please pray for study partner, Dauda, who is currently studying a Postgraduate degree at Edinburgh Centre for Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies and will be finishing his course in 2009.

19 Please pray for the development of the Schools of Biblical Training that Crosslinks run. Pray for the future of

13 Pray for the SMILE Uganda team who arrived in Kampala on 29 January for a four month stay. They will be helping teach in local primary schools. Pray for safety in travel for them and for opportunities to share their faith with those they meet.

14 Pray for the work of the Kampala Evangelical School of Theology (KEST) and for its Principal, Solomon Nkesiga. The college is hoping to start extension programmes to meet the need of many pastors who are not able to come to Kampala for training.

15 The NEXT short-term programme is busy this month with Alan Mabey going to work at KEST for four weeks. Also Sue Watterson and Helen Entwistle flew to Tanzania on 11 February. They are helping teach English to Diploma and degree students at Msalato Theological College, just outside Dodoma. Thank God for Alan, Sue and Helen's willingness to serve God in this way.

16 Thank God for the birth of Matthew Smith born on 4 February to Steve and Gwyn Smith, mission partners working in Kampala with Advancing Ministries of the Gospel and at KEST. Steve and Gwyn came back to the UK for the birth of Matthew. Please pray for them at this time and for preparations to return to Uganda in March.

SUNDAY 17 Thank God for the opportunity for Steve Smith to train up a Ugandan with experience and gifting to work with children and

youth. This person will be appointed as an assistant to Steve as the Training and Curriculum Director with AMG Uganda and will be a Crosslinks project partner.

18 Please pray for Dan and Rosie Button at Uganda Christian University. Please pray for the new term, which started mid-January. Please pray for Dan and Rosie's teaching, and for their Discipleship Groups and Women in Ministry fellowship (for the female theology students), and for Dan as he runs the General Studies department which teaches the core Christian courses to all the university students.

19 Shearsby is a student from Zimbabwe, studying at Uganda Christian University. He plans to move to a parish in South Africa with his family later this year. Meanwhile in Harare the church is still in a state of conflict - please pray that God's will would prevail and that righteousness and peace would be restored - not only in the church but in the nation as well. Please pray for Shearsby's wife Beauty and four daughters still in Harare.

20 John Patterson is overseeing the Theological Education by Extension work for the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Hoima and also working as a chaplain at a local teacher trainers' college. Please pray for John, that God will encourage him and use him in the different roles he has.

21 Please pray for Gill Olaaka, a Crosslinks Associate, working with Oasis in Uganda. Pray for Gill as she

manages the Oasis Uganda team. Pray for protection and health for the staff, that the beneficiaries of the Oasis work would know the saving love of Christ personally in their lives, and that the staff would serve God faithfully in all that they do.

INDIA

22 David and Angie with Timothy and Jonathan will be finishing their contract and coming back to the UK in July of this year. Pray for David as he hands over his work at TAFTEE and for this time of transition for the whole family after fourteen years in India.

23 Please pray for Rev Raju, the new Director of Navjeevan Seva Mandal, based in Vellore. Pray for the work that NSM does amongst orphans and AIDS victims, providing them with shelter, education and income generation projects through which they experience the love of God. Pray that many come to know Christ for themselves.

SUNDAY 24 Pray for Kachhwa Christian Hospital and for the Director, Raju Abraham and his wife Catherine. Pray for the church planting work and leadership training that takes place from the hospital, and thank God for the number of people becoming Christians in the area.

25 Pray for Jan and Roy who are visiting India during this month - visiting different Indian mission societies to help with training and seminars, and also visiting former All Nations students. Pray for good health for them

and for a positive and fruitful time with all those they visit.

26 Please pray for Robin and Ursula with Jasper and Henry in Delhi, working with the Delhi Bible Fellowship. Pray for Robin in his role as pastor - for wisdom in leadership and for guidance about the use of his time.

27 Harrison Chinnakumar is a Crosslinks study partner, studying at SAIACS in Bangalore. He is in his final year of study for a Ph.D in Missiology and is due to complete in May 2008. Pray for Harrison as he prays about the future for him and his family. They are investigating opportunities to work in Bangladesh and Kenya.

28 Katy is a newly accepted mission partner who will be going to work in Delhi later on this year. She is currently studying the ten week En Route course at All Nations Christian College. Pray for Katy as she prepares for going to India, and for God to provide all the finances she needs for her budget.

29 Jill Perryman flies back to the UK today for six months home leave. Pray for safety in travel for Jill, and for her adjustment back to life in the UK. Pray especially for her family as her parents have both been unwell in recent months and her mother is in hospital.

MARCH

KENYA

1 Pray for the country of Kenya at this time of unrest, violence and killings. Pray for justice and peace to be a priority for the government and for a way forward to be found. Pray for the many displaced people and those who have been bereaved as a result of the fighting.

SUNDAY 2 Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya and for the Archbishop, Rt Rev Benjamin Nzimbi. Pray that the church will speak out for justice and peace, and that Kenyan Christians will be examples and witnesses to the fact that in Christ, there is no division between tribes.

3 Pray for Tim and Gertrude Wambunya with their three sons who moved to Nairobi in January. Tim is Principal of Carlile College. Pray for the family as they settle into life in Nairobi, and pray for Tim as he leads the college, especially in the aftermath of the elections.

4 Pray for Doug and Ann Johnson who will be going to work with the African Institute for Contemporary Mission and Research in Butere, Kenya. They are still waiting for sufficient funds for their budget. Pray for them in this time of waiting, that they will trust God and that He will provide for their needs.

5 Timothy Mazimpaka is a project partner working for FOCUS with students in Kisumu. Timothy is married to Rachel. Please pray for their safety at this tense time in Kenya and pray for Rachel who heard that her mother had died in Rwanda in January but has not been able to travel home because of the security situation in Kenya.

6 Pray for Alison Talbert working as a doctor in Kilifi on the coast of Kenya. Pray for Alison as she continues to train lab staff and other doctors at the hospital where she is working.

7 Pray for the Morgans and the Baskerville family, Associates working at St Andrew's School, Turi. The school is situated very near to where some of the worse tribal fighting has been. Pray for wisdom for all the school staff about when to open the school and how to best look after the children on site.

8 Giles Roberts is Estate Manager at St Andrew's School, Turi, and it is his responsibility to ensure the security of the school site. Pray for wisdom for him and for good working relationships with the local police.

SUNDAY 9 Pray for Richard Reeve, mission partner from Mozambique, who will be speaking at St Mary's and St Matthew's Church in Dublin today. Pray that God will use him to speak to the congregation about the situation in Mozambique.

10 The Crosslinks staff day is being held today. Please pray for a positive day of fellowship and learning together.